Millerton Elementary and Junior High School

Parent School Support Committee

Minutes of October 3, 2012

6:00PM

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| Present:  Tom McCabe, Principal  Stacey Sutherland, Chair  Darwin Vickers, Parent Rep  Bonnie Vickers, Teacher Rep  Gwen Clarke, Parent Rep  Brenda Green, Parent Rep  Cheryl MacMillan, Parent Rep  Glenn McAllister, District Education Council Rep | | Absent:  Cathy Carnahan, Community Rep  Barb Gillespie, Parent Rep  Cynthia Barry, Parent Rep  Sheryl Vanderbeck, Parent Rep |
| 1. | Welcome  1.1 Welcome/Introduction of Members | * Stacey welcomed everyone to the meeting. * There are no new members this year. * Glenn McAllister was introduced as our District Education Council member. |
| 2. | DEC Representative | * Glenn McAllister addressed the group. * He would like to see MEJHS continue to be a Community School. One of his goals is to strengthen the Breakfast Programs. He volunteered to help with fundraising efforts. |
| 3. | Approval of Minutes | * Minutes of June 4, 2012 were approved as written. |
| 4. | Music Program | * For the past number of years, the music program has been exceptional and we would like for it to continue. Mr. McCabe said that the budget has not been announced yet, but he is hoping that the school will get a 3 week commitment (preferably 6 weeks of half days). * Finding someone to teach the program is also a challenge. |
| 5. | Physical Education | * This year, the Physical Education teacher is at the school for morning classes only, and is therefore not available to coach sports teams at the end of the day, or run an intramural program at lunch time. * Mr. McAllister said that he would like to see a full time teacher back at our school. |
| 6. | Library | * Librarian hours have been reduced to 4 hours per week. Books cannot be scanned by anyone other than the Librarian. * The committee hopes an agreement can be made with CUPE to supplement the Librarian so the Library can be used more often. * Book Fairs are still permitted. |
| 7. | Guidance | * Andy Stewart is the Guidance Counsellor this year. Guidance will run Peace Keepers and a Leadership group, and is also implementing an Anti -Bullying Policy. * He is at the school on Mondays and Thursdays. |
| 8. | Principal’s Report | * The school secretary is taking over the school website; approved PSSC minutes can be sent to her for posting. * Synervoice template will soon be finalized which will allow messages to be sent by voice mail, and/or e-mail. * Cafeteria is not able to offer gluten free meals due to budget restraints. * Gatorade is no longer available in the vending machines (water and fruit juice only). * The Co-Curricular budget is now gone, so school trips must now be paid for by the school or the Home and School. * Grade 3 and Grade 4 assessments will be pared down this year (there had been 22 assessments). Nine schools in this district have combined these grades. * Only 20% of Provincial Assessments are now being marked. Individual results are no longer available. These assessments are stressful for students to write and are losing their value. * The school is not supposed to accept Kindergarten registrations from outside its boundary. Clarification of the boundaries is needed. * Students are not to be dropped off at school before 7:55AM, as there is not a teacher on duty. |
|  | The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM  The next meeting will be help November 14th at 6:00PM | |

Minutes taken by Cheryl MacMillan