

Beaumont Home and School Association Meeting Minutes September 19, 2007

Margaret Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the first HSA meeting for the 2007-2008 school year.

Dr. Stephanie Demming did a presentation on the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. She informed the parents that the kickoff assemblies for the students regarding this program were held on Friday, September 14th. The bottom line of this program is that bullying just is not acceptable here at Beaumont. A student is being bullied when he or she is exposed repeatedly and over time to negative actions on the part of one or more students. The hot spots for bullying occur in the cafeteria, on the playground and bus.

Joan Gaidimas gave the Treasurer's report. She explained to the group how the HSA raises the money and where the money is being spent. The HSA purchased 10 activity tables for \$6,000 and each full time teacher received a \$75 value gift at the end of 2006-07 school year, totaling \$3,700. The HSA also provided dinner to the teachers who attended the Opening Week Picnic on September 6, 2007. Also, the Bell Avenue picnic is paid for by the HSA. Joan also urged parents to turn in their ACME grocery receipts so the HSA can earn money. This program is based on the number of receipts turned in not the dollar amount on the receipt. Sherri Gartner motioned for Treasurer's budget is approved and Avis Rueger and Wendy Donaldson seconded the motion.

Sherri Gartner is Beaumont's representative for School Board Meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Conestoga High School cafeteria. She will report at our October meeting.

Margaret informed the HSA that she attended School Climate's August meeting. Merraine Rine will be BES representative for Diversity, which has not had a meeting to date. Michael Anderson will be representative for Health Council. The Health Council meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2007.

Jeanne Braun is the representative for Area Residents Caring and Helping (A.R.C.H.) She informed the group that A.R.C.H. meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at the ESC building.

Avis Rueger discussed fundraising opportunities at BES. The wrapping paper sale is under way and October 31st is delivery date. HSA is currently selling Kidstuff books for \$25 with 50% of price of books going back to school. New Bear Gear is for sale this year. November 3rd is the date for the parent social. The place is yet to be determined. The fall Book Fair is scheduled for October 29th – November 2nd.

Minutes from the June 6, 2007 were distributed. Kim Vallin made a motion to approve the minutes and Sherri Gartner seconded the motion. Therefore the minutes were approved.

Margaret gave a brief summary of Opening Week picnic which was a huge success.

Avis and Margaret both discussed upcoming events.

The next HSA meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2007 at 9:15 a.m.

Margaret adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.