

## **Parent Council Meeting ~ May 19, 2009**

Present: Jason Epp, Cheryl Beaumont, Allen Hanke, Jason Young

### **1. Brainstorming to increase attendance to meetings**

- bring in guest speakers for each meeting  
(some suggestions ~ North Parent Colliation, technology presentation, Cancer Care, etc)

Watch the newsletter for a tear off slip for feedback on which topic is most important to parents at HMK

- allow parents to come and listen verses recruiting to get parents to have an active role (heading a committee, etc.)
- make an agenda for parents so that they know which issues will be formally discussed
- Jason will look at the Manitoba Parent Council correspondence to check for ideas that may work at our school

### **2. Principal's Report**

- School pictures – discussed options for poses and background colors, discussed the class picture options (Wow pose vs traditional pose ~ traditional pose allows all students to receive a class picture)
- Artist in the School – Mythical Beasts and Mythical Models have been tentatively been booked for next year (focus on recycling and paper mache)
- Fundraising – the school fundraiser for 2009-10 will be a new fundraiser to HMK that promotes shopping in our community – it is a special card that will cost approximately \$10 and will allow the purchaser to use the card to get great deals at local businesses – this will replace the Christmas card and wrapping paper fundraiser – the fundraiser is a school based fundraiser that uses the funds for such things as field trips – parent council will continue to run a fundraiser such as the Scoop-A-Lot fundraiser
- EAL students – 17 now attending HMK
- Spring Fling Feedback – although there was a small amount of returned slips, the majority would like to see the spring fling moved to a larger facility - discussion will follow next school year
- Class sizes for the 2009-10 school year – the school administration has been giving the class sizes much thought about how to divide the teaching staff to maximize learning and to keep classes as small as possible – some grades have many children and require three separate classes offered (kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 6) – the other grades will have two classes offered

### **3. Considerations**

- next year pay the baby-sitter to ensure that a baby-sitter will be available for each meeting
- discussion of how the school works with outside groups to enhance students' access to special equipment
- Jason will attend the kindergarten orientation to let new parents know about parent council

### **4. The next meeting will take place in the new school year ~ details will be in the first newsletter and visit our booth at Meet the Teacher Night.**