

Blair Road Parent Council Minutes

Wednesday May 28, 2014.

In Attendance: Jodie Hancox-Meyer, Ruth Boughan, Lynn Robb, Susan Robinson, Karen Gould, Courtney Waterfall, Doris Litch

1. *Teacher's Report* – Ruth

- Rotary race on Sunday – well attended by our school
- Running club has the Highland hustle on June 4 at 4 p.m., Run for Life June 6
- Me to We – 23rd of June going rock climbing
- Big thank you from staff

2. *Principal's Report*

- Family picnic coming on June 24th 12-1 p.m. (\$4.50 a combo)
- LOTS of activities planned for the rest of the year! Calendar is loaded
- Friday is a PD day at the end of the year
- Facility updates
 - o kindergarten shed will be coming (6 ½ x 8 feet) – gravel pad will be placed and the shed installed permanently
 - o Parking lot – not enough for staff already – will pave closer to the school, lose the ash tree, but will keep 2 pine trees (will happen in August)
- EQAO testing will start next week across the province for grade 6, grade 3 this week
- May 30 – PD day – teachers working on self-directed activities on assessment – more than likely working from home on report cards, some staff on hand
- Grade 6 camp just happened last week – FANTASTIC experience by all
- Grade 6 graduation – June 26

3. *Financials* – Courtney

- \$6,931.48 currently in the account – \$350 for graduation supplies

4. *Nutrition for Learning* – Thanks to Stacey Reid for doing the extra shopping to provide snacks for EQAO testing students.

5. *Jump Rope Recap* –Sue

- a. \$3,537.96 raised
- b. Great day, Jump took place on the Friday before the long weekend in May.
- c. Thanks to Courtney Waterfall, Liz Fuhrman for helping that day as well as to Karen, Lynn and Jodie for getting the supplies (water and fruit freezies)
- d. Extra prizes given out to some children that day who demonstrated perseverance.

6. *Review of Parent Council Accomplishments for the year* – summary to be submitted to the Board and used at the Meet the Teacher night in September (tentatively Thursday Sept. 18, 2014.)

7. *Fundraisers* - for next year to be finalized
 1. Chocolate Bars – in October, Kelly Deml will coordinate this fundraiser – 5 free cases, free shipping, can send home partial boxes, a nut free option is available for families who would prefer this, too hard to run a campaign through School Day, will stay
 2. Poinsettias –in December, Courtney to coordinate possibly with the Christmas concert
 3. Elmira Poultry in February/March – Lynn Robb to coordinate

Technology will most likely be our fundraising goal

8. *Pick a date for our June social* – Tuesday June 24 – Kiwi 6 p.m. reservation for 12 * will ask for the back room.

For anyone at the meeting who wanted this recipe, here it is! For anyone not at the meeting, sorry you missed the baked good, but you can try the recipe if you like!

Rhubarb Loaf

Recipe taken from “The Muffin Lady” cookbook – which has amazing baking recipes!

¼ cup of butter or margarine

1 ½ cups brown sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 egg, beaten

1 cup buttermilk (or substitute regular milk with a tablespoon of lemon juice in it)

1 tsp. baking soda

2 cups flour

1 ½ cups chopped rhubarb (about 6 stalks, depending on size)

Topping: 1/2 cup granulated sugar mixed with 1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream the butter and brown sugar. Blend in the vanilla, egg and milk. Sift together the baking soda and flour (or just add it all at once like I do!) Add the rhubarb and stir. Pour into a wax paper lined 9x13 inch cake pan. Combine the white sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the batter. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

** I made this recipe in 3 mini loaf pans and then cut the sugar on the top to ¼ cup. It is a lot of sugar in this recipe!!