

**Queen Street Public School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 at 6:30pm**

(Submitted by Bibi Ramnauth)

**Updates:**

- Ms Roper updates on Tony Pontes' (Director of Education) visit to the school; he visited classrooms, learned a new song in Kindergarten and listened to Gr. 4 students share ideas for things they would like to have at the school (e.g., a swimming pool).
- During the PD Day, staff focused on teaching math using a problem solving approach. The use of manipulatives (e.g., pattern blocks, counters, colour tiles) to help students represent their thinking in different ways was explored as well.
- Future professional learning will include exploring mental math strategies.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended.
- Queen Street has received a Metro Green Apple Program Award worth \$1000 to support the school's green initiatives.
- Use of funds will potentially go towards the purchase of trees to plant around the school property
- Firefighter Tina visited the school and read a story books to the children in Kindergarten to Grade 2.
- Jamie Wright & Bibi Ramnauth provided the School Council with a report on the workshop attended for "Great Start: An orientation and training evening for school council members".
- Character trait for November was "HONESTY". During the Student of the Month assembly, the children conducted skits to display the importance of telling the truth.
- The Character trait for the month of December is "CARING".
- Student of the Month assemblies will be held the first Thursday of each month. Children are nominated by their teachers for demonstrating the character trait of the month on a regular basis. Students of the Month are announced at the assembly. Children receive a certificate plus have their names listed in the school newsletter.
- The "Canes for Change" fundraiser will launch during the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>; proceeds will go to support a family in need.
- Food drive target is 2500 items for food bank.
- A very successful cupcake fundraiser raised approximately \$400.00
- The school has raised \$2000.85 for United Way to date.

**The Lucky Draw:**

- The Lucky Draw will take place at the conclusion of the concert on December 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evening
- Each child will receive a book of 10 tickets.

- Prizes that could be won for the LUCKY DRAW include:
  - \$500 Gift Card for Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls
  - Sony E-Reader
  - \$300 Gift Card for Bramalea City Centre

**Winter Concert:**

- Will take place on Thursday, December 22nd in the evening
- School Council will set up a Meet & Greet table at the Winter Concert to help drive awareness to the parents.

**School Council: Where do we go from here?**

- Group supports new “Community” focused vision.
- Team divided into groups for brainstorming session for the potential School Council initiatives.
- Top three initiatives ranked by the council (pending potential Action Plans):
  - Skate Night
  - Family Fun Night
  - Movie Night- suggested night will be Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

**School Council:**

- It was voted on & decided that future Council Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm (6:30-7:30pm).
- School Council is looking for a secretary to take notes during the meetings. If you are interested, please email [queenstreetps.council@peelsb.com](mailto:queenstreetps.council@peelsb.com).
  
- **Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - at our new time - 6:30 PM**
- **Light Snacks, Tea & Juice are provided.**
- **Childcare is available.**