LDSS School Council Minutes - November 1, 2011 @ Eastdale

Present:	Diane Homewood	Soren Jakobsen
	Ken Bailey	John Sercombe
	Kelly Davidson	Jody Ash
	Laurie Myer	

Absent: Alanna Coneybeare, Student Council Representative

Soren called the meeting to order and introductions were completed.

Ken Bailey reported on the estimated costs to inform the general public of all school activities. A Parent Reaching Out Grant is available to the school (approximately $1,000) and it was agreed that we would try to use this money for at least two separate notices. Ken received 3 estimates from the Listowel Banner for different services - if they produce a glossy brochure (school to do the art) it would be approximately $2,000. To have an 8x11 insert on coloured paper reaching 10,000 homes through "The Plus" it would cost $900.00 or a full-page "special announcement" (can not be called an "ad" for grant purposes) would be $1,200.00.

It was suggested that the school do their own flyer on an 8x11 coloured page and mail it. Diane is to give the mailing boundaries to Jody who will estimate the mailing costs. It was agreed that this decision can be made via email discussions and it was hoped to have something to the general public before/around Christmas.

Diane updated the council on the recent student council activities since their representative was absent. Their many Halloween activities were appropriate and there have been many guest speakers and assemblies making the last 2 months very busy.

Diane passed out a detailed Principal's Report to all and listed the various topics that will be discussed by staff on the PA Day on the 4th. The school's dress code was discussed and all agreed to keep it as is.

Diane also updated council on the recent 5-year facilities review and some of the items on that list. The renovations were discussed (a contractors' meeting was held on October 17th) and the visit from the Ministry of Labour was discussed. The "major" concerns from that visit have been fixed and it was mentioned that no classes were cancelled/moved and no students were in any danger because of the issues. Upcoming important dates were also listed on her report.

Soren passed around an invitation to a social networking seminar for parents to be held on November 8th at the Elma school from 7:00-8:15 PM.

A motion to approve the last meeting's minutes as circulated was moved by Kelly and seconded by John and carried.

The meeting was adjourned with Diane and Soren attending the regional meeting directly after this meeting. The next scheduled meeting is set for February 7, 2012.