

## Hope Parent Council Meeting November 27, 2007

Present were Margaret Posnett, Lisa Tabor, Michelle Duke, and Nikki Tuggy. Apologies were received from Ruth Appleby, Maria , Moonjung, and Brent Wellsmore.

We discussed various roles within the Parent Council and who may be able to fill those roles. These roles included – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising point person, and Board Representative.

Margaret shared that while she was willing to continue in the Chairman role, she did not feel she was giving the position all it required for the Parent Council to thrive. She requested that someone with more ability to put the required effort into the role take it over. She also shared that Ruth has been the Board Rep for the last 2 years and has done a marvelous job working with the board. Ruth let Margaret know that she would like to stay in that position unless there was someone else who really wanted to take it. **It was agreed to have Ruth continue in this position.**

**Nikki agreed to be the secretary and to work towards finding more ways to communicate with the parents at Hope.** It was acknowledged that as Hope continues to grow, we need to be proactive in finding ways for all families and parents to stay informed. **Nikki agreed to try and set up an email circulation list which could be used to distribute minutes from the meetings and other pertinent announcements.**

**Nikki also agreed to speak with Brent about the timing of the Parent's Council week for the "back page" of the weekly newsletter.**

Lisa Tabor expressed interest in being the Chairperson and we agreed it was good to have someone with the commitment and time to be able to put into the role. **It was agreed Lisa would be Chairperson, and Margaret will be Vice-Chairperson.**

Michelle Duke mentioned a strong interest in helping with special events or thinking about options such as Mother/Daughter banquets, Father/Son lunches, clubs, etc. We will continue to think about extra events or activities that might be of benefit to the Hope student body.

**Michelle also agreed to work with Brent in organizing the sports uniforms and how they will be distributed, etc.**

Margaret then asked if there were any known parent concerns. Once parent mentioned that they wished there were better communications between admin and parents. If the weekly newsletter is lost before it reaches home, there are no alternatives to learning about plans at school. What are possible alternatives?

There was a question about the drop-off zone for students. It did not seem that any specific procedure had ever been clearly communicated to parents. There was also a question about the van drop-off – Is it going to begin dropping students off at the south building?

Another concern was brought up regarding heat exhaustion. With hot season following this cool season quickly, there was concern over the health of some students. Particularly in Graeme and Michelle's rooms where there does not seem to be as much air-circulation. Different options were discussed including large metal fans, AC, a big orange cooler full of ice for water bottles or kromas, watching for signs of heat exhaustion (bright red face, headache, etc,) and have cool packs or kromas wet with cold water and placing it around the children's necks.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 10, at 2:45 in Brent's office.  
**(Switched to Tuesday, December 11, 2:45)**