**School Council Minutes**

**Long Range Academy**

**February 10th, 2014**

The fourth School Council meeting for the 2013-14 school year took place on February 10, 2014 and started at 7:00 P.M. with 6 members present.

Those in attendance were: Michelle Patey, Cathy Payne, Shelley Power, Sherry Legge, Jean Murphy, and Barbara Shears.

The meeting started at 7:00 P.M. with Ms. Patey welcoming everyone.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed with no errors or omissions and were adopted as read.

The Midterm Exams were written as per the schedule and there were poor academic results overall in the high school section.

The Midterm Reports for junior and senior high are set to go out February 25th and Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for February 27th.

Ms. Murphy will be offering a Rubric Training Session for the parents of the primary and elementary section on February 24th. School council will send out a memo to parents urging their attendance to this session. We will design a logo for letterhead for this purpose and then continue using this letterhead for future letters and memos to be sent out on behalf of the School Council. Ms. Murphy will help Cathy with the wording on the memo that is to be sent out. We will offer transportation to anyone who would like to attend but have no means of getting here.

The Leadership Committee held a dance on Friday, February 7th. Ms. Murphy reported that the dance went over very well. The only issue was that the Leadership Committee wanted to have the dance but was more interested in the actual dance than in the preparation or the clean-up afterward. $313. was made at the dance and the expenses were approximately $60. The Leadership Committee will be selling little boxes of Smarties with a note on them for 50 cents for Valentine’s Day. This will take place on Wednesday, February 12th through Friday, February 14th.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Ms. Patey has taken it on herself to have something every day for teachers. School Council decided that on Friday, February 14th a few members will go in and do lunchtime duty so teachers will not have to do it on this day. Barbara, Shelley, Tracey, and Cathy will be doing this.

February 26th will be wear Pink T-shirt day. This is to create awareness to Bullying. The school has received a grant in the amount of $200. and have ordered 20 pink t-shirts to be drawn for on this day. It was suggested that for another year we could look into students ordering a pink t-shirt with the school logo on it to wear for this. Students will be encouraged to wear pink on this day. Ms. Murphy informed the committee that the Grade 7 Tech students took it on themselves to design a pink t-shirt with different anti-bullying slogans for all students to place on their lockers on February 26th. These students designed, printed, and cut them out themselves.

It has been brought to the councils attention that some of the committee members feel they are given too short of notice to be able to attend the School Council Meetings. To give members more notice, Cathy will be asking for everyone’s email and will be sending out emails with minutes of the last meeting and date and time for the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Legge informed the council there has been a lot of wastage with the Breakfast Program. Fruit, vegetables, and milk are spoiling and having to be thrown out. It was suggested to place the milk out in eye sight so that children can see it and maybe want a cup. The council suggested having fruit and vegetables available every morning and again when the kids see it they may be more inclined to eat it. If there is any left over in the mornings it can be taken around to the classrooms for children. Ms. Legge also noted that some people are not being able to take their turn and are not finding replacements so the children are sometimes not able to have breakfast at the school.

The School Council will be trying to start up an active Home & School Association. We will see how many parents come out to the Rubric Training and ask at the end of the session how many of these parents are interested in becoming a part of this. If we don’t receive a good turn out we will send out a memo.

A new school newsletter will be going out in a couple of weeks. We will provide Mr. Matchim with the minutes from the meetings and they will be available for all staff and parents to read. The minutes will also be placed on the school website.

The next School Council meeting will take place on March 10th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.