Ferryway School Council

November 6, 2014

**Attendance:**

Rebecca Gordon, Principal, Ferryway School

Mike Harvey, Grade 8 Teacher

Earl Fitzpatrick, Technology teacher

Martha Bezzat, Parent (8th grader and 10th grader)

Sandra Rodrigues, Parent (3rd grader)

Tennille Thomas, parent (9th, 6th, 3rd and k)

Peg Crowe, Community Rep

**Student Handbooks**

* Student Handbooks have finally arrived and were distributed to most students. A parent acknowledgment will be required indicating the handbook has been received, read and understood.

**Students**

* The 8th grade visit to the high school was a success as most students were impressed with the food and the cleanliness of the building.
* It was mentioned that most student benchmark assessments have been given and teachers are analyzing the data on an ongoing basis.

**School Improvement plan** (some highlights)

* The plan contains many basic facts about staff, school council members, leadership teams, and a section on Ferryway’s core values which include respect, responsibility, perseverance, motivation, and empathy.
* Recycling continues to be a focus and we are meeting our goals in that regard.
* Students participating in band have increased to 30%, which is meeting our goal for that activity.
* Academic goals for 2014-15 were discussed.
* A copy of the SIP is available for download.
* **The school improvement plan was approved by the council**

**Meeting Times**

* Councilor Fitzpatrick made a suggestion that the council move the meeting time to an earlier time of day to shorten the length of the day for teacher members. The committee discussed their interest and concerns and it was decided that since we were already well into the school year that the idea would be taken up before the beginning of the next school year.

**Connect Ed**

* Principal Gordon outlined the protocol for the use of connect ed for important timely messages to parents and other stakeholders. It is not used for general message delivery.

**Holiday Parade**

* Due to the late date it was decided to offer students a chance to walk in the parade behind the Ferryway School banner.

**School cleanliness**

* The council teacher members gave mixed reviews as to whether the privatization of the janitorial services was a significant improvement. It was decided that more time was required before we serious look at this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

***Next Meeting is December 11, 2014***