



**London District Science Olympics Meeting
Monday March 2, 2009, Saunders Secondary School**

Present: Laura Reid, Patrick Whippey, Caroline Whippey, Kristy McConnell, Elizabeth Heinicke, Rhonda Milton, Richard Tamminga, Herm Vanderhayden

Regrets: Terry Brown, Perry Caskanette, Joanne Colling, Nathan Jones, Ian Martin, Al McIntyre, Frank Tancredi, TriDung Tiet,

Limited Enrollment

- Have received e-mails asking if schools from Barrie, Ottawa and Toronto can come to the Olympics.
- Last year we had about 600 kids – getting close to full.
- Problem: a local school may want to come at the last minute, and the numbers could already be at maximum. Solution: Please register early.

Review of Events

Pentathlon Nine

Chemical Capers – Westminster will do this

Circuitous Circuits – Spencer Seiler

Cryptic Crossword – Rhonda Milton will do this; will contact Christine Morris.

Models of Mitosis – Kristy McConnell – timing issues – six teams at a time in total

Space probe - John Budge.

Pentathlon Ten

Cryptic Word Search – Al McIntyre

Displacement Dragster – Paul Vejvoda

INDYcator 500 – Richard Tamminga

Population Estimation – need someone for this.

Weather Watch – Al McIntyre

Amazing Rodents – need to verify with Heather Newton (declining in popularity)

And This Little Pig – Elizabeth Heinicke and Terry Brown. Endocrine system for this year. They liked the 10:25 – 11:15 time slot.

Compound Boggle – Herm Vanderhayden

Dante's Peek – David Sutherland. Need to confirm

Fermi Event – Ruth Tanner and Matt Greason confirmed. No calculators allowed this year

London Bridge – Perry Caskanette

Math Triathlon – Frank Tancredi

Functional Mathematics

Lightening Calculators

Serial Series

Mystery Solutions – Nathan Jones

Robotic Event – Laura Reid

Rube Goldberg – Ian Martin said he will define the final task. Andrew Huff also helps with this event.

Security

Incident in 2005 – has not been repeated in the past 3 years. Having the activities for kids to do has helped. Jon McGoey will come and run events again.

Can we have the garbage emptied half way through the day? This would prevent kids from throwing things away at random. Can we have additional garbage duty or cans? Patrick will check with UWO. Richard is willing to look after this if UWO has no issues – he will ask his senior students to watch the main areas for garbage

Key culprit for garbage is the Rube Goldberg breakdown. Ask that the event participants please take home all the materials. Add an extra 5 points at the end for the cleanup.

Photos

We would like photographs of the website, but how do we get all the permissions?

Best way might be to have the schools circulate a permission form to students about the pictures. Once the pictures have been taken, circulate them to the coaches to double check that their kids have permission to be in the photographs.

Keep the pictures to school teams

A possibility is for Patrick to put a permission form on the web – but this is complicated with the varying school boards.

Teachers will be asked to get a photograph release form signed when they get permission from the trip.

Other:

The website has been re-done. Please check the website and the e-mail system. www.ldstf.ca/olympics

Cup stacking – done by Jim Wells – not sure if he is coming again.

\$5.00 per person fee.

It will be in the North Campus Building at UWO. We will also be using Physics

Models of Mitosis – needs space that has tables and chairs, so students can easily work in groups.

Computer Science has a room we could use for this if needed.

Shows/Programs – Discovery Western? Mad Science? Let's Talk Science?

2010 –

Curriculum changes –

Physics in grade ten will focus on optics, organ systems are part of grade 10, weather dynamics (climate change),

Perhaps come up with different event to replace Population Estimation.

Thursday 15 October 2009 4:00 pm Saunders:

follow up meeting for Science Olympics, We will discuss changes to the events required by the new curriculum.