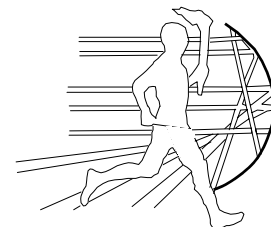


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23 March 2006

3:30 pm Saunders Secondary School;

Minutes

1. Present: Terry Brown; John Budge; Ian Gillis; Elizabeth Heinicke; Nathan Jones; Jon McGoey; Rhonda Milton; Christine Morris; Richard Tamminga; Herm Vanderhayden; Patrick Whippey.

Regrets: Carlos Gregorio; Nicole Hunter; Mike Katchabaw; Roger Kennedy; Wendy Marshal; Roger Richer; Lindsay Zajak
2. Events: These are unchanged from last year.
 - a. Rube Goldberg Final Task: Pop a balloon.
 - b. This Little Pig: Featured system TBA.
 - c. Cryptic Crossword: Christine Morrison and Rhonda Milton will run this event.
 - d. Robotics Event: Students will build and practise this event at school, borrowing kits if necessary from Mike Katchabaw.
 - e. The standard in Mystery Solutions was very low last year. Nathan will approach Sandra Zakaria Holtslag to see if a workshop might be held.
3. Fundraising: Patrick will be talking to Lindsay Zajak from Tech Alliance. Patrick described the extremely successful Elementary School Science Olympics held at the end of Sci-Tech week, where London Celebrities were paired with teams of six elementary school students.
4. Security. Vandalism occurred last year.
 - a. We will have fun events to occupy the students when they are not competing in an event. Jon McGoey volunteered to organize some activities in the rear of the cafeteria.
 - b. Patrick will look for Graduate Student volunteers to be Olympic Ambassadors, (ie security in disguise)
 - c. Patrick will approach Discovery Western and ask them to contact Jon McGoey..
 - d. An announcement will be made at the opening ceremony explaining the consequences of vandalism.
5. Plaques
 - a. We decided to discontinue awarding the individual plaques. Patrick will investigate purchasing a big plaque for each school, and just buying year bars for the winners, who will then stick them on their school plaque. This will reduce cost significantly. Many schools just store old plaques in drawers, and eventually re-cycle them.
6. OAB - None