

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Library

Attendance: Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Carolyn Rankel-Ellis, Athena Acciaccaferri, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Pam McLaughlin, Natalie Murphy, Susie Morris, Janet Esau, Rene Jahnke, Jane Alden

Regrets: Liat Cicchillo, Stephanie Al-Joundi

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Leblond called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Motion to approve made by Ms. Lawrance; seconded by Ms. Acciaccaferri
- Motion passed

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve made by Ms. Esau; seconded by Ms. Lawrance
- Motion passed

FINANCIAL UPDATE –Ms. Alden

- Earned:
 - \$8,000 on Pizza lunch
 - \$6,200 for the Fall Fair
 - \$172.15 for Movie nights (the license is now paid for)
- An update will go out with a full financial update.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Mr. Young / Ms. Palmer

- The grade 8 trip has been cancelled this year.
 - Whenever there is a trip, we need a minimum number of students attending. A survey was sent out, and 90% of parents said yes (the school looks for at least 80%).
 - When School Cash Online was setup, there were many families that backed out of going (\$325 cost). The number going was reduced to approx. 60% of the students.
 - Some parents asked about getting financial help for the trips, which indicated that perhaps cost was a factor
 - The school is looking at setting some day trips as a replacement (full day trips), similar to last year.
 - For any trips, it is becoming difficult to plan trips when the students are committing to going, but then they are backing out later.
 - For electives a great many students have not responded at all for any of the options, making it difficult to plan.
- Report cards will be going out on February 15th

FUNDING REQUESTS (IF ANY)* - Mr. Young

- Mathletes day for Grades 3-6. Full day, hands on Event on March 28. Grade 7 students help in a leadership role. \$1200+HST = \$1,356
- Kindergarten: they started an art club today. 5 students from each class stays in at recess, and it changes it month (every Kindergarten student gets a chance). \$50 per month for 5 months (\$250 total). Once per week at morning recess.
- Up to \$300 for Autism Bracelets (see below)
- Motion to approve to spend the total \$1,906 made by Ms. Acciaccaferri, seconded by Mrs. Esau
- 7 For; 0 Against – Motion Passed

SCHOOL SUCCESS – Teacher Representative

- Ms. Rankle Ellis:
 - Ms. Carroll finished running the cookie grams to hand out on Valentines Day. They raised approximately \$1,000 to go to Igoma.
 - Junior Volleyball participated in a mixed tournament.
 - Hockey is going strong.
 - The students have been celebrating Carnival this week. Tomorrow is Red & White day, and Friday is pajama day.

OLD BUSINESS

- **EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING:**
 - Big Box of Cards (Ms. Acciaccaferri): there are prizes available; there is a \$150 delivery charge. We could potentially take orders at Movie night. Ms. Acciaccaferri will make a flyer and will follow up for more information.
 - Jungle Sport (Ms. Leblond): it is coming at the end of April. There is an option to do an afterschool session as well as a night session. These would be at a cost for the users. The cost is \$150 per hour. Ms. Leblond will look into more information for this. Maybe offer child minding in a kindergarten room.
 - Valentine's Day Dance (Ms. LaCivita): We need volunteers. Can we have some grade 7/8's come in and try to get more kids to dance.
 - Movie Night (Ms. LaCivita): 2 parents and Liat's son's and Ramona's daughter (Avery) have volunteered to help (plus me). We need to adjust the time to 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Edsby (Mr. Young / Ms. Leblond)
 - It is a new communication tool that will be implemented board wide.
 - There was an information session on February 6 (Mr. Young and the co-chairs attended).
 - It is a school management tool.
 - It can be used to book parent/teacher meetings.
 - More information will come out when it is available.

OPEN FLOOR - All

- Pizza Day: we will be reinforcing the fact that Pizza Day will be postponed if busses are cancelled.
- Ms. Lawrance: discussing autism awareness month (April). She is ordering awareness bracelets for \$0.50 each and would like to know if the school will let her sell to students/teachers for \$1 each to raise money.
 - Money would go to Autism Ontario.
 - Ms. LaCivita asked if the Council could pay for the bracelets, so the entire \$1 could be donated (see motion in the "Requests" section above). Motion was passed.
 - Council will post the autism video on the FB site in April.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Esau
- Seconded: Ms. LaCivita
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday April 4, 2018 6:30pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

No meeting in March 2018

Wednesday May 2, 2018 6:30pm