

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Library

Attendance: Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Carolyn Rankel-Ellis, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Pam McLaughlin, Natalie Murphy, Susie Morris, Janet Esau, Liat Cicchillo, Stephanie Al-Joundi, Roslyn McQuinn

Regrets: Athena Acciaccaferri, Rene Jahnke, Jane Alden

CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Leblond called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE – Mr. Young

- Deb has created a spreadsheet for all items approved and spent to help track outstanding approved items that have not yet been spent.
- We have approved ~\$34,700 and spent ~\$23,000 so far.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Mr. Young / Ms. Palmer

- There will be 2 x 2/3 splits and a grade 3 class for FI next year.
- Ms. Rankel-Ellis has started booster groups for grade 1-2 FI
 - There is a newly retired FI teacher who is taking over these groups

FUNDING REQUESTS (IF ANY)* - Mr. Young

- For 2018/2019 - Canadian Reader and What in the World: it is a publication sent out monthly (electronically), September to May.
 - Grade 3 and up for Canadian Reader;
 - What in the World is 2 levels (level 1 is age 5+, level 2 is age 8+)
 - \$644.10 is the total cost
- Cindy Harris is asking for confirmation of Grad assistance of \$1,000 (already approved)
- Carol Ornello has asked to purchase Bescherelles for grade 1/2 FI to help with conjugating verbs
 - 20 copies are \$365.22
- Kindergarten classes would like to extend the Kindermusic for April and May
 - \$418.10
- Kindergarten classes would like to put together a cart for fine motor skills
 - It will be used for all areas of education
 - They asked for \$252.49
- Motion to approve to spend the total \$1,679.91 made by Ms. Esau, seconded by Ms. Morris
- 6 For; 0 Against – Motion Passed

SCHOOL SUCCESS – Teacher Representative

- Ms. Rankel-Ellis:
 - Mathletes event was a success. Grades 3-6 participated, and grade 7s coached.
 - Jr. Girls basketball is coming up: they are looking for parent volunteers on April 25th
 - Post on the FB group and ask volunteers to email Mr. Young
 - Do we want to arrange a pre-order option (whole pizzas can be ordered)?

- Michelle Leblond will check with Pizza Michelle.
- Badminton is starting soon (intermediate)
- Primary Drama Club is starting now
- Madame Torres is still doing Spanish Club and Craft Club
- Earth week is coming up in April. There will be suggestions for class activities for the week.
- Light it up blue for Autism is this week. Reminder to wear blue this Friday (and to post on Facebook page) and voluntary donations are being accepted as well
- International Day of Pink is April 11th

OLD BUSINESS

• EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING:

- JungleSport (Ms. Leblond): it is set up for April 30 - May 4. It will be organized by the school (waivers and consent forms). Messages will go out on the e-bulletin next week.
- Big Box of Cards (Ms. LaCivita/Ms. Leblond): we will send out a flyer to all students next week. Orders will be placed via School Cash Online.

NEW BUSINESS

- Principal Profile Review (Ms. Leblond)
 - Mr. Young is retiring after this year. We do not know yet who is replacing him.
 - The Board may want to consider a French speaking individual to help with FI teacher evaluation
 - Parent Council wrote up a principal profile in April 2017. If we want to edit it, we need to do that now. Copies were distributed at the meeting. Please send any suggested edits to the council email at harrybowescouncil@gmail.com. We may want to add in something regarding French Language.
- Spring Dance (Ms. LaCivita): Asked if we could we do an additional dance in April/May? Mr. Young will let us know if it is possible (if there is a date available).

OPEN FLOOR - All

- Movie Night: would like to do an additional movie night this year.
 - Dates available: May 9 (Moana) and June 13 (FB vote)
- What is the school policy regarding toy donations for the school?
 - They are inspected when received, but definitely can be used.
- Clothing drive: if we aren't here the week of the 27th, can we drop it off earlier?
 - We won't advertise it, but you can drop it off at the school
 - New pick up date is April 27th.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Cicchillo
- Seconded: Ms. LaCivita
- Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday May 2nd, 2018 6:30pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

Fall Fair Planning Meeting - June