

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

6:49pm to 8:20 p.m. – Library

Attendance:

Steve Young, Fern Grenon, Athena Acciaccaferri, Jane Alden, Sarah Carter, Janet Esau, Rene Jahnke, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Priya Mihevc, Solly Vohl, Kamla Wray

Regrets: Kelly Wood Beck, Liat Cicchillo, Nikki Devereux

Meeting called to order: 6:49 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Ms. Wray, Ms. Acciaccaferri

OLD BUSINESS

- **Parent Survey (Ms. Carter)**

The School Climate survey received 87 responses. Thank you to all parents who participated. Results have been summarized and provided back to council where they will be kept for reference.

- **Badger Gear (Ms. Leblond)**

Last year's supplier has increased their pricing. We will revisit this item at the start of the new school year when numbers and pricing can be confirmed.

- **Goodbye/Thank You Event (Ms. Leblond)**

Farewell to Harry Bowes Thank You Event. Admin and council would like to host this year-end event for students and teachers who will be moving to Barbara Reid P.S. in September. June 1st is the confirmed date. Order forms will be created and sent out to parents via email and through hard copy.

M&M Meats will most likely cater once pricing and items are confirmed. Approximately \$350 to cater the event which includes cooking and cleanup. Boxes of 150 burgers are \$160 each. Families will pre-order everything to save costs and avoid food wastage.

There will be a talent show, entertainment, and art gallery fundraiser as part of the event thanks to Ms. Grenon's Character Committee and participating students.

Sub-committee volunteers are: Michelle, Athena, Sonia, Janet, Sarah, Kamla, Ramona and Priya.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Financial Update (Ms. Alden)**

As of the end of March, there is \$26, 551 in the bank minus last month's expenses. Pizza accounts for \$13,900 and Kids Kitchen has brought in \$645.50.

Outstanding items to be paid include:

Scientists in the School - 27 classes @ \$200 = \$4400

Eatrite \$2,000 less paid = \$954

Grade 8 grad = \$1000

Chess club = \$200

Student recognition = \$1000

Character books = \$800

Character Committee = \$2000

- **Administration Update (Mr. Young, Ms. Palmer)**

Homework Policy is now updated and will be distributed in the new school year agendas this fall. Changes include NO homework is to be assigned over holidays or on weekends but practice is always encouraged, especially during vacations.

As part of the Ontario 150 grant, HB has been awarded \$1500 for playground equipment or improvements. As a result, basketball hoops will be installed in suitable areas. The placement of old hoops caused injuries to younger students playing near or around the area.

The school has received a \$500 Breakfast for Learning grant which will be applied to the Eatrite Program (3 times a year).

- **FUNDING REQUESTS (Mr. Young)**

Butterfly kits \$450 (Ms. DeVilliers)

Canada-wide math assessment \$470.08 (Intermediates)

Makerspace \$250-\$300 (Ms. Harris)

Matheletes \$2300 (Ms. Sullivan)

Dragon's Den Grade 8 \$2000 (Ms. Harris)

Hila Draper Performance Artist \$600+ HST (Dance & Drama Committee)

Barbara Reid School Council donation \$1500 (Council request)

Comic Book club \$200

BBQ \$1000

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$9650

Motion approved by Kamla Wray. Seconded by Ramona Lawrance.

SCHOOL SUCCESS (Ms. Grenon)

- Intermediate girls basketball team won the CEC North Area Tournament which consisted of 8 games and 8 wins. (Congratulations!)
- Robotics Tournament concluded with great effort by the Robotics Team. Mr. Alan and Mr. Papez held demos for all classes. Well done!
- MADD assembly, March 7
- Grade 2 skating ongoing
- Grad photos are completed
- \$600 in autism bracelets sold
- Family Math Night, April 12
- April 21, Grade 1 trip to Harbourfront
- Junior girls and boys basketball is ongoing
- Mathletes, April 27
- Book Fair begins May 1
- JK Info Nights, May 10 (parents), May 17 (parents and kids)

SPRING PHOTOS (Ms. Beck)

Ms. Beck was concerned as to why Spring/sibling photos were not available this year. In an online post on social media, she asked why parents were not informed. It was mentioned, this item was discussed at a past meeting (she did not attend). To reiterate, Spring photos received minimal interest from parents over the past two years, therefore disrupting a full day of classes was not an efficient use of time. The photography studio was given the option of taking pictures after the school day but they declined.

FUNDRAISING

- **Pizza vendor update (Ms. Leblond)**

Due to allergies and quality, we have changed pizza vendors from Pizza Pizza to Dominos.

- **FundScrip (Ms. Lacivita)**

This Canadian charitable gift card fundraiser sees 2%-10% of sales returned to the school. We will look into this for the next school year.

- **Student Price Card (Ms. Leblond)**

These student cards cost \$10 with \$3.50 being returned to the school for every card purchased. Ms. Leblond will look into the discount program during the summer to see if it's worth introducing in the new school year.

- **Kidney Clothes (Ms. Leblond)**

We will once again organize a Spring clothing drive in May. Dates to be confirmed.

- **PC Collaboration (Ms. Leblond)**

Council will make a \$1500 donation to the Barbara Reid School/Parent Council. Motion to approve: Ms. Wray, Seconded: Ms. Lawrance

PRINCIPAL PROFILE UPDATE (Ms. Leblond)

The Harry Bowes Principal profile was last reviewed in 2012. It has been updated. Please see administration for the revised version.

Meeting adjourned: 7:44pm Approved: Ms. Leblond, Seconded: Ms. Wray.

Future Council Dates: May 10th / Fall Fair Planning: June 14th, 2017.