

## **HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

**7pm to 7:44 p.m. – Library**

**Attendance:** Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Fern Grenon, Athena Acciaccaferri, Sarah Carter, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Solly Vohl, Kamla Wray

**Regrets:** Jane Alden, Kelly Wood Beck, Liat Cicchillo, Nikki Devereux, Janet Esau, Rene Jahnke, Sarah Nichols

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

**Approval of minutes:** Ms. Acciaccaferri, Ms. Lawrance

**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 will be summarized and provided back to council.

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

Last year's supplier has increased their pricing. We will consider mass ordering of t-shirts and hats during the summer, and sell the items at the beginning of the 2017-18 year. We could consider school colours or solids like white, pink or blue. Ms. Leblond will continue to look into other suppliers. We will revisit this for the summer.

- **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 1<sup>st</sup> is the tentative date. We will look into sending out a survey regarding the BBQ. Options to consider include having the event catered, food trucks, ice cream trucks, and/or photo booths.

- **Valentine's Dance (Ms. Leblond)**

Council agreed to reimburse DJ Mike Cardy \$50 for the speaker rental. A thank you gift of \$50 was also given to him for his continued volunteer services. Motion to grant: Ms. Lawrance. Seconded: Ms. LaCivita.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Due to her absence, Ms. Alden will update council at the next meeting.

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

1. Homework policy review. Mr. Young is looking for parents to assist with updating the current policy as mandated by the York Region District School Board. One meeting is required. If any parents are interested, please contact Mr. Young directly.
2. School Council Forum. Mr. Young is looking for parent volunteers to attend this year's Parent Forum on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

To commemorate the passing of Marjorie Bowes, council voted to give a \$250 donation to Parkview Retirement Residence.

**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED**

**\$250**

Motion approved by Kamla Wray. Seconded by Ramona Lawrance.

- **QSP POPCORN. (Ms. Acciaccaferri)**

Ms. Acciaccaferri will look into pricing for a Popcorn Fundraiser. Bags are \$2 each with \$1 being redirected back to the school.

- **SCHOOL SUCCESS (Ms. Grenon)**

Feb. 2: Scientists in the School for Alan/Dare's gr 4 classes.

Feb. 9: Gr 1 Snuggle Up and Read night

Feb 14:

- Gr 2 to Sibbald's Point
- Int. boys basketball tournament
- Cookie grams. 1200 cookies sold, profit (50%) to school global fundraising, Igoma Tanzania

Feb 15: Winter electives: Gr 4-8

Feb 16/17/21: Gr 4 to Sibbald's Point

Feb 22/23: Gr 7 Sibbald's Point

- Robotics ongoing with the regional tournament being held on March

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

**Future Council Dates: April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> / Fall Fair Planning: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**