

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

7:00 pm to 8:45 pm – Library

Attendance: Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Fern Grenon, Athena Acciaccaferri, Jane Alden, Kelly Beck, Sarah Carter, Liat Cicchillo, Nikki Devereux, Janet Esau, Rene Jahnke, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Kamla Wray

Regrets: Melanie Calandra, Liat Cicchillo, Johanna Francis, Sarah Nichols, Solly Vohl

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

Approval of agenda: Ms. Wray, Ms. Acciaccaferri

OLD BUSINESS

- **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 look into other suppliers. We will revisit this for the summer.

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

Ms. Carter has created a School Climate survey for parents to have their say about the kind of fundraising events and activities that are of interest or speak to their children. The survey will be sent out next week via the Facebook group and in an email blast to parents.

- Eatrite program. Ms. Palmer has submitted a grant for possible funding or reimbursement. She will update us as information becomes available.

ADMIN UPDATE

1. Changes in staffing. Due to the new school's September 2017 opening and the transition to French immersion, Harry Bowes will be losing approximately 330 students but gaining 120-130 new students. An information night will be held on Jan., 19th at the school with Mr. Young and the current principal of Summitview P.S.
2. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FINANCIAL UPDATE (Ms. Alden)**

As of Jan., 11, 2016, Council's opening balance was **\$23,353**. Pizza continues to be our major fundraiser at approximately \$550/week. Expenses still to be paid are \$9,600, resulting in a balance of \$13,750.

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

1. Ms. Bernier. For the Silver Birch Reading Program for grades 3-6. It is 20 books for \$256.04.
2. Ms. Smiley. Outdoor resources for the playground including physical education equipment. (Balls, skipping ropes etc.) \$58 each for 11 grade 1 to 3 classes. \$850

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED

\$1106.04

Motion approved by Kamla Wray. Seconded by Ramona Lawrance.

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

- Tanzania fundraiser kick-off assembly
- Justin Kerswill, Stouffville local, talked at an assembly, with video and slides about the SIP partnership
- HB character committee will focus their global fundraiser for Igoma, Tanzania
- Author Mike Wade spoke to grades 3 to 6
- Dec., 15th grade 5s went to the Science Centre
- Junior boys and girls basketball are over. A co-ed team has been formed, coached by Ms. Smiley

Upcoming for January and February

- Jan 18: Stouffville SS guidance for grade 1s
- Jan 19 French Immersion info night
- Jan 24: Zante/Winter gr 3 scientists in the school
- Feb 2: Alan/Dare gr 4 scientists in the school
- Feb 9: Gr 1 Snuggle up and read night
- Feb 14/15: gr 2 to Sibbald's Point
- 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

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Young

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 tentative date.

Ms. Acciaccaferri has asked about a Valentine's Day dance. Ms. Wray will try to confirm a volunteer DJ (parent Mike Cardy). The dance is confirmed for Feb., 13th. Volunteers include: Kamla Wray, Athena Acciaccaferri, Liat Cicchillo, Sonia LaCivita and Michelle Leblond. Here's to dancing 'til the cows come home!

Ms. Leblond indicated our movie night license expired in December. She will look into pricing for the new year.

Ms. Palmer delivered excellent news for our music room – the donation of 14 trumpets and two clarinets. Music to our ears!

Meeting adjourned: 8:02pm Approved: Ms. Leblond, Seconded: Ms. Wray.

Future Council Dates: February 8th, April 12th, May 10th / Fall Fair Planning: June 14th, 2017.