

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

7:00 pm to 8:45 pm – Library

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

Regrets: Melanie Calandra, Johanna Francis, Sarah Nichols, Kelly Wood

Meeting called to order: 7:17 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Ms. Wray, Ms. Acciaccaferri

Welcome/Introductions

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Representatives from York Region District School Board including Superintendent Paul Carew and Planning & Property Development Services Sonja Meehan and Dawn Adams were in attendance to discuss the new public school in southeast Stouffville slated to open September 2017. Approximately 49% (or 327) of Harry Bowes' students will be moving to the new school.

An information meeting for the school will be held in early 2017. Date TBA. The name of the school has yet to be announced but more information is available at YRDSB's website

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/NewSchools/Pages/default.aspx>.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Badger Bench Update (Mr. Young)**

The two Badger benches were introduced to the student population via an information assembly. They have been placed in the school field and are available for student use.

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

At the previous meeting, Ms. Carter offered to create 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. No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CONSTITUTION REVISIONS (Ms. Leblond)**

1. Ms. Leblond and Mr. Young have reviewed the current Constitution and made appropriate changes as noted and provided to all in attendance. For a copy of said changes, please visit the school website.
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/harrybowes.ps/Pages/default.aspx>
2. Any items requiring Council vote outside of meetings will now be voted on using the **Election Buddy** process.
3. Changes have been made to the Treasurer and Chair's duties and responsibilities.
4. Member attendance. This will be reviewed at a later meeting.

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

As of Nov., 9, 2016, Council's opening balance was **\$19,248.99**.

Revenue includes:

Fall Fair	\$11,406.95
Kids Kitchen	\$ 309.50
Markham Fair	\$ 45.00
Pizza	\$ 7,057.44
Total	\$18,818.89

Amounts approved (from the last meeting) and still to pay:

Scientists in the school (27 classes @\$200)	\$5,400.00
Character Committee	\$2,000.00
Character Books for Library (Mental Health & Wellness)	\$ 800.00
Win it Club (Student Recognition)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$9,200.00

Surplus as of Nov. 9, 2016	\$20,343.57
Total Amounts Payable	<u>\$ 9,200.00</u>
Remaining Surplus	\$11,143.57

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

A standard template has been created for all teacher requests. Council will maintain all records of current and future requests.

1. Mr. Alan. Two new robotic kits for Robotics Club.	\$909.65
2. Ms. Spinelli. Pebblego, an online science and social studies classroom resource.	\$395.00
3. Ms. McGuire. Classroom library books to support reading.	\$200.00
4. Mr. Travers. New games for the Badgers Den.	\$300.00
5. Ms. Coyne. Ten boards for the Chess Club.	\$200.00
6. Ms. Pye. Tide and Bounce Sheets to teach life skills.	\$ 40.00
7. Ms. Zante. Games for an Games Room for tall students.	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$2294.65
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Additional requests

1. Ms. Calandra. Drawing Club.	\$ 300.00
2. Mr. Acciaccferri. Comic Book Club.	\$ 300.00
3. Ms. Leighton. Eatrite. (Applying for grants to cover the cost.)	\$2000.00
4. Ms. Harris. Grade 8 Graduation.	<u>\$1000.00</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$3600.00
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<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$5894.65</u>
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Motion approved by Jane Alden. Seconded by Kamla Wray.

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

1. Jr. girls' volleyball started. Thanks to Ms. Grenon and Ms. Zante for leading.
2. Jr. boys' volleyball started. Thanks to Smiley for leading.
3. Int. boys' volleyball started. Thanks to Ms. Harris for leading. Their tournament is Nov. 17th.
4. Int. girls' volleyball started. Thanks to Ms. Harris for leading.
5. Halloween dance was a great success. Thanks to staff, students and parent volunteers for making it happen!
6. Community class went to Brooks Farms in October.
7. School photos done; retake day is Nov. 22.
8. Grade 6 VIP (The Values, Influences and Peers program) has started
9. Comic book club on Mondays during lunch is up and running thanks to Emidio Accicciaferri!

Coming up

- Nov. 11 assemblies: primary @ 9:10; jr/int @ 10:45
- Grade 6s to McMichael
- Grade 2s to Markham Theatre
- Boys int. volleyball Nov. 15
- Girls int. volleyball Nov. 17
- Jr/int. assembly (winits) Nov 30
- Scholastic book fair Nov 21-24
- Grade 8 info night Dec 1
- Dec. 21 kindie concert

- **FUNDRAISING PLANS (Ms. Leblond)**

QSP. Ms. Acciaccaferri confirmed we are currently at \$2300 in sales. Thank you for another successful campaign!

- **BADGER GEAR (Ms. Leblond)**

Several parents have asked about ordering Badger clothing for the 2016-17 year. Ms. Leblond has indicated pricing has increased and it may not be worthwhile to pursue orders this year due to low interest.

- **PC COLLABORATIVE UPDATE (Ms. Leblond)**

Ms. Leblond, Ms. Acciaccaferri and Mr. Young attended this event along with school council members from Glad Park P.S., Summitview P.S. and Ballantrae P.S. It was an opportunity to learn, discuss, share and gather ideas and information about other school councils.

OPEN FORUM

Movie Night

This item will be discussed in January. At this time, council would like another movie night but volunteers are needed to organize it.

Child Minders

Child minders will be secured by Mr. Young for future meetings. They will be volunteers from selected from the school population.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm Approved: Ms. Leblond, Seconded: Ms. Wray.

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