

HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28th, 2016

7:00 pm to 8:45 pm – Library

Attendance: Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Fern Grenon, Athena Acciaccaferri, Jane Alden, Kelly Beck, Micki Breckles, Sarah Carter, Patty Deluca-Zahri, Nikki Devereux, Janet Esau, Johanna Francis, Rene Jahnke, Jackaline Kowal, Sonia LaCivita, Ramona Lawrance, Michelle Leblond, Sarah Nichols, Solly Vohl, Kamla Wray

Regrets: Bhishma Balkaransingh, Melanie Calandra, Liat Cicchillo, Priya Mihevc

Meeting called to order: 7 pm

Approval of agenda: Ms. Wray, Ms. Acciaccaferri

OLD BUSINESS

- Badger Bench Update (Ms. Leblond)

The two benches have been ordered and paid for but still need to be picked up and delivered to Harry Bowes. It has yet to be confirmed where the benches will be placed in the school yard. As suggested, one may be placed in the grade one area, while the second could be placed on the pavement for use with the junior or intermediate students. Mr. Young and Ms. Palmer will confirm how they will be introduced to the student population.

NEW BUSINESS

- COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The 2016-17 School Council is as follows:

Executive Members

Chair: Michelle Leblond (Nominated by Ramona Lawrance)

Vice-Chair: Athena Acciaccaferri

Treasurer: Jane Alden (Nominated by Kamla Wray)

Secretary: Kamla Wray (Nominated by Athena Acciaccaferri)

Voting Members

Kelly Beck

Melanie Calandra – (Past Chair)

Sarah Carter

Liat Cicchillo

Janet Esau
Johanna Francis
Rene Jahnke
Sonia LaCivita
Ramona Lawrance
Sarah Nichols
Solly Vohl

***Please note. Attendance at Council meeting is mandatory. If more than two consecutive meetings are missed, your voting privileges and status as a voting member may be removed as per our Constitution.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE (Ms. Alden)

We ended the 2015-16 school year with \$19, 248. The following are some of the fundraisers that assisted with revenue: Pizza \$21, 800, QSP \$1650, Big Box \$4800, Movie Night \$672, Dance-a-thon \$1500.

Over the course of the year Council was able to support the school with: library books, classroom books, in-class online book subscriptions, Badger den games, butterfly kids, literacy and math supplies, Eatrite healthy eating program (fruits), Badger benches, school jerseys, Google Chrome notebooks, guest speakers, guest performers, Scientists in the Classroom, Dragon's Den grade 8, teaching table, urns, chef in the classroom, yoga in the school and grad trip assistance.

SCHOOL SUCCESS (Ms. Grenon)

- Kindergarten running club (Ms. Zante)
- Flag football underway with Oct. 7 tournament (Mr. Papez)
- Sept. 27 grades 4-8 Cross country school wide
- Sept. 30 Terry Fox run
- Sept. 30 community class to Markham Fair
- Oct. 5 cross country area meet
- Oct. 13/14 School bus safety
- Oct. 19/20 Cross country regional meet
- Nov. 1/2 school photos (1: K to 3) (2: 4 to 8)
- End of November girls volleyball meet

FUNDING REQUESTS (Mr. Young)

1. **Scientists in the Classroom.** Approximately \$200/class for a half day session. Would like to include all 27 classes. \$5400
2. **Character Committee.** Ms. Grenon is requesting funds for guest speakers and performers. \$2000
3. **Tumble Books.** September 2016-2017 renewal. \$300
4. **World of Julie Cook books** that help deal with life-changing events and assist with mental health and wellness. There are 55 books. Ms. Bernier. \$800
5. **Student recognition stickers** for the Certificate of Achievement program for all students. Mr. Young. \$1000

Total request: \$9500

Approved: Ms. Wray

Seconded: Ms. Lawrance, Ms. Francis

COUNCIL MEETING DATES (Ms. Leblond)

Confirmed meeting dates: November 9th, January 11th, February 8th, April 12th, May 10th
Fall Fair Planning: June 14th, 2017.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (Ms. Leblond)

Due to the success of this year's Fall Fair (approximately \$5000 profit) and our successful pizza program, Council will be downsizing the amount of fundraising activities and events for the 2016-17 year.

Ms. Carter will 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.

Confirmed 2016-17 fundraisers:

Fall Fair 2016 (September)

Markham Fair online ticket purchase (September)

Pizza lunches (ongoing)

Kids Kitchen (ongoing)

QSP Magazines – Ms. Acciaccaferri will coordinate with Ms. Alden and Ms. Esau

Halloween Dance – (October) Ms. Acciaccaferri will coordinate with Ms. LaCivita, Ms. Alden and Ms. Lawrance

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Leblond would like to look into a creation of language for proxy and electronic voting, as well as a template for funding requests. This will be discussed and updated at the November Council meeting.

Ms. Carter enquired about a second school crossing guard but that is a town decision, not a school one.

Child minders will be secured for future meetings. They will be volunteers from the school population.

Meeting adjourned: 8:33pm Approved: Ms. Francis, Seconded: Ms. Wray

**Future Council Dates: November 9th, January 11th, February 8th, April 12th, May 10th
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