

## HARRY BOWES COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Staff Room

Attendance: Steve Young, Susan Palmer, Athena Acciaccaferri, Sonia LaCivita, Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, , Liat Cicchillo, Janet Esau, Alicia Roberts, Maria C. Torres, Pam McLaughlin, Natalie Murphy, Susie Morris, Stephanie Al-Joundi

Regrets: Jane Alden, Rene Jahnke

**CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Leblond called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Added “accept minutes from last meeting” to the agenda
  - Motion to approve made by Ms. Cicchillo; seconded by Ms Acciaccaferri
  - Motion passed
- WELCOME TO ALL – Ms. Leblond
- FINANCIAL UPDATE – Ms. Leblond (for Ms. Alden)
  - There is currently a surplus of \$34,527
    - There has already been approval to spend ~\$5K for items including the Barbara Reid donation & Scientist in the school
    - Pizza Lunch earned \$2,173
    - Movie license purchased
- ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Mr. Young / Ms. Palmer
  - There was a blackout today, and it made the school realize they needed a better plan for cases emergencies like this. With the power out, there was no phone or internet access either.
  - There will be a new mandatory platform for communication next year – EdsBy; requires 2-3 days of training; it will be used for attendance and communications. Training will start in the new year.
- FUNDING PROCESS AND REQUESTS (IF ANY)\* - Mr. Young
  - Cost sharing \$6,250 is the max for the year
    - The school may wait to order some items until the spring to make sure they teachers will be using the items ordered
  - Ms. Torres: requested money for the Spanish (grade 1-8) up to 40 students - \$50
  - Ms. Bernier: requested Silverbirch reading materials: grades 3-6; 50-60 students - \$530
  - Ms. Eby: requested Tumble books for JK-Grade 5 \$239.60 on sale; there is no license for families
  - Ms. Eby: requested Level E books for Grade 1-2 FI - \$400
  - Ms. Eby: requested Razz Kids online for Grades 1-2 – Licenses are available for home - \$220
  - Mr. Young: requested class curriculum support (on behalf of all staff: a per teacher amount) (\$100 per homeroom teacher, and \$50 per non-homeroom

- teacher, \$50 for office). Receipts still have to go through Mr. Young for approval. Total of \$3000. It should be items that stay in the classroom.
  - Mr. Acciaccaferri: requested funds for the Comic Book Club - \$300
  - Mr. Young: requested specialize/flexible seating: the school has already spent \$3000; an additional \$3000 is the request; this would be for all grades and classes on an as needed basis.
  - Grand total spend of \$13,989.60
  - Motion to approve made by Ms. Acciaccaferri, seconded by Ms. Lawrance
  - 7 For; 0 Against – Motion Passed
- **SCHOOL SUCCESS – Teacher Representative**
  - Ms. Rankle Ellis will be the teacher rep starting at the next meeting
  - Several trips being planned
  - Assembly for Remembrance Day will be on Nov 10
  - There will be a play (the subject is mental health, homophobia, bullying) for grade 6-8 on November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Teacher interviews will be November 23/24th
  - There is a new group called the Healthy Schools Committee (giving out the apples and other things to promote healthy eating); lead by Mrs. Chairot
  - Ms. Leblond work with Mrs. Chairot to determine if her program will be suitable to apply for a Wal Mart local grant for healthy eating
  - Big Box of cards will be done in the spring, nothing more before the holidays
  - JungleSport - Ms. Murphy will give possible dates to Steve Young to see if anything works, as well as determine if evening and/or adult participation is an option (then we will decide by vote)
  - The Peacemakers group will be started up again this week to help keep peace at recess and lunch.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Dance: the Halloween was a success. It was asked if the school could have additional dances. The possibility of a spring dance was discussed. This will be discussed at a future meeting. We hope to get some song suggestions from students for future dances. We will discuss the possibility of setting up “group led dances” to happen at the dance to encourage more kids to dance.
- **EATRITE / WELLNESS –Ms. Cicchillo**
  - Ms. Cicchillo and Ms. Alden are working with Lisa Leighton to get this transitioned starting for the next snack at the end of November.
- **EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING**
  - Student Price Card – Ms. Acciaccaferri : 24 sold online so far
  - QSP - Ms. Acciaccaferri : \$1,286 in sales (we get about a third of this)
  - Big box of cards: there are birthday card boxes available; Ms. Acciaccaferri discussed with the company, and we do not need to send the boxes home. We will try it this way this time. \$33 for 33 cards, and the school makes \$11 per box

- Movie License – Movie Nov 15 - Ms. Leblond: we have purchased the license and the first movie night is scheduled for Nov 15 with only 1 movie being shown. Tickets are available at school cash online. Siblings outside of school can come. Volunteers are needed to have a 15:1 supervision ratio. We will see how this movie night goes before deciding on how many future movie nights to hold, but we hope to have one more before the holidays
- Badger Gear – Tshirts – Ms. Leblond : We purchased an order of shirts, and they are available on school cash online. Orders are being sent home through teachers mail box.
- Kidney Clothes Drive – Nov 16 – Ms. Leblond; it has been set up for Nov 16<sup>th</sup> . Donations need to keep it all to the side of the front hall. We will need 2 or 3 volunteers that morning to help out, and some students will also help.
- Seeds – Ms. Lodhikawala : this has been postponed to next meeting.
- Jungle Sport – Ms. Murphy / Ms. Palmer: The cost is \$4,500 for the week, and a \$500 deposit is required. Kids can go 2-3 times during the week. Ms. Murphy will look at possibilities for a date, and then an online vote will be sent out

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - Ms. Leblond:
- Ms. Cicchillo and Ms. Esau have agreed to take position.

## **□ OPEN FLOOR - All,**

- It was asked if we do any sort of electronic collection drive. We need to look into this possibility and if there is a way to make money from it as well.
- We discussed the possibility of a Clothing swap as well as a Book swap

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Esau
- Seconded: Ms. Lawrance
- Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

## **NEXT MEETING – Wed. January 10, 2018 6:30pm**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS –**

Wednesday February 7, 2018 6:30pm

NO meeting in March 2018

Wednesday April 4, 2018 6:30pm

Wednesday May 2, 2018 6:30pm