

HARRY BOWES SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: February 1st, 2023

LOCATION: HBPS School Library

	ATTENDEES:	Sonia LaCivita, Carly Lyons-rising, Ramona Lawrance, Morgan Lawrance, Jude Carroll, Brenner Lilleberg, Sarah Vezer, Stephanie Al-Joundi, Janet Esau, Pamela McLaughlin, Jana Boudreau, Athena Acciaccaferri, Priyanga Manoharan, Holly Murdoch, Nadia McKinnon, Melissa Willis, Michelle Leblond Regrets: Christine Ramdeyol
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER	TIME:	6:30pm
	BY WHOM:	Ms. Esau
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	APPROVED BY:	Ms. Acciaccaferri
	SECONDED BY:	Ms. McLaughlin
APPROVAL OF PREV. MINUTES	DATE OF PREV MINUTES	December 7th, 2022
	APPROVED BY:	Ms. Lyons-Rising
	SECONDED BY:	Ms. Lawrance
INTRO AND WELCOME	Ms. Esau	Welcome! Introduction of student ambassadors.
FINANCIAL UPDATES	Ms. Acciaccaferri	Surplus at January 31, 2023 \$33,841.01 Amounts Approved and still to pay Front display cabinet – office \$250.00 Support Staff - technology request \$510.00 Lice Check \$1,562.50 In School Presentations \$2,000.00 Scientists in the School \$6,000.00 Technology \$10,000.00 Grade 8 Grad \$1,500.00 Outdoor Equipment \$1,000.00

		<p>Early Learning Literacy \$1,500.00 Remaining Pizza Payments (round 2; 8 payments) \$6,000.00 Total Amounts Outstanding \$30,322.50</p> <p>Remaining Surplus \$3,518.51</p>
	Ms. McKinnon	Fundraising plan for 2023/2024 will be shared in May or June of 2023
STUDENT AMBASSADORS	Ms. McKinnon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the student ambassadors (a total of 9 grade 7/8 students). • The group will rotate who attends the meeting. • Ambassadors are going classroom to classroom to get suggestions for what students want. • The group meets prior to Council meetings to prepare. • They are running the cookie-gram (available for purchase on School Cash Online). • What the students are asking for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs – Ways to meet and make new friends • Drama club • Soccer teams or games – they could use mini soccer nets to loan out during recess
ADMIN LEARNING SESSION	Ms. McKinnon	<p>Engage in Black History Month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displaying the resources used for Black History Month • Sharing of books that are used • Books are available in both English and French
ADMINISTRATION UPDATE AND SCHOOL SUCCESS	Ms. McKinnon, Ms. Mudoch, Ms. Willis	<p>Sing a long in the gym for the winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Boys and Girls volleyball tournaments • Intermediate basketball for girls and boys (starting some matches after school) • Floor Hockey wrapped up - all students received ribbons and we had a huge turnout for the finals - ended in a shootout • Spirit days - Lunar new year, pj day, beach day - have a spirit team that is

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calculating the number of students participating and they get a spirit recognition • Cookie Grams for sale - raising money for grade 8 graduation • Kidney foundation clothing drive • Student ambassadors has been formed with focus on student voice • Classes are starting to access Scientists in the School • Grade 7/8 Band • Recorder Club • Junior/Intermediate Choir • Snowshoe Rentals • Great front foyer displays by Mrs. Sprigg and her team • Kinball rentals for gym <p>Professional Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are engaging in learning around: • CRRP • Early Literacy Learning • Math Network team - learning around building thinking classrooms and how to reach all students • School Improvement Planning • OCT Professionalism Training • Engaging in Dismantling Anti-Black Racism training from the board • Mental Health Network Capacity Building Session <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink shirt day • Grade 7's to Sibbalds Point in March • Graduation photos and class photos on March 7th • Spring Concert – May 3 rd ; in the evening • Cultural Assembly at the end of the month
LICE CHECK UPDATE	Ms. Esau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went smoothly

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 Kids opted out • Possibly 2-3 cases found and the parents and classrooms parents were notified
CLOTHING DRIVE UPDATE	Ms. Leblond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It went well • Most donations came in on the last day, some parents came back after drop off to bring items • We had more weight than last time • Made \$165 for 1100 lbs • The coffee in the morning was nice for both the parents and teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cost was ~\$90 • We had support from the caretakers as well. • We would like to do another coffee morning in a few months
BIG BOX OF CARDS UPDATE	Ms. LaCivita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last box of cards should here in the next week or so • They are in Canada now (on their way to the distributor) • Labels are ready to put on the boxes and send home with kids
ROUND 2 PIZZA LUNCH UPDATE	Ms. Al-Joundi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza is going very smoothly • There are always leftovers with kids away • Less people calling in this round for missing the deadline • Napkins are biggest issue; looking to buy more
IDEAS FOR NEXT SCHOOL EVENT	Ms. Esau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had put it out on Facebook to get ideas <p>Younger Kids – Movie night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: \$0.80 per kid for the license and have to still buy the DVD • Option 2: \$1.15 per kid but can stream the movie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Approved for \$600 spend on license • We would need an invoice with number of students • Good for one year from the date of purchase • T movie night, we will be charging for pizza and water only; no admittance fee • Donations to the food bank will be accepted

		<p>Older Kids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most people would like Dodge ball • Some kids would like board games • Family Bingo night was another idea • Student ambassadors can survey the classes • They will get back to us mid next week • Need parent volunteers to help • If not enough parents volunteer, then it will have to scale accordingly • Need them to do volunteer screening within the new year • Aiming for March 8th to have our first event
PARENTS ENGAGEMENT	Mr. Manoharan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to get more parent engagement • We will include more informed posts on Facebook to help increase interest • We need to help parents be more informed about what council does • Council would like to be more present at events, and admin suggested we speak at the May Concert • We will design flyers to be sent home with students • We are considering a family night even: trivia or reading night with heavy council presence • It was asked if there will there be another Fair? Fall or Spring? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We can't do inflatables so maybe a carnival type event? ○ To be discussed more
PRO GRANT	Ms. LaCivita	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I reached out to a motivational speaker; Jeff Martin (\$2000+tax is the cost) • He has topics for kids and for parents • There might be other schools interested so that we can split the cost and have it fully covered by the Pro Grant
REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION	Ms. LaCivita & Ms. Esau	<p>There are several changes we have discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove maximum on number of student reps • Removing Newsletter and add in monthly e-bulletin updates from Community Relations position

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add in a limit of 3 years for any Executive position • Number of meetings will remain at 6, and one is to be scheduled in September • Remove unanimous constraint from electronic voting and include the requirement of quorum. • Council has accepted all the revisions • Once the revisions are complete, admin will post it to the YRDSB – HBPS Website
OTHER BUSINESS	ALL	<p>Discussion of morning drop off:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is difficult to get smaller kids out, and would be helpful to have more loopers helping out. Maybe younger students in the kindie pens if needed • to take the kids from the gates to the doors • Bylaw was here giving warnings this week • Question regarding the vehicle parked near the back gates; this is to reduce the crowding near the gate itself where the caretaking staff parks
ADJOURNMENT	TIME:	8:14 P.M.
	APPROVED BY:	Ms. Esau
	SECONDED BY:	Ms. McLaughlin