

HARRY BOWES SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday February 12, 2020

Meeting 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Attendance: Michelle Leblond, Ramona Lawrance, Stephanie Al-Joundi, Athena Acciaccaferri, Natalie Murphy, Janet Esau, Pamela McLaughlin, Sonia LaCivita, Tim McFadden, Sue Palmer, Andrew Skilling, Sarah Besharah, Roslyn McQuinn, Jane Alden, Sarah Vezer

Regrets: N/A

CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 – Ms. McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Ms. McQuinn, seconded by Al-Joundi

Motion to approve minutes approved by Ms. Lawrance, seconded by Ms. Murphy

- INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO ALL – Ms. McLaughlin
- FINANCIAL UPDATE – Ms. Alden
 - ~\$19,000 surplus, with ~\$10,000 in commitments (including the Grad amount discussed below)
 - Pizza sales are ~\$580 per week

OLD BUSINESS

- BIG BOX OF CARDS – Ms. Acciaccaferri
 - We will be ordering boxes and keeping them on hand at the schools that orders can be distributed weekly
 - We will be ordering 200-300 to start. No delivery fees. Extras can be returned.
 - The boxes could be delivered as early as next week.
 - Athena will organize with Alison to get it onto school cash online
- MARCH DANCE – Ms. McLaughlin
 - This will be on hold until closer to the date due to the labour disputes.
- APRIL MOVIE NIGHT – Ms. LaCivita
 - We will hold the next movie night on April 29th; to be run by Sonia LaCivita
 - Movie to be selected
- SCHOOL DECALS – Ms. Esau
 - The new decals have been designed and are just waiting for approval
 - These are to go upstairs (money already approved for this).

NEW BUSINESS

- ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Mr. McFadden / Ms. Palmer
 - The staff would like to thank the Council for the 100 Day celebration cupcakes
 - PRO Grant approved for \$500 to be used towards the Paul Davis Cyber Security Evening
 - The turnout for the parent session was good (about 80 people)
 - We are looking to purchase soccer nets (removeable)
 - The cost is \$4,000 for 2 nets (including delivery and set up)
 - Anchors are an additional \$3,600 + HST
 - We are looking to raise money, or split the costs with council
 - We will be advertise the BBoFC fundraiser as our first fundraiser for the nets
 - Ideally would like them in time for the 2020-2021 school year
 - Grade 1 French Immersion Registration at 83 (4 classes), including 26 from HBPS (overall projection was 80); February 7 was the deadline
 - Kindergarten Year 1 Registration at 17 (projection was 44); although not all have been completed and there is no deadline
 - We are projected to be about 600 students next year
 - Baba Williams drumming workshops on Tuesday February 4 was very successful
 - We are booking him again for next year (~\$1,100)
 - We will look into an evening session where the parents come back to the school and take part
 - We should be able to apply for the PRO Grant again for this
 - Upcoming Events:
 - X-Dance Program February 24 - 28
 - Pink Shirt Day on February 26

- Glenn Marais Power of One presentation / concert for Primary and Junior / Intermediate students on Thursday March 26
 - Regional Parent Symposium is in the evening, on Wednesday April 1 (3 parents can attend)
- **FUNDING REQUESTS:**
 - No formal requests at this time
 - We would like to approve the \$1,000 for Grad Night
 - Ms. Lawrance is able to supply Autism bracelets as she did last year - \$350
 - **Total of \$1,350**
 - Motion to approve: Ms. Al-Joundi, seconded Ms. Acciaccaferri
 - Votes: 11 For; 0 Against. Motion passed.
- **MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES – Ms. Leblond**
 - We have had a parent send in a concern about safety during morning drop-off
 - We would like to hand out reminders to those driving in for drop off
 - Ms. Palmer to include something in one of the next E-Bulletins
 - Some other schools have a paid position in the morning that help with the organization in the parking lot.
 - This may work for us to have someone help with the kids crossing the parking lot entrance
 - We may want to consider this in the future
- **SPIRIT DAY THEMES – Ms. McLaughlin**
 - There was concern from a parent that the clone day is harder to organize with another student, but it was changed from prior years when it was Twin day. Many teachers arranged for a general theme for the class to follow if they wanted to. This made it much easier for all children in that class to participate. In the future, maybe we can send out this additional information in the bulletin in advance of the spirit day
- **ANNUAL FAIR/BBQ – Ms. Esau / Ms. LaCivita**
 - We can no longer have inflatables as per Board rules
 - We would need to increase the other activities
 - The Town may have games that they will run themselves
 - This would be primarily a community building, and fundraising as the secondary purpose
 - Timing would be similar to prior years (Fall)
 - We will have a subcommittee to discuss this more and present at the April meeting
- **OTHER BUSINESS – All**
 - Pink Shirt Day – Ms. Lawrance
 - There is a teacher at St. Brigid's that is making shirts for Staff members at most schools in town
 - The cost is \$20 each
 - Ms. Lawrance will send the info to Mr. McFadden
 - Autism bracelets – Ms. Lawrance
 - Ms. Lawrance is able to supply Autism bracelets as she did last year at cost of 50 cents each
 - Last year, the council paid for the them, so any donations they received went 100% to the Autism Foundation

ADJOURNMENT at 7:48pm

- Motion to adjourn by Ms. Acciaccaferri; seconded by Ms. Murphy

NEXT MEETING – April 22nd 2020 at 6:30pm