

HARRY BOWES SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday January 15, 2020
Meeting 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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

Regrets: Jane Alden

CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 – Ms. McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Ms. Acciaccaferri, seconded by Ms. Esau

Motion to approve minutes by Ms. Lawrance, seconded by Ms. Acciaccaferri

- INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO ALL – Ms. McLaughlin
- FINANCIAL UPDATE – postponed until the next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- CYBERSECURITY SPEAKER (UPDATE) – Ms. Murphy
 - Date for Wednesday, January 29th has been confirmed.
 - Advertising is being done by all schools in Stouffville
 - We will also set up a Facebook event to help promote it
 - RSVPs should be sent to the school
 - Presentation by Paul Davis.
 - Grades 4-6 in the morning (age appropriate presentation)
 - Grades 7-8 in the afternoon
 - Some child minders will be needed
- BADGER'S WEAR – Ms. Murphy
 - Looking into 3 companies currently
 - We will continue to look into them to see who we should use
 - More updates at the next meeting
 - Mr. McFadden or Ms. Palmer to provide logo for Ms. Murphy to circulate as a sample
- JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT – Ms. Esau
 - School Cash Online is set up now
 - January 22 – Toy Story 4 - 6pm – 8pm
 - Volunteers needed: Sonia, Athena, Sarah, Roslyn, Janet, Ramona
 - Water needs to be purchased (Janet)

NEW BUSINESS

- ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - Mr. McFadden / Ms. Palmer
 - Water was low on Monday, but not turned off. Friday, the school may lose water for an hour, but it is a PA Day.
 - Some key messages with respect to the One Day ETFO Strike Announcement (for Monday January 20th, 2020)
 - Student safety is always the board's first priority.
 - ETFO members across the province are in a legal strike position.
 - The board is doing everything they can to minimize the impact of labour issues on our students and their families. Unfortunately, they cannot safely keep schools open without teachers in the building. This was not a decision made lightly.
 - We recognize that this is inconvenient and difficult for all involved and will keep families up to date with all available information.
 - For immediate updates, please follow the Board's Twitter feed: @YRDSB, or for general information, visit the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

- Field Trips and before and after school clubs have been impacted by the EFTO work to rule, but interruptions have been minimal.
 - Grade 1 students had amazing Scientist in Schools day on Friday January 10
 - French Immersion Information Evening January 16
 - French Immersion Plan to remain status quo with Grades 1-3 at HBPS and Grades 4-8 at GPPS
 - French Immersion and Kindergarten Registration January 17
 - Predicted enrollment of 605 for 2020-2021
 - Movie Night January 22
 - Cookie Gram sales from January 27-30
 - Cyber Security presentations to students and parents January 29
 - Baba Williams drumming on February 5
 - Term 1 Report Cards February 12 - unsure of how this will look at this time
 - Update post meeting: please refer to the email sent from the YRDSB on Jan 22 for more information on this
 - X-Dance Program February 24 - 28
 - Pink Shirt Day on February 26
 - Grade 8 Trip to Muskoka Woods tentatively booked for May 25-27
 - Grade 6 Trip to JUMP at Laurier has been tentatively booked for June 10-12
 - February concert may need to be adjusted due to the work to rule
- FUNDING REQUESTS:
 - Mme Torres is requesting \$200 for the Craft Club
 - Ms. Grenon: Drumming presentation (all grades) for \$1000
 - Ms. Grenon: Bangra Dancers (\$400)
 - **Total of \$1,600**
 - Motion to approve: Ms. Murphy, seconded Ms. Esau
 - Votes: 10 For; 0 Against. Motion passed.
 - POSSIBLE COUNCIL EVENTS 2019-20*
 - Box of Cards – Ms. Acciaccaferri:
 - 33 greeting cards for \$33
 - The school gets back \$11 per box
 - We want to ask if the cards are different, and which box of cards it is
 - If orders in before March 15th, delivery charge is waived
 - Fresh Flowers Vandermeer Nursery – Ms. Besharah
 - Potted plants cost to customer \$11-40
 - \$3-\$7 profit per order
 - Consider the poinsettia for next year close to the holidays
 - Eco Friendly Products – Our Planet– Ms. Besharah
 - Minimum order is \$250
 - Free Shipping over \$500
 - Reusable bags; steel straws, bamboo cutlery sets
 - Purdy's – Ms. McQuinn
 - \$500 minimum order
 - 25% profit
 - No nut free option for the regular boxes
 - There is also a fundraising option, and the profit is 50% and there is a single peanut free option
 - Maybe look at Laura Secord
 - Mom's Pantry – Ms. Murphy
 - Offers different food options – cookie dough, butter spreads, croissants, seasonings
 - \$1500 minimum
 - ~37% profit
 - Only issue is storage for frozen items
 - Little Caesar's – Ms. McLaughlin
 - \$6 profit per pizza kit ordered
 - Need lots of storage space and must be distributed same day delivered
 - QSP – Ms. Acciaccaferri
 - Another option is to continue this fundraiser as we have in past years

- The most interest seems to be in the Big Box of Cards, Mom's Pantry, and poinsettias
 - We have decided to go forward with the Big Box of Cards to be ordered by mid-March
 - Ms. Acciaccaferri to contact company for sample box, order forms, etc
- Community with Heart – Ms. Leblond
 - This is a local event that collects donated items to give to those in need
 - Clothing
 - Food items
 - Diapers
 - We can do a fundraiser as a school to help with the donations
 - We could assign an item for each grade to help come up with donations
 - Michelle will reach out to Melissa Willis to see if the Leadership Student group can help out
 - We can also advertise that this event is available for those in need
- OTHER BUSINESS – All
 - Holiday Market:
 - It was a huge success, and we would like to start to collect for next year and store it in the room upstairs
 - The next school dance will be in March after X-Dance so that they can practice what they have learned
 - Suggested target specific items needed by the school for fund raisers such as soccer nets, ceiling mounted projectors, general IT equipment

ADJOURNMENT at 8:01pm

- Motion to adjourn by Ms. Al-Joundi; seconded by Ms. Acciaccaferri

NEXT MEETING – February 12th 2020 at 6:30pm