

# Harry Bowes School Council Minutes

## Monday, June 6th, 2022

### MEETING INFO:

- *Date:* Monday, June 6th, 2022
- *Time:* 6:30pm
- *Location:* Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

### ATTENDANCE:

Nadia MacKinnon - Principal	Holly Murdoch - Vice Principal	Pam McLaughlin - Chair	Athena Tzakas-Acciaccferri - Vice Chair
Sonia LaCavita - Treasurer	Maggie Fukuzawa - Secretary	Janet Esau - Community Engagement Officer	Kahdija Lookmanjee - Voting Member
Carly Lyons-Rising - Voting Member - <b>Regrets</b>	Bisma Lodhikawala - Voting Member - <b>Regrets</b>	Priyanga Manoharan - Voting Member	Ramona Lawrance - Voting Member
Melissa Willis – Teacher Rep	Michelle LeBlond	Sarah Besharah	Sarah Vezer
Roslyn McQuinn	Stephanie Al-Joundi		

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Ms. McLaughlin

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Motion to approve agenda by [Janet Esau](#), seconded by [Khadija Lookmanjee](#)

### ACCEPTANCE OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- April Meeting Meetings – Motion to approve - [Janet Esau](#), Seconded by [Ramona Lawrance](#)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – Ms. LaCivita

- Few expenses came through in April
  - 2 IT purchases (IPAD, Camera)
- Terracotta fundraiser hasn't been deposited yet
- Surplus of \$8,082.94 when everything is finalized.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Outdoor Classroom – Ms. Murdoch / Ms. McLaughlin
  - Received chalkboards a couple of weeks ago and they have already been used across all grades
  - Installed in the corner with the current stones. One on each fence.
  - Added extra bolts for the bottom since they are heavy.
  - They can be removed and stored for winter.
  - No additional requirements on our end to meet the needs to of the grants.
  - School will look to organize a picture with writing something on the chalkboard to thank Desjardins
  - Will revisit space each year and add enhancements – submitting a plan to the Board once established vision
- Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser – Ms. Besharah
  - Didn't have to use school cash online – saved admin fee
  - Cookies arrived when they should have. Easy to sort and organize. Only hiccup was they said they would send bags for distribution and forgot to send them.
  - Only one family didn't pick-up the cookies.
  - \$1035 was raised across 54 families, 207 boxes
  - The staff didn't know about it – will send communication specific to school staff for any future fundraisers
  - Special thank you: for organizing and distribution - Ms. McQuinn, Ms. Besharah, Ms. Al-Juondi and Ms. Elliott

## NEW BUSINESS

- Administrative Update – Ms. MacKinnon / Ms. Murdoch
  - Staffing Updates
    - 17 English and 9 FI classrooms
      - 1 less FI than this year – possible move to English classroom
      - Surplus year and that means HBPS can't keep all the staff.
      - Later this year, the teachers that won't be staying will be released
  - Last day of school is June 30th
    - It is an early release day and will end at 11:30AM
    - This year there is no PA at the end of the school year so teachers will use the rest of the early release day to wrap up the school year
  - EQAO
    - Started the sample tests about a month ago
    - The grade 3 finished the tests about a week ago

- There were a bunch of technical issues with the platform
    - Grade 3 FI and the Grade 6 will be done this week and next week
    - Results will be released next year
  - Exploring inclusivity and gender equity at HBPS.
    - Self esteem and how we navigate relationships
    - Responding to the needs of kids – common across all genders
    - Looking at the Dove Confident Me program - Not gender specific
    - Raised the pride flag for June Pride month but had to postpone the ceremony due to weather/logistics
- School Success
  - Lots happening in the last 2 months of school
    - Anti-Bullying Poster Contest
    - Dodgeball Tournaments (Grade 1-8)
    - Earth Day Celebrations
    - Art Gallery School Display at Lebovic Centre
    - Book Fair
    - Sustainability Talks with Mayor Lovatt - Grade 7/8
    - Restorative Justice Circles with Mr. Young - Grade 7/8
    - Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Activities
    - Star Wars Day
    - Jump Rope / Hoops for Heat - May 19th raised over \$4000
    - Staff Book Study - The Art and Science of Teach Reading
    - Matching Spirit Day - May 13
    - The Sock Game
    - Yes I can Awards - May 18 - Evan B & Aidan N
    - Craft Club with Mme. Torres
    - Track & Field (Grade 4-8) June 3rd
    - Silly Pattern Day - June 10th
    - Grade 8 Graduation - June 27th
    - Welcome to Kindergarten Night
    - Primary Play Day - June 17
    - Grades 3 & 6 EQAO
    - Grade 7/8 Basketball Tournament
    - Rubiks Cube Challenge
    - Grade 3 FI Transition Day to Glad Park - June 3rd
    - Grade 8 Trip to the ROC - June 13
    - Kindness Garden (September 2022)
    - Teen Park Advisory Committee (Megan & Aryana)
  - Random Act of Kindness - Had over 300 acts of kindness
  - Track & Field Day was a great success
    - Thank you, Mr. Wakeland, Mrs. Dare and Ms. Draper, for helping to organize the day
    - Students and parents have provided a ton of great feedback
- Fundraising Plan/Budget - 2022/2023
  - Council can’t fund any education tools (books and classes) – only support those that an enhancement to the curriculum

- See below for the table of fundraising requirements
- Plan can be modified as needs come up
- The goal is not about getting the target for fundraising but more about having a plan for the money raised and plans can be modified as needed.
- Note that all budget items as planned for the 2021/2022 school year were achieved
- Annual Staff Appreciation
  - Council is limited is what can be done using council funds compared to the past
  - Ms. Mackinnon will follow-up with some suggestions offline
- 2022-2023 Lunch Programs
  - Kids Kitchen worked out well
    - Had some initial hiccups in the beginning but that all go sorted
  - Pizza lunches have been mentioned before
    - Need to start some coordination before the school year starts.
    - Need to figure out the new normal.
    - If interested reach out to council and subcommittee will be formed
- Other Business
  - Next year council – generate ideas for community building events – with Covid limitations, usual events had to be put aside
  - Thank you to Ms. McLaughlin for all the work and running the meetings and council.
    - Tough year and everything was different and appreciate the leadership and guidance through the year.
  - Thank you to Ms. Willis for the amazing presentations and giving us some insights to the school.

Fundraising Plan/Budget - 2022/2023

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
In School Presentations / Activities	\$2,000	Education Plays (www.prologue.org)
Scientists in the School	\$6,000	\$230 per class; Starts at Kindergarten
Technology	TBD	No touch Chromebook (\$341 each) - One of the most uses items and also has a lot of wear and tear
Grade 8 Graduation	\$1,500	
Outdoor Equipment	\$1,000	Need to do an inventory of current items before the final list of what is needed can be finalized. This is a placeholder prior to the inventory.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM
- Motion to adjourn by [Ramona Lawrance](#) seconded by [Khadija Lookmanjee](#)

## **NEXT MEETING**

- Late September/ Early October 2022

## **Future Meetings**

- TBD