



HENDERSON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 7-9pm

Present: Mr. Alex Pancharovski, Lily L.O., Jessica L., Diana M., Giselle Y., Laura S., Julie P., Dorothy L., Azi S., Namdar S., Hong G., Parisa J., Shirley L.

Regrets: Sami S., Suzy B. Julie C.

Absent: None

Quorum was not met until later.

Motion to Approve January 21st, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes opened by: Lily (Chair)

Motioned by: Dorothy

Seconded by: Jessica

Chair's Report - Ms. Lily L. O.

Multi Cultural Committee Update (April 20th, 2016)

Lily (Main Contact), Dorothy (Volunteer Lead), Laura (Entertainment & Performance Lead), Azi (Country Table Lead), Giselle (Food & Beverage Lead), Parisa R. (Giveaway Lead), Shirley L. (Decoration Lead), Suzy B. (all printing requirements)

- 14 surveys returned for Multicultural Night participation
- Confirmed Country Tables: China, Taiwan, Philippines, Iran (other countries are being sought out)
- Confirmed Performances: Chinese dance
- *Performance being considered:* Greek dance, Canadian & First Nations, Henderson band, Boostan Multicultural Collective JK & Sk dance, Tae kwon do by Master Chu, Free the Children presentation, international aid and outreach program to children around the world
- Shrink card give away charms - to be made by students

- Parisa J. can't be the Decoration lead - Shirley stepped up and volunteered.

Treasurer's Report - Ms. Jessica L.

- Funds Raised (Winter term) - Sub Lunch had good results - made over \$3,350
- Funds Spent (Winter term) - Technology Cost Sharing - \$3,300
- To date we have raised over \$12,000
- Carry over from prior years \$6,200
- There is more money available to be used for outdoor improvements
- Other possible uses: technology, Score board for gym, math games, outdoor games,

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as of Feb 19

Motioned by: Namdar

Seconded by: Giselle

Principal's Report - Mr. Alex Pancharovski

- Henderson has been considered for a pilot to receive free metal umbrellas shades for JK/SK gated play area. Area being surveyed mid-April 2016, to be installed by September 2016. Maintenance costs @ \$300/year paid by School
- School buying more tricycles for JK & SK
- Applications for Math grants submitted for grades 1 2,3,4 (after school), and 5,6 (before school) targeted for at risk kids who need extra math help (determined by reviewing report cards). Will be run by paid school staff.
- Application for grant for Kindergarten Summer (JULY) program, (similar to building blocks). Literacy based.
- Conversation Club - Starting March 7th for ESL students to run at lunch time. Target group are new immigrants. Run by Big Brothers & Sister of York Region
- Big Brother and Sister - Starting April 8th. An after school recreation/mentoring program to start on Fridays for grade 3 & 4 students. Teaching social/cooperative sports/games. Limited to 20 kids.
- BMC - Discovery Dance classes for JK/SK. Mondays after school: tentatively starting March 7th.
- All other programs still continuing - no changes.
- Grade 8 end of year trip has almost 100% participation. High response has reduced costs by \$55. Now it's \$600 (+\$35 insurance).
- Grade 7 & 8 Mount St. Louis & Grade 4, 5, & 6 Snowy Valley Ski trip - March 1st. Need Volunteers.

- Term 1 report cards went out this past week.
- New enrolments - 3 new families to join Henderson in September
- Senior band performing at Marlies game on February 26th. Tickets sent home. 170 people from Henderson attending.

Out Door Improvement Committee Update

Namdar (Main Contact), Parisa R., Giselle, Monireh, Diana

- SAC Board agreed to commit some of the carryover funds from previous years to the Outdoor Committee for outdoor improvements in phases. To be used in conjunction with the TD Grant.
 - o Expansion of JK/SK gated play area, Portable chalk boards, Mount based multi-sensory boards
(Principal to confirm if Board & TD Grant approved)
- Buddy Bench (a.k.a Friendship Circle). Approved to move forward with planning
- Outdoor Classroom - Extra benches (funded by TD Grant). Approved to move forward with planning
- Free Tree stumps for outdoor classroom. (Principal to look into)

Next SAC meeting - April 7th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm