



HENDERSON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 19th 2016 @ 7-9pm

ATTENDEES: Mr. Alex Pancharovski, Ms. Aileen Matrakoukas, Lily L.O., Jessica L., Giselle Y., Laura S., Dorothy L., Azi S., Sami S., Parisa R., Golnaz K, Shirley L., Sylvia K.

REGRETS: Diana M., Julie C., Julie P.

MEMBER UPDATE:

Jane declined her membership to Parent Council due to her Wednesday evening unavailability. Sami S. became the 12th voting member, as Anita K. was not present at the meeting and did not respond to message.

Motion to Approve May, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes opened by: Lily O. (Chair)

Motioned by: Dorothy L.

Seconded by: Laura S.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve September 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes opened by: Lily O. (Chair)

Motioned by: Dorothy L.

Seconded by: Azi S.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report & Budget Planning - Ms. Jessica L.

Voluntary donations to date - \$7385.00

Net profit from Curriculum Night - \$1500

Total funds available - \$19,154.98

Total actual spending 2015-2016 - \$8,379.40

Funds to be allocated - \$10,775.58

Allocation of unspent funds for 2016-2017:

- Voted and in agreement for the following:

- Music (bass drum) - \$1222.37

- In-class conflict resolution workshop for grades 4/5/6 “peace by peace” - \$1500
- (\$250/class x 6)

- Board games - \$100-\$200

Allocation of unspent funds from 2016-2017 (last meeting):

Eatrite Fruit Program \$1400

Art Cart \$320

Mental health \$2000

Scoreboard \$1800

Kindergarten playground lines \$500

CFWD for grad 2016-2017 \$500

CFWD reserve for next year: \$1000

Alex will look into line painting (refreshing the lines) in the Kindergarten area - \$500

Alex will confirm with Ms. Ostilly on whether an ART CART is still needed - \$320

Alex will look into in-class Mental Health workshops

McGregor’s meat on hold and will revisit at a later date.

Several suggestions were provided to promote the school’s fundraising. Golnaz will initiate this task and provide recommendations.

- a) Golnaz recommended that we mention that pizza and sub lunches are part of a school fundraiser so parents understand that they are supporting the school. Provide a tax receipt. Put message on neon signs at entrance of school.
- b) Lily suggested that in the book of forms, there should be a translated page explaining this and the message should be reiterated several times (multilevel marketing).
- c) Shirley suggested that it should be mentioned at the Holiday Concert.
- d) Jessica suggested that it should be mentioned at the Halloween dance.
- e) Dorothy recommended that communication should be between the parent and child.

Plan to go ahead with purchasing the scoreboard, but it does not have to be purchased until end of year, so amount allocated can be adjusted mid year depending on how much the school raises during the 4 area tournaments that we host. Alex will update council at the February meeting with regards to the sports funds raised to date then.

Will change from buddy bench to friendship fence, with extension of the kindergarten black fence.

Library improvement - Golnaz will bring suggestions next meeting

Ventilation in library- Alex will look into this for next meeting

Will brainstorm how the extra \$1000 fund should be spent in November

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

Curriculum Night: Despite some issues, Lily thanked all volunteers that helped at the event to ensure it was a success - she pointed out that this is what makes Henderson School Council and families so special

Recommendation moving forward, the person that organizes the event should also be present. If no one's available to head it up, then cancellation of the event should be considered.

Language community representation (Farsi, German, French, Mandarin and Korean). Lily will post on the bulletin board.

Administrator Profile to be reviewed and comments forwarded to Sylvia. Would like to be completed by beginning of November. Deadline for feedback is October 28, 2016.

Halloween dance will be from 6:30 -8:30 pm. All council members will volunteer with just one shift.

Principal's Report - Mr. Alex Pancharovski

Reorganization Update: No additional staffing. Seventy to eighty students moved.
Enrolment Total - 419

EQAO Analysis: There was a dip province wide and board wide. Individualized reports got sent home. Staff will be looking at detailed reports. Data (Henderson) indicates that girls feel they are not good math learners. Trying to shift culture in this area.

Focus will be on: Math and mental health. Math network with 4 schools to build capacity amongst staff and to share best practices. Planning on doing a family math night in January/February in order to discuss math strategies at school and how to show parents how to support.

Progress Reports - November 21. Teacher/Parent Interviews - November 24 and 25

Co-curricular groups - Math and literacy for grades 7 and 8

Will look into the possibility of a primary choir

Senior Band will be performing the National Anthem at the Marlies game on November 29 (7:00 pm)

Grade 8 Trip - Ottawa/ Quebec City - February - 3 nights

Grade 7 Trip - Lake St. George - April 26, 27, and 28, 2017

Multicultural night. Will discuss whether this will occur.

Will further discuss other council activities in November

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next SAC Meeting, November 16, 2016 @ 7:00 pm