

# HENDERSON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## School Council Minutes Thursday, September 24, 2015 7:00pm

Present: Giselle Y., Diana M., Laura S., Julie P., Dorothy L., Azi S., Naghmeh T., Jessica L., Alex P., Suzy B., Julie C., Namdar S., Badri N., Babak M., Sheida K., Lily L. O., Yonkers Z., Hong G., Behdad B., Parisa R., Sami S.

Regrets:

Absent:

Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm

### **1. Approval of June minutes / Treasurer's Report**

Lily opened the minutes

Alex - "principal" is spelled wrong

Dorothy - moved to approve

Azi – second the motion

#### **Treasures report**

Laura - TD grant not utilized (puts us \$1000 ahead)

Lily offered everyone to review the finances and vote next time since this was only received a day before the meeting. Agreed.

### **2. Chair & Principal's Reports**

#### **Chair's Report**

Lily - 2015 - 2016 Parent Reach Out Grant is approved. Grant amount - \$1000

## **Principal's Report**

Alex - Enrollment members significant, 65-70 students new, 25-30 left

Current enrollment is at 399

Board approved a staff member plus more help

Tuesday new classes are determined

Grade 1-8 affected, except gifted classes (grade 6 gifted classes at cap)

JK/Sk 26 cap (can go up to 30)

Sk-1 23

2-3

3-4 23

4-6 25

6-8 27 +-5

Laura – new portables? Alex keep looking into it...Fall/early (grades 4/5 will be moving in tentatively), asked about the structure of the portables, renovated with window screens, new paint. Surrounding schools facing same issues. Woodland building not being used. Alex will consider that in the future.

New home room will be in the music room, time will be locked for music

New desks available Friday September 25

Online payment starting at Henderson soon

### **3. 2014/2015 council dissolved**

#### **4. Council Elections**

Alex – 12 positions available for 2015/2016

15 people returned nominated/self nominated forms 8 of which were present at the meeting. Vote was not required.

Cannot miss 2 consecutive meetings per year without informing the Chair in advance

Need 7 board members (quorum) for a vote to pass

#### **2015/2016 Council Members:**

Chair – Lily L. O. (Executive)

Treasure – Jessica L. (Executive)

Secretary – Diana M. (Executive)

Giselle Y., Laura S., Julie C., Dorothy L., Azi S., Namdar S., Badri N., Hong G., Sami S.

Silent Community Rep - Suzy B.

#### **5. Establish Norms for the 2015/2016 council**

Alex – time management: meeting starting on time, ending on time

Getting hold of Chair 10 days prior to Council meeting for any items that would like to be added to the next meeting agenda

Respect each member's opinion, good listening, no interruption

Laura – suggested that every member should have a say (open discussion explaining their position, using a “talking stick”) before a vote is made

Lily - to send out the Constitution to new members

## **6. Future Council meetings (7:00 to 9:00 pm)**

Monday - October 26, 2015 7-9pm

Thursday - November 26, 2015

Thursday - January 21, 2016

Thursday - February 25, 2016

Thursday - April 7, 2016

Thursday - May 19, 2016

Thursday - June 16, 2016

## **7. Council Activities**

Picture Day – October 26

### **Movie Night – January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Children watch movies in gym with PJ's

Pre-purchased tickets

Looking for volunteers

### **Parent Reach out program (PRO)**

Granted by ministry for Multicultural Night – April 20<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

Last year, we had performances, drummers, tai chi, Indian dance, food stands, art culture, origami, kids activities at cultural stands, flag guessing, passport and collect flag stickers, students made friendship bracelets. Free event. Great turn out with multi-generational participation

Alex – human resource facilitator offered by the ministry of education board to assist with this event

**Spring Fling & Stargazing Night – May 26<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)**

BBQ, carnival (?),

**McGregor Fundraiser (ON HOLD)**

Meat company frozen orders, also used during the Spring Fling BBQ,

**OSP (ON HOLD)**

**Teachers Appreciation (ON HOLD)**

- date to be determined at the next meeting

**8. Graduation 2016 - June 23, 2016**

Grade 7 parents to pay it forward and help out with grade 8 graduation

Shagri La (Bodmond Room)

Laura moved the motion

All in favor - \$500 deposit passed

**9. Halloween Event (Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Lily – has spoken to DJ Dave and he's only available on Wednesday October 28th

Dorothy not available – will let Lily know if she's available

## **10. Outdoor refurbishment**

Alex – to build a second outdoor classroom on the other side of the field, contract was board approved, but eventually the price was not agreed upon since the building materials was altered per the board. TD grant approved, but project is at a standstill at this time. To be determined.....

Namdar suggested whether it would be a possibility to explore replacing the current gravel with wood chips/board for the playground

Funding and the current outdoor budget may now be discussed to be used for playground... to be explored.

Alex and Namdar to explore options on how to pursue the TD grant for the playground.

Namdar will be looking after the Outdoor Improvement projects moving forward

## **11. Language Representatives**

Lily / Alex - Would like one person of each culture from Council to offer guidance and language interpreting services to new families to Henderson.

**Council meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.**