

Stonehaven Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Character Matters in our School and Community

Monday, April 9, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Susan Wansbrough (VP)	Shameela Shakeel (Chair)	Cathy Miles (Vice Chair)	Aliya Syed (Secretary)
Roni Silbershatz	Celine Morrow	Julie Brenner-King	Karin Larkan-Hill
Evelyn Morgan	Bella Palombo (Teacher)		

Regrets: Paul Oabel (Principal), Kara Bilo (Treasurer), Michelle DeBoer

Principal and Vice-Principal's Report:

- **Modern learning in classrooms and Hub** – All grades constantly using the Hub, with students continuing to use Ozbots and engaging in STEM activities; math professional development coming up, along with the continuation of music and sports programs.
- **New Staff Member** – Please welcome Rick Friend, Lead Care Taker.
- **The month of April** – Kindergarten Spring Concert on 10th & 11th, Anti-Bullying Day on 11th (all grades wear pink), Jump Rope for Heart kick-off assembly on 11th, Jersey Day on 12th (all grades pay tribute to Humboldt Broncos).
- **Buddy Benches** – Plan to have kick-off assembly in either April or May; *Kill it with Kindness* have been contacted to possibly present at the assembly to create excitement about the buddy benches
- **Tea & Chat** – Rescheduled to May 2nd to accommodate Triple P Parenting guest speaker's schedule

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of April 6, 2018 - \$6,379.12
- Actual balance with previous allocations/expenditures - \$5,379.12

MOTION – “I motion the approval of the Treasurer's Report”

~ Motion made by Karin Larkan-Hill, seconded by Celine Morrow, all in favour.

Speaker Series for Parents:

- April 17, 2018 – Best Selling Author/Speaker, Barbara Coloroso with topic of Teaching Kids to Think and Act Ethically
 - Last speaker in series for the school year
 - Babysitting is available for school-aged children
 - Please follow Newmarket Parent Network on Facebook and/or Twitter
 - Feel free to email Shameela at chair@stonehavencouncil.com if you have suggestions for Speaker Series topics for next year

- All School Council Chair members from 8 Pro Grant schools within Newmarket will attend workshop with Barbara Coloroso.
- Newmarket Pro Grant schools interested in coming together and jointly holding Speaker Series events for next school year.

MOTION – “I motion for Stonehaven ES to be part of a group application for PRO Grants for 2018 – 2019”

~ Motion made by Shameela Shakeel, seconded by Cathy Miles, all in favour.

Discussion/Updates:

- **Evolve Skateboarding** – Scheduled for outside on tarmac, May 14 -16 for students in grades 1 - 3. Kids will use scooters and wobble boards; parents to sign waiver and can watch video on website www.evolvekateboarding.com to see demonstrations of activity and safety
- **Purdy’s Chocolate Fundraiser** – Earned \$2,016.97, which will go towards purchasing new furniture for Hub. Gift cards were given to the top 5 students who raised the most money. Some gift cards will be used to purchase raffle items for the Cake Walk.
- **ETFO Symposium** – Topic was Violence in Schools, and was attended by School Council Chair Shameela Shakeel. Some learning’s to share:
 - 2016 – 2017 had biggest jump in reported school violence incidences within YRDSB (in the form of threats and physical violence)
 - Increase in school evacuations within YRDSB
 - Increase in claims for Long Term Disability for teachers within YRDSB, with 47% related to mental stress
- **Violence** – All teachers should be trained to handle lockdown situations, including supply teachers. School will continue to have discussions with students and parents; however, not all information can be shared in specific incidences, due to privacy reasons.
- **Character Room** – a new strategy implemented to assist with conflict resolution; in a situation where students do not get along, they will be sent to the character room, where they will fill out a *reflection sheet* to reflect on their actions. Next steps and/or consequences will be on this form and parents will have to sign. Benefits to this: reminds students to think from the others’ perspectives, students will have to be open and talk to their parents about the incident, parents can feel comfortable to call the school and all can work together at resolving situations.
- **Regional Parent Symposium** – 3 parents along with Principal and Vice Principal attended this annual event; the symposium focused on parent engagement and featured a variety of workshops. The theme for the event was Leadership, Innovation, and Equity to Promote Student Success and Well-being.
- **Nature Backpacks** – Newmarket public Library now has Nature Backpacks for loan, to encourage kids and families to explore the outdoors and nature. Each backpack contains specific resources and tools such as maps, magnifying glass, etc. Cathy Miles to work with school staff and other parents to see if this can be implemented at our school.
- **Cake Walk & Artisan Market** – Taking place on April 25th in the school gym. Forms have gone out to ask for cake donations and volunteers. Everyone is excited for another fun and successful event!

- **Wellness Day** – Taking place on May 4th for students in grades 1 – 8. Students will take part in a morning assembly, followed by 3 health/wellness workshops led by teachers and community members. Students will be advised which workshops they are attending a few days before, and Kindergarten kids will take part in a Zumba lesson at morning recess.
- **Spring Flowers & Plants Fundraiser** – Will take place April through May. Order forms have gone out and were in colour print this year. Volunteers will be needed to accept flowers from delivery truck, and to set up the orders for pickup by school families.

MOTION – “I motion for the funds raised through the Spring Flowers & Plants Fundraiser to go towards the Learning Hub”

~ Motion made by Cathy Miles, seconded by Shameela Shakeel, all in favour.

- **Jersey Day** – As some students may not have a jersey to wear, some teachers and students are collecting or making them in classrooms. Shameela will send an email blast to ask parents to donate old jerseys that they may no longer use. These will be distributed through the school office.
- **Spirit Wear** – Possibly doing a print run of spirit wear. This will give students the opportunity to wear school shirts on special days like anti-bullying (for example), or on field trips; suggested that each grade have their own colour t-shirt that they wear every Friday – kids get very excited with this and can increase sales of spirit wear.

Fund Allocations:

MOTION – “I motion for School Council to allocate \$1,500 towards Angel Fund, \$500 towards Grade 8 Graduation Party, and \$150 of No Frills gift cards to Staff Appreciation Luncheon.”

~ Motion made by Shameela Shakeel, seconded by Karin Larkan-Hill, all in favour.

Reminder of last School Council meeting date: **May 7, 2018.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm