

# WHITCHURCH HIGHLANDS P.S.

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## **Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### **Present :**

**Council Members:** Marni Collier, Brad Whittick, Mary Zizakovic, Robert Carter, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Jane Vivian, Therese Harris

**Regrets:** Jennifer Worden, Sheila Savage, Marlene Foran, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau

**Non-Council Attendees:** Lorelea Carruthers, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Cathlin Hennze, Krishanthan Thurairajah

### **Lorelea Carruthers – School Trustee**

- Overview of responsibilities for East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch Stouffville
- Discussed EQAO results and Board strategies for improvement
- Discussed some best practices that have been implemented around the world
- Developmental programs and specialty programs - IB (International Baccalaureate)

**Approval of September minutes:** Approved by Robert Carter and seconded by Jane Vivian

### **Treasurers' Report – Robert Carter**

- Balance in account - \$10,000
- Outstanding payments from last year - \$3,000 (bussing for school trips)
- Invest in Ed to-date \$5385

### **Report – Marni Collier**

- Staffing – Ms. Dunn for Ms. Lam in 2/3 class
- Final reorganization – in grades 1,2,3,and 4
- Building – kindergarten staff are looking at ways to improve the kindergarten yard to be “greener”; investigating grant options; will contact Plant Services once we have a tentative plan; looking for parents to be on this committee
- Awards poster for past graduates – new tradition

### **Students**

- Terry Fox – raised over \$800
- Mathletes was a great success – great turnout in the evening; costs were covered by PRO grant of \$1000 from Ministry
- Junglesport is booked for December 2 – 5; there will be a cost for students for the 4-day program (\$12)
- Cross Country – Junior boys won Area, 15 students went to Regionals
- Teams starting – girls and boys volleyball
- Music – band is up and running
- Scientists in the School – Marlene arranging for each class to have a Scientist this year
- Book Fair – very successful
- Forest of Reading (Mrs. Sabo) – plans underway
- Bus Safety – October 20
- Grade 7-8 going to Cirque du Soleil Oct 23 – doing a circus unit in French
- Grade 4 and 4/5 going to Scanlon for outdoor education programme
- Lockdown #1 completed, 2 Fire drills completed (one more in the Fall)

- School to be used as Elections Polling Centre – October 27<sup>th</sup> – PA day so no concerns about students
- Halloween parade Oct 31 @ 2:15
- Holiday Concert – December 11<sup>th</sup> – “holiday” or “variety”??? - everyone agreed with holiday theme
- EQAO results in math down across the province; small sample in our school with 2 exemptions brings down our overall score; new curriculum of inquiry based learning is challenging for some students that are used to more “rote” style learning; staff continuing to focus on Math this year as part of our school planning

### **Halloween dance / silent auction - October 30<sup>th</sup> – Jane Vivian**

- 70 people confirmed to date
- Quite a few donations have come in already for the silent auction
- Photo booth at the dance
- Any big ticket Halloween decorations or inflatables would be greatly appreciated
- DJ's for the evening will be Rod Boudreau and Paul Ovcacik
- Pumpkins – still looking for pumpkins to be donated, teachers can use them in the class the following day for Halloween
- Deadline to donate for the silent auction is Tues October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 7 and 8 bake sale at the dance

### **2014-2015 – Council Elections**The following Council Members will hold the positions for the 2013/14 school year:

- Chair: Brad Whittick
- Vice / Co-Chair: TBA
- Treasurer: Robert Carter
- Secretary: Mary Zizakovic
- Healthy Schools: Mary Zizakovic
- Parent Engagement: Jane Vivian
- Fundraising: TBA
- Community Representative: Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis
- Teacher Representative: Marlene Foran
- Executive Members:
  - Tania Boudreau
  - Therese Harris
  - Jennifer Worden
  - Lorie Schoenrock
  - Cathlin Hennze
  - Jackie Steinmiller

### **Other Business**

- Display cabinets (showcases) – assigned to different classes every month
- Extra-curricular activities – status quo
- Ski nights – Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Future meeting dates**

- November 20
- January 29/15 (changed due to Primary show on January 22)
- February 26
- April 16
- May 14
- June 18

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm