



Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

April 26th, 2016

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Mary Zizakovic, Robert Carter, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau, Cathlin Hennze, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Marlene Foran, Jackie Steinmiller

Regrets: Lorie Schoenrock, Jane Vivian

Non-Council Attendees: Jennifer Van Nostrand

Approval of March minutes: Approved by Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau and seconded by Therese Harris on March 30th via email

Approval of April agenda: Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Robert Carter

Treasurers' Report – Rob Carter

- \$18,204 in account
- Lakeridge skiing payment - still outstanding to clear; approx. \$4,000

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Staffing – kindergarten numbers are up slightly for next year; surpassed original projection of 15; currently at 17 for new registrations
- Original projection was 237 students; 243 registered to date
- Surplus of 2 teachers – Mrs. Lam will be moving to Wendat Village PS and Mrs. Fung will move to Holland Landing PS
- Mr Storie will be working in ME classroom (Community Class) – alternating days between WHPS and Glad Park
- Alison Hoyle has been hired for the new autism class
- Mrs. Cooper – last day is Friday Apr 29th; everyone invited to attend the assembly at 2:15 pm on Friday
- Michelle Ho Tom – hired to replace Mrs. Cooper as the new EOAA
- EQAO scheduled for May 24th - June 2nd
- Installation of new 6” slide – approx. \$2,000
- Goal posts – board will no longer reinstall goal posts on elementary fields; if posts are pulled, there is nothing to replace them with; Brad to recheck with Health and Safety – can we provide something where we can wrap them
- Invest in Ed raised \$7,010 – (\$5,080 were online donations and the balance were cheques); between 50-55 family donations
- Raccoons on school property; message to students – stay away and get an adult

Health Curriculum Review – Brad Derry

- Review of 2016 health and physical education curriculum
- Letters to parents to come home in May re: the new curriculum and accommodation request forms (faith based)
- Schools will not accept blanket request letters
- Parents will be asked to speak to their child's teacher
- Parents will be informed if an accommodation cannot be granted
- Should not violate the human rights code

List of resources are available on the ministry website -

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>

MINISTRY RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

A Provincial Parent's Guide to the Revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1-12 as well as Grade by Grade Overviews

A Provincial Parent's Guide: Human Development and Sexual Health in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, Grades 1-6 and 7-12

Quick Facts for Parents:

Learning about Healthy Relationships and Consent,

Learning about Online Safety, including Risks of Sexting, Learning about Mental Health,

Learning about Concussions,

Learning about Staying Safe,

Learning about Active Participation

Teacher's Report – Marlene Foran

- Junglesport - March 29th
- Wesley King (Author) - April 8th
- Emil Sher (Author) - April 20th
- Junior Girls Basketball
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- Author Visit - Sandra Bradley - Wednesday April 27th
- PA Day - Friday May 6th
- Area Badminton tournament - Monday May 9th
- Spring Concert - Wednesday May 11th
- Jump Rope for Heart - Thursday May 12th
- Wide Awake at WHPS - May 13th (Grades 6, 7, and 8)
- Yellow Brick House – May 24th and June 7th (empowerment of girls with grades 7 and 8)
- Track and Field at WHPS - Tuesday May 31st
- Area Track and Field - June 15th (Grades 4-6)
- Area Track and Field - June 16th (Grades 7 and 8)
- Grade 8 graduation - June 27th
- Alexander Mackenzie High School – April 27th - History and drama presentations
- Badminton has begun

Community Engagement – presented by Therese Harris in Jane’s absence

- Knex club has been up and running with Angie and Kim
- Markham Fair club will start up once art categories for 2016 are listed
- April movie night – low attendance (20 families)
- Next community event needs to be more active

Spring Fair - Amanda Van Veen Pirie

- Fun fair scheduled for June 2nd starting at 5 pm and running till 8
- Fair committee – Amanda, Jane, Mel and Tammy
- M&M Meat Shops providing the food – hamburgers and hot dogs; approx. \$400 (food to be paid for ahead of time)
- Lots of volunteers will be needed; high school students who need volunteer hours; grade 8's can help with face painting
- Music – outdoor speakers

Activities

- Rented obstacle bouncy inflatable with slide
- Junior jumpy castle
- Cotton candy machine
- Duct tape to the wall
- Hair colouring
- Face painting
- Jars filled with candy – guessing game
- Brainteasers
- Darts with balloons
- Photo booth
- Fish pond
- Pony rides - ?
- Police officer / Firefighter - ?

New Business

- Parent Symposium – attended by Brad, Tania, Amanda and Jane - topics included resiliency, mental health, substance abuse and vaping; hoping to bring public health nurse in next year to discuss with the students
- Tania attended a session on resiliency and mental health. A lot of funding is being put towards this area but unfortunately the waitlist is long because the resources are not there
- Jane attended a session on mathematics – link to resources – goo.gl/cqBEYq
- Lunch food options to be discussed at next meeting – Brad and Mary to discuss possibly doing a school survey
- Brief discussion on families and poverty – need for further supports/consistency possibly at Board level to support these families/students in anonymous ways
- Motion – Council moved forward to approve \$2000 for a new slide. This motion was approved unanimously
- Motion – Council moved forward to approve \$1000 for the grade 8 graduation. This motion was approved unanimously

Important dates for 2016

Council dates

✓ May 26th

✓ June 16th

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm