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Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

November 19, 2015

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Robert Carter, Mary Zizakovic, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau, Cathlin Hennze, Jackie Steinmiller, Jane Vivian, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Carolyn Butterworth

Regrets: Therese Harris, Marlene Foran, Lorie Schoenrock,

Non-Council Attendees: None

Approval of October minutes: Approved by Jane Vivian and seconded by Cathlin Hennze

Approval of November agenda: Approved by Mary Zizakovic and seconded by Amanda Van Veen Pirie

Treasurers' Report – Robert Carter

- \$13,259 in school account
- \$4,000 is earmarked for the long jump pit that was approved June 2015
- Silent auction raised \$4,019 from door fees and bracelets sold

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Latest update on the labour front – moving forward, business as usual, all extra-curriculars have restarted
- Volleyball girls team has really improved, played against Clearmeadow
- Resumption of field trips
 - ✓ VORC trips were already booked from last year - grade 2 classes went Nov 19th, the grade 4 classes will go on Nov 20th and the grade 7's will go on Nov 23rd
- Overnight trips
 - ✓ Grade 8's going to Quebec City Feb 2-5
 - ✓ Grade 7's going to Camp Mini-Yo-We at the end of February
- PA day and progress reports
 - ✓ November PA day was typically set for parent / teacher interviews
 - ✓ This year, if your child's teachers has any concerns about his/her progress, the parent will be contacted for a meeting
 - ✓ If the parent does not receive a meeting request but would still like to meet with the teacher in regards to progress, they should contact the teacher
 - ✓ Teachers who teach rotary (grade 6-8) will reserve their time for homeroom students
 - ✓ Letter went out to parents

- Pay For Services – Brad contacted Karate Kids but unfortunately they are booked for this year. We are currently on a waiting list for next year
- Brad to look into Drama club for the primaries in the early part of next year
- Jungle sport has been booked for end of March or first part of April
- School council forum – Cathlin and Lorie will be attending with Brad
- Homework Policy and Dress Code Policy to be reviewed at a council meeting in the New Year

Teacher’s Report – Carolyn Butterworth (in place of Marlene Foran)

- Grade 5’s travelling to Safety Village on Feb 10
- Grade 4’s travelling to the ROM on Dec 8
- Volleyball – intermediate boys area tournament on Nov 24th, the girls team is scheduled on Nov 25th
- Co-ed volleyball for grades 4-6 starting right after the intermediates are done their season
- Holiday Concert – Wed Dec 16th
- Book Fair – Nov 23rd – 27th
- Grade 8’s
 - ✓ Cyber safety course on password protection, identity theft and online bullying through the York Centre
 - ✓ York Centre will be coming back to run a program called “Making a difference” for the grade 5’s
- Anti-bullying week –students are asked to wear blue on Nov 20th

Teacher Requests/ Wish List

Scientists in Schools 12 workshops at \$194.00	\$2328
Forest of Reading Books	\$400
Author Bookings	\$1500
Brainpop ESL	\$130
Kindergarten Wish List	\$507
Help Kids Learn Website	\$107
Games to support language and math in Junior SSC	\$200
Long Jump Pit	\$4000
Library Space	\$350
Technology Cost Share	\$2750
Music Program (outstanding balance)	\$1000

✓ **Motion – Council moved to approve \$13,272. This motion was approved unanimously**

The following items will be put on hold for now:

JungleSport	\$4000
Graduation (Jane V. and Jen V to spearhead additional fundraising)	\$1000
Supporting a Quebec Trip (\$750 per student – 24 students)	\$750
GemlIni.com Non-verbal kids to pair words (monthly fee)	\$99
Bus per class for trips \$250-\$300 for 8 classes	\$2000 - \$2400

Community Engagement Report – Jane Vivian

- Great night at Halloween Dance / Silent Auction - thanks to everyone who was there and helped out
- Volunteer meeting – Amanda Van Veen Pirie will take on the yearbook challenge
- KNEX club and Craft Club will start up in the Spring
- Facebook page – approximately 40 members – a big thanks to Jackie for taking on the administrator's role
- Parent Directory is now complete and online
- Holiday Concert – Council member to collect additional parent information for family directory

Update on Holiday Gift Shop – December 15 – Noula

- Set up scheduled for after school on Dec 14th
- Wrapping days are scheduled for Dec 1st and Dec 8th pending how much wrapping is left
- Shopping is almost done (thanks Noula)!!
- Noula to send out email asking for parent volunteers for wrapping days as well as gift shop day; hard copy to go out as well; opting out form will be included

Update on Turkey Luncheon – December 18

- All is under control – Jen Worden and Angie Whittick
- \$5.00 for turkey lunch

New Business

- Babysitting Fundraiser (Thurs Dec 10th) - raise money for grade 8 grad; cost is \$20 for the first child and \$5 for each additional sibling; 6-9:30 pm –snacks and juice to be provided, movie time
- Spring Carnival – to raise money for the Kindergarten pen
- Feedback from a parent in the community - would like to see the new Chair to send out an introductory email to all parents (Council Corner in newsletter)
- Skating – will it ever come back? Not sure but the grade 3 teachers are looking into a swim program
- Primary choir – Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Jull

Important dates for 2015/2016

Council dates

- ✓ Jan 28th
- ✓ Mar 3rd
- ✓ Apr 28th
- ✓ May 26th
- ✓ June 16th

Gift shop – Dec 15th

Turkey Lunch - Dec 18th

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm