

# WHITCHURCH HIGHLANDS P.S.

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

**October 15, 2015**

### **Present:**

**Council Members:** Brad Derry, Marlene Foran, Brad Whittick, Robert Carter, Mary Zizakovic, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau, Lorie Schoenrock, Cathlin Hennze, Jackie Steinmiller, Jane Vivian, Therese Harris

**Regrets:** Jen Worden

**Non-Council Attendees:** Radhika Natgunarajah, Amanda Van Veen Pirie

**Approval of September minutes:** Approved by Robert Carter and seconded by Mary Zizakovic

**Approval of October agenda:** Approved by Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau and seconded by Cathlin Hennze

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

- \$10,100 in school council account
- \$3,000 in sales (Extreme Pita orders)
- Markham fair – 30 - 1 day passes sold bringing in \$150
- Long jump pit still on the table – we will start getting quotes in April; \$4,000 set aside for the pit

### **Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

- Update on labour issues
  - Letter from Director of Education sent out to parents regarding CUPE sanctions
  - Support staff is on phase 2 of sanctions
  - Day to day operations remain unchanged; most changes do not impact the students
  - Safety is top priority
  - Caretakers are still cleaning classrooms but not hallways
  - No volunteer (anything extra) work for CUPE workers
  - Teachers are on phase 3 - Wynne Wednesdays continue; phase 4 is on hold for now
- Extracurricular activities — ECO Wolves, girls/boys volleyball team, Leadership team, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Recorder club
- There's a need for more clubs within the Primary and Junior groups
  - A few ideas are: KNEX club, Craft club, Yearbook club, Karate Kids (10 week program with an outside service provider), Drama club
- All volunteers are required to complete a vulnerable sector screening
  - A letter from the school will discount the cost to \$30
  - With volleyball games coming up, any parent volunteering to drive the kids to and from games, should have the screening
  - Declaration forms to be picked up from Rita
- Principal profile – completed by Council last year in the Spring; Cathlin to email to Brad

- Landscaping was here about a week ago and put up more out of bound signs
- Family Directory (WH Community)
  - Forms requesting contact information cannot come from school and cannot in any way be connected to the school
  - Set up a table at the Halloween dance to collect contacts for the directory
  - Potential for lost directories; link to the FB page for parents to download the directory
  - FB – posting of pictures of students is forbidden without the permission of parents

### **Teacher's Report – Marlene Foran**

- Cross country was very successful – 15 students qualified to move on to Regionals
- All teachers have signed up for another year of Scientist in the School – Total cost will be \$2400
- Author visits will also be booked for this year for all classes to participate
- Teacher wish list – Marlene to compile a list with costs and bring to the next meeting
- Netbooks – problem with the batteries
- Chrome books is in the next wave of technology – Marlene to get more information
- Technology cost sharing program – on hold for now due to CUPE job action

### **2014-2015 – Council Elections**

The following Council Members will hold the positions for the 2015/16 school year:

Chair – Therese Harris  
 Co-Chair – Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau  
 Treasurer – Robert Carter  
 Secretary – Mary Zizakovic / Amanda Van Veen Pirie  
 Teacher Representative – Marlene Foran  
 Fundraising- TBD  
 Healthy Schools – Jackie Steinmiller  
 Parent Engagement – Jane Vivian  
 Community Representative – Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis  
 Cathlin Hennze  
 Lorie Schoenrock

### **Halloween Dance & Silent Auction Updates**

- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - link to RSVP on the invitation
- Silent auction- technology, gift cards, protein drinks, local businesses
- Event will be low key this year; Spring Fling or Carnival will be our big event of the year
- No DJ this year, music to be set up on a play list; Marlene to recruit Hayden K. for volunteer hours
- High school students looking for volunteer hours are welcome
- Online bidding this year – Jackie to set up an online auction page in addition to the clipboards that will be at the school – online auction will run until 6 pm and 8:30 pm on the clipboards at the school
- Lori to donate pumpkins to the school to be decorated

- Any Halloween decorations that can be borrowed for the evening will be welcome
- Jane to send out an email with all the volunteer jobs
- Cash float for school council that will stay in the office
- Bake sale for the grade 7 and 8 classes to raise some money for their trips

### **Important dates for 2015/2016**

#### Council dates

- ✓ Nov 19<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Jan 28<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ✓ Apr 28<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ May 26<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ June 16<sup>th</sup>

Gift shop – Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

Turkey Lunch - Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm