



**Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Present:**

**Council Members:** Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Mary Zizakovic, John Storie, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Jane Vivian, Robert Carter, Jen Worden, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

**Regrets:**

**Non-Council Attendees:** Sara Abdulla

**Approval of November minutes:** Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Lorie Schoenrock

**Approval of January agenda:** Approved by Mary Zizakovic and seconded by Jen Worden

**Treasurer's Report – Robert Carter**

- Approx. \$13,805.67 in school account (includes the \$2000 reserve for the playground)
- Cheques outstanding to be paid – remaining Mr. Greek orders for this term, transportation for 2 remaining ski nights, Lice squad, awning, Scientist in the School
- Approx. \$5,000 remaining once all outstanding payments have been made

**Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

- Update on the Cost Share Program
  - ✓ \$4100 to purchase 25 Chrome books, iRovers, carts and some peripheral pieces
  - ✓ Chrome books cost had been reduced and we were able to purchase 32 instead of 25
  - ✓ We were also able to get 4 more Chrome books for a total of 36 with some other school funds
- Application for 2 grants
  - ✓ Metro Green Apple grant - \$1000 – being used to subsidize the breakfast program, fresh fruit and Big Crunch; Sara Abdulla volunteered to purchase fresh fruit for each week
  - ✓ Grade 8 Peer Mediator group has applied for a Ministry grant – if approved, \$2500 will be used for the leadership team to be trained
  - ✓ PRO (Parents Reaching Out grant) – Noula and Jen to work with Brad to submit the application before the May deadline
- Staffing Updates
  - ✓ Vacancy in the ASD class to replace Mr. Scott
  - ✓ Melanie Dexter – new to the kindergarten room
  - ✓ Ms. Ko - new to Ms. Jull's class
- Large group of grade 8's graduating this year – 35 students
- Junglesport – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Aussie X – trial run this year for grades 5 – 8 (no charge to the parents)
- EQAO – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>

- SafePlay report
  - ✓ highlights some of the deficiencies in the playground
  - ✓ there are 2 parts of the playground that need to be fixed – one of the steps as well as one of the slides
- Review the Principal Profile – Council to discuss at the next meeting
- Review of the School dress code policy – Council to discuss at the next meeting

### **Teacher's Report – John Stories**

- All classes have had an opportunity to use the snow shoes brought in by Mrs. Meyers
- Chinese New Year's celebrations scheduled for Fri Jan 27<sup>th</sup> - every class participated in creating a box for the dragon
- Grade 8 Quebec Trip scheduled for Feb 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 7 trip to Camp Mini-Yo-We - scheduled for Feb 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>
- Basketball season – cut short this year for the boys (game cancelled due to snow day; tournament scheduled the week grade 7's are away at camp)
- Ms. Derry has quite a few new resources for the students in the library
- Girls basketball is running
- Girls/Boys Volleyball tournament was on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – lots of fun and everyone had a chance to play
- \* New - Signing Club (run by Mrs. Mitchell)
- \* New - Shakespeare Club (run by Mrs. Mitchell)
- \* New - Yo-yo Club (run by the grade 5 boys and supervised by Ms. Blair)

### **Spring Fair – Amanda**

- Planned for Thurs June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5 PM
- Next day is a PA Day
- BBQ
- \$10 per wristband per child; no charge for adults
- Planned activities include inflatables, rummage sale, pony rides, zorb balls – maybe?
- Big ticket raffle – Jen to provide hotel voucher and Rob will get Blue Jays tickets
- Ideas for Mr. Derry (sumo suit)
- All in agreement to no class baskets; busy time of year for teachers

### **Spending Current Funds - ALL**

**Motion – Council moved to approve \$2500 for the following 3 items. This motion was approved unanimously.**

- ✓ Lice checks (3 for the year) - \$1000
- ✓ Grade 8 graduation - \$1000
- ✓ Forest of Reading - \$500

### **The following spending items to be put on hold:**

- ✓ Water bottle filling station – \$2800
- ✓ Storage and cleaning of the kindergarten awnings - \$400
- ✓ Author Visits - \$1500

**The following 2 items to be removed from the list:**

- ✓ Busses for class trips – \$250 x 11
- ✓ Teacher release dates – \$250 p/day for 6 days

**New Business**

- Anyone is free to research available grants and report back to Council

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Council Meeting: Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 PM