



**Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Present Council Members:** Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Jackie Steinmiller, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Lorraine Sabo, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Sara Abdulla, Jane Vivian, Ellen Cleverdan

**Regrets:** Mel Holmes, Robert Carter, Anna Trokova

**Non-Council Attendees:** NA

**Approval of November minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Angie Whittick; Seconded Jackie Steinmiller; motion approved

**Approval of January agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Therese Harris; Seconded by Ellen Cleverdan; motion approved

**Treasurer's Report – Lorie Schoenrock**

- Current account balance of \$8914.48 which includes \$5967.80 from Invest in Ed, allocation of \$2K for playground maintenance and \$1628.20 for Mr. Greek; leaves \$5286.28
- Pre-approved funds of \$4364 for Technology match, Scientists in the School and Lice checks; \$1874.08 has come out, approximately \$2500 remaining to clear
- Balance of \$2796.36, with approximately \$1600 from Invest in Ed to spend

**Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

- Staffing:
  - In December, Mr Bill Grove (caretaker) retired; new caretaker John Pelletier started
  - Kindergarten registration has begun but is slow; projecting 23 for kindies for September 2018
  - Currently have 251 students, projected 253
  - 26 grade 8s graduating this year
  - May also lose some in grade 1 to French Immersion, and grade 3 to gifted program
- School improvement planning
  - Math is a prime area of focus; units in transformational geometry for all grades 1-8 are being implemented
  - Grade 1 – Mrs G and Mrs Derry working on an inquiry project on play based learning
  - Grad 7s and 8s – Mr Thorne and Mrs Butterworth working on an inquiry project around transitions/pathways to high school, to ease the process; will likely focus on grade 5-8
  - Turkey lunch and gift shop – great events in December; slight profit from gift shop; small deficit from Turkey Lunch; 213 paid, recouped \$1065; Expenses may have been a bit higher this year; Angie offered to take a look at the expenses and compare to past years
- EQAO:
  - Grade 3 – data is skewed a bit; small class size of only 19 with 3 students exempt; results still include exempt students in the numbers even though they didn't write the test; Overall results are good and in line with historical data once the exemptions are removed from numbers
  - Small sample size has significant impact on percentages

- Grade 6 – math is low and an area of concern but do well in reading and writing; math measurement for Grade 6 is an area of focus based on question analysis, teachers looking at the data to further determine where to focus; sample size of 31 students, no exemptions
- Language or literacy may have an impact on the math results
- Also timing of learning certain aspects of math is different – ie. teach measurement in September but EQAO is in May; some review is done with students prior to test
- EQAO is but one piece of assessment data that we use to measure student achievement
- We have to keep in mind that it represents only three days of work in the school year

### **Teacher's Report – Lorraine Sabo**

- Thanks for funding of Scientists in the School
- Pajama day – Thursday Feb 1
- Lunar New year celebration – Tuesday Feb 20
- Gr 8s trip to Quebec City – Feb 6-9; raised enough money to subsidize \$150/child
- Gr 7s trip to Mini-Yo-We – Feb 13-16
- Grade 8 course selection – Feb 23
  - o 6 accepted to Bill Crothers
  - o 4 accepted to International Baccalaureate (IB) program -3 @ Williams and 1 @ Cardinal Carter

### **Fundraising – Cathlin Hennze**

- Invest in Ed
  - Total of \$6140 - \$5790 in online donations and \$350.00 in cheques
  - Need to take 3% for the online donations which is \$172.20; results in balance of \$5967.80
  - 52 families (85 students) represented in the number of donations, approximately 1/3.
  - Brad has a review of grade distribution graph – evenly spread across the grades, a few outliers (grade 1 and grade 7)
  - Already allocated \$4364 for technology match, lice checks, and scientists in the school; have approximately \$1600 left to spend; means no additional funds for playground maintenance at this time
- Fundraising committee will meet again to review ideas/plan for additional fundraising
- Will also look to coordinate a few more community events – babysitting night, movie night, bingo night, gym night
- Spring Fair – will plan to have more money making events/games at the Spring Fair
- Motion to set aside \$1000 for grade 8 grad – Angie Whittick; Seconded by Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis; motion approved
- Motion to allocate \$500 to Forest of Reading – Jackie Steinmiller; Seconded by Ellen Cleverdan; motion approved

### **New Business:**

#### **Community event - Lakeridge Ski Night – Cathlin Hennze**

- Can get group discount of 25 people or more
- Propose as community family event this year; parents need to be responsible for their own children at the ski hill, or have designated an adult to be responsible
- Need to provide own transportation to and from Lakeridge – no buses
- Could look at Friday Feb 23 or Friday March 2 from 4:30-9:30pm
- Lift tickets \$27 compared to \$49; lesson \$10.81, ski rental \$23.78, snowboard rental \$27.03, helmet \$8.65 plus HST
- Need to confirm 2 days in advance, need one person to be responsible for paying full amount
- Would need to have confirmation and payment from parents in advance
- Could do an evite to families, use email addresses from Directory, post on facebook page
- Cathlin to get more info and organize

### **Not for profit social club – Cathlin Hennze**

- Consider setting up not for profit social club to run events like skiing in the future; need not for profit registration number and bank account; required by board for 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors
- Will table again later this year to see if interest
- There may be more involved in the process than we want to take on – by laws, etc

### **Award for Jason Cruikshank**

- An award at graduation to honour Jason
- Consider recognizing a student with specific attributes – perseverance, overcoming obstacles
- Brad will look at current awards and criteria to ensure no overlap; will also seek approval from Jason's mother to proceed and seek her input
- Will review again at March meeting

Meeting adjourned – 8:30pm

- Motion to adjourn – Cathlin Hennze; Seconded by Lorie Schoenrock; motion approved

### **Wish list spending:**

- Wish list items include:
  - o Author visits - \$1000
  - o TV monitor for front foyer
  - o External speakers
  - o Coding materials
  - o Buses for field trip
  - o Forest of Reading - \$500
  - o Scientists in the School - \$200x10=\$2000
  - o Music program
  - o Nurse Shelly – lice checks \$750
  - o Playground maintenance fund - \$2000
  - o Graduation - \$1000
  - o Maker Space – Dash n Dots; iPads (5)
  - o Kindies/Grade 1 – set of iPads (5) in classroom specifically for these grades
  - o Pencil Condenser mikes for stage area – requesting 2; Marlene will get quote

### **Schedule for 2017/2018 Council Meetings:**

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Elections

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Apr 12<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Next Meeting – Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018