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Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

June 8th 2017

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Anne Derry, Mary Zizakovic, Jane Vivian, Robert Carter, Amanda Van Veen Pirie

Regrets: Cathlin Hennze, Therese Harris, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Jen Worden

Non-Council Attendees:

Approval of May minutes: Approved unanimously by electronic vote on June 9th

Approval of June agenda: The following additions were made to the agenda under New Business:

- ✓ Brad to present new fundraising plan for the Fall

Learning Resources – Kristin Chaisson/Anne Derry

- Due to low attendance of Council members attending this meeting, this presentation will be rescheduled for our first Council meeting in September
- Anne presented a basic overview of the new library learning resources

Treasurer's Report – Rob Carter

- Approx. \$6875 in school account
- The following still need to be paid out – \$2000 allocated to playground reserve fund, \$1000 for graduation, Scientist in the School, 3 weeks of Mr. Greek orders
- \$1475 in unallocated funds remaining in the account once everything has been paid

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Brad thanked everyone for all their efforts during the school year
- Director of Education Selection and Performance Review policies and procedures – email was sent to all School Council members for feedback. Any feedback is due by June 16th. They would like to have someone in place for the new school year
- Modern Learning on Air
 - ✓ Ms. Rufft's grade 6 class participated
 - ✓ 15 documentaries done in class on various mental health issues
 - ✓ 2 were chosen to be profiled Board wide
 - ✓ Brad to ask Ms. Rufft to distribute the summary of videos to parents
 - ✓ School mandated to have a Well –Being Team with representation from a parent, student, teachers and administrator. The representatives can come from the five areas where there may be committees or staff reps – Eco-Team, Healthy Schools, Equity, Mental Health and Caring and Safe Schools

- Staffing Update
 - ✓ Ms. Martin from the ASD class – transfer to a new school for the Fall
 - ✓ Mrs. Jull retiring
- Storm sewer and drainage issues (Municipal problem) - York Region will be dealing with this during the summer

Teacher's Report – Anne

- June 9th – GoodLife Fitness DPA (School wide)
- June 9th - Staff Luncheon
- June 12th - Errol Lee - Caring Schools Concert
- June 12th – Scientist in the School – Grade 7
- June 13th – Junior Track and Field
- June 14th – Senior Track and Field
- June 15th – Talent Show (for all grades in the afternoon)
- June 20th – Grade 8 grad
- June 21st – kindergarten, grade 1 & 2 – trip to the farm
- June 27th – Canada 150 celebration (School wide)
- June 27th – report cards to go home
- June 28th – Sharing assembly
- June 29th – Half day of school

Spring Fair Update – Jane, Amanda

- Total profit \$150 after expenses paid
- Rummage sale - \$350
- All cash deposits were subjected to the 3% processing fee for school cash online; Brad to follow up
- Leadbetter Foods – food was great

Schedule for 2017/2018

- Council meetings on Thurs evenings next year – permits have been booked
- Anne to book Kristin Chaisson from Learning Resources for the first Council meeting
- Sept 25th – PA day
- Sept 28th – Meet the Teacher Night (Jane to contact Leadbetters to organize food)
- Sept 25th – Compliance day for school re-org (students and parents will be told on Fri Sept 22nd)

New Business

- Brad met with Fundraising Committee (Cathlin and Sara) to work on plan for the new year
 - ✓ Presented the fundraising and events calendar to Council (broken down by type)
 - ✓ Invest in Ed will continue to be the main fundraiser (launched in Sept)
 - ✓ Types of fundraisers include: Main Fundraiser (Invest in Ed), Community Events, Charity Support, Specific Group fundraiser, Student Initiated Charity
 - ✓ Plan communicated to parents in Sept
 - ✓ Use the wish list items for goal setting
- Discussion around reintroducing kindergarten graduation – there is a Board wide push to not do the full cap and gown
- Discussion about track and field high jump – we would need to have a staff member who is certified

Teacher Wish List

- Author visits
- T.V. monitor in front hall to update parents and students of what's going on at WHPS
- Replace the large speaker used for events – i.e. Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox
- Coding materials
- Buses for a field trip
- \$200 for electric piano (cost is \$3000 but Mrs. Mitchell has found one for \$500 – \$300 was raised at the Spring Concert that can go towards the cost)
- Scientist in the School
- Forest of Reading – annual reading program focusing on Canadian authors
- Music Program Support (ongoing)
- Graduation (annual)

Motion – Council moved to approve via electronic vote \$1200 for the following 2 items. This motion was approved unanimously.

1. \$200 to Mrs. Mitchell to purchase the electric piano
2. \$1000 to Mr. Derry for the Canada Day 150 cake and celebrations as well as new Provincial flags to be used for the day and then hung on the walls in the library

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 pm