



Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

May 4th 2017

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Mary Zizakovic, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Jane Vivian, Jen Worden, Jackie Steinmiller

Regrets: Robert Carter, Therese Harris, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

Non-Council Attendees: Sara Abdulla

Approval of April minutes: Approved by Jane Vivian and seconded by Lorie Schoenrock

Approval of May agenda: The following additions were made to the agenda under New Business: Mary to discuss lunch programs for next year; Cathlin to discuss fundraising initiatives for 2017/2018. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was put forth. Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Mary Zizakovic

Treasurer's Report – Lorie Schoenrock in Rob's absence

- Approx. \$11,396.50 in school account
- Approx. \$7090 that still needs to be paid out – Playground reserve, Mr. Greek lunches, grade 8 graduation, Caring Kids Concert, ME classroom request, Makerspace materials
- Once outstanding payments have been made, approx. \$3400 left
- Many items were approved last year but have been paid out during this current year
- Mary to send Lorie list of approved items from last year

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Concert band (grades 6, 7, and 8) received a Gold rating at Music Alive - Nationals in Niagara Falls – May 19th
- Jazz Band received a Silver Plus award
- EQAO – May 23rd – 25th (Grades 3 and 6)
- Aussie X and X Movement Gr. 5-8 (Trial run this year)

Teacher's Report – Marlene Foran

- Apr 28th Wide Awake at WHPS - grades 7's will present to a panel of judges on May 10th and they'll decide on the top 3 charities; total funds raised to be announced shortly
- May 2nd – Grades 3, 4, and 5 travelled to the ROM
- May 3rd - Jump Rope kick-off assembly – Mr. Thorne to arrange flash skipping mobs during recess; Event day – May 18th
- May 9th – Author Visits – Grades 4 - 6 & Grades 7 - 8
- May 9th – Area Badminton Tournament
- May 10th – Big Crunch
- May 24th – Grades SK/I- Scientist in the School
- May 31st - Track and Field; Area Meet - June 13th
- June 20th - Grade 8 graduation

- Jungle Sport last week was a big hit with the kids; suggestion to alternate between Jungle Sport and Aussie X if all goes well with the trial run
- You're the Chef cooking program - starting the week of May 8th
- Intramural soccer for primaries started the week of May 1st
- Peer mediation – grades 7 and 8's had a training session with the high school students (Speak up Grant)
- June 7th – Spring Concert
 - ✓ 2 concerts will be combined into 1 evening; too late in the year to run 2 separate events
 - ✓ Evening to start at 6 PM
 - ✓ Younger students to perform first with an intermission at the end of the first session (no admission fee)
 - ✓ Admission fee for Peter and the Wolf (money raised will go towards the music program)
 - ✓ Tickets to be purchased on school cash online
 - ✓ Family style tables to be set up, light refreshments and baked goods to be served
 - ✓ Jane to organize volunteers to serve food and drinks

Teachers planning a 150th celebration (birthday party for Canada with different themes)

- ✓ each child in the school will participate in creating a piece of the Canadian flag that will be displayed in the library
- ✓ each class will also get assigned a province to research
- ✓ cupcakes and singing happy birthday
- ✓ will be scheduled towards the end of the year

Parent Engagement – Jane Vivian

Spring Fair Update

- Thursday June 1st
- Obstacle course, slide, bouncy castle
- Zorb balls with referees
- Food - Leadbetters
- DJ – Anna T. trying to use her contacts at Stouffville Radio
- All the media and tickets should be ready for Monday
- Cotton candy, face painting
- Rummage sale – everything sold for \$1
- Small petting zoo
- Looking for donations for raffle – i.e. gift cards
- Lots of volunteers needed

Markham Fair group - \$100 to the Markham Fair craft club to purchase a few supplies

New Business

Lunch Programs - Mary

- Will not continue with Lunch Lady for next year (orders are down considerably)
- Kids Kitchen twice a week on Mon/Wed
- Mr. Greek - Tues
- Mary to research another bi-weekly option to alternate with Mr. Greek (Mary to contact Teriyaki Experience to find out if they run a school lunch program)

Fundraising – Cathlin

- Discussion re: continuation of Invest in Ed vs. raising money through multiple fundraisers
- We've been able to support all our initiatives through our current fundraising efforts
- Teacher wish list in June
- Display fundraising thermometer on Meet the Teacher Night with a breakdown in categories – sports, music, technology, etc.
- Communication to parents regarding the different events that will take place throughout the year. Invest in Ed will not be the only fundraiser but instead be communicated as the MAJOR fundraiser
- Communication to parents that the Board does not pay for some of these initiatives
- Cathlin to create a subcommittee, come up with a structured plan and use the fun fair to communicate with the parents

Meeting adjourned – 8:20 pm

Last Council Meeting: Thursday June 8th – 7 PM (Makerspace Demo presented by the Board Library Consultant and Mrs. Derry)