



Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

November 17th 2016

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Mary Zizakovic, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Jane Vivian

Regrets: Jen Worden, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Robert Carter

Non-Council Attendees: Anna Trokova, Angie Whittick, Kim Plato, Radhika Natgunarajah, Sara Abdulla

Meet and Greet Social – 15 minutes

Principal's Presentation – Brad Derry

- Progress reports coming home on November 23rd
- Review of the Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Tools used today

Approval of October minutes: Approved by Jackie Steinmiller and seconded by Mary Zizakovic

Approval of November agenda: The following additions were made to the agenda: Brad to provide a gift shop update on behalf of Noula, Jackie to provide a Healthy Schools update, and Brad to discuss teacher wish list items. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was put forth. Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Lorie Schoerock.

Treasurer's Report – Brad Derry in Robert's absence

- Approx. \$9,674 in school account
- Expenses for Mr. Greek and Family Fun Night still need to be reconciled
- \$719.81 for the green screens have been paid (approved by Council)

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Staffing Updates
 - ✓ LTO Support for Mrs. Giannatselis maternity leave – Michelle Sauve
 - ✓ New caretaker – Tracey Fetterley, (Tim Davey had the opportunity to work closer to home)
 - ✓ New ECE for Ms. Jull's SK/Grade 1 split
- Brad attended the School Council Forum with Amanda and Jackie – Presentations on math (Amanda to forward math link resources to Brad for the newsletter), cyber bullying, and settlement workers of York Region
- Mathhelptutors.com – grades 7 to 10 – live chat
- School Improvement Plan on Math, Mental Health and Modern Living - Brad to discuss later this year
- Breakfast Program was recently implemented to the students
 - ✓ Cart with fresh fruit, cereal bars, granola bars and juice boxes to be kept in Mrs. Derry's room
 - ✓ Using school funds for now; applied for funding (\$1000) through the Metro Green Apple grant
 - ✓ If there is a bigger need we will start accepting donations
- Next meeting – to discuss which grants to apply for and who can take on that role

Teacher's Report – Julie Lepage

- Senior Volleyball tournament was held today for the girls – won 4 out of 6 games
- Boys volleyball tournament was held yesterday
- Mrs. Lepage and Mrs. Sabo will work with the co-ed grades 4, 5, and 6 volleyball team
 - ✓ A lot of students tried out for the team
 - ✓ Idea to run both a varsity and house league team in the future; teacher resource would be required
 - ✓ Finals are in February
- Senior Basketball starting shortly
- Upcoming field trips
 - ✓ Grades 7 and 8's to McMichael Canadian Art Collection – November 29th
 - ✓ Grade 7's to Camp Mini-Yo-We – February 14th – 17th
 - ✓ Grade 8's to Quebec City
- Holiday Concert – Dec 15th

Halloween Dance Summary + new ideas for Students – Jane Vivian

- Raised \$1015 from the Halloween dance
- Purchased a popcorn machine – \$375
- Expenses - \$220 on supplies
- Great turnout; a lot of new families came out; scavenger hunt was a great new idea that everyone enjoyed
- Communication for next year needs to be clear that students (especially the younger ones) are NOT to be dropped off and on their own
- Idea to rent out the popcorn machine to families
- Idea to offer a First Aid course to parents as a fundraiser

Invest in Ed Update– Cathlin

- Raised \$6435 in total - \$1,025 in cheques and \$5,410 in online donations
- 42 online donations and 3 cheques
- Possibly do a silent auction at the Jan movie night or the Spring Fair (not enough time to plan an auction during the Holiday Concert)

Holiday Gift Shop Update – Brad on behalf of Noula and Therese

- Shopping is almost done
- Wrapping Night - Thurs Dec 8th – 6-9 PM

Turkey Luncheon Update – Angie Whittick

- To be held on Friday Dec 23rd
- Sara Abdulla will take over as the Coordinator for the program next year; she will be shadowing Jen and Angie this year; 1 more volunteer required to assist Sara next year
- We need a new Santa for the turkey luncheon...Anna Trokova to ask her father

Healthy Schools – Jackie Steinmiller

- Mrs. Derry has taken over as teacher rep on the Healthy Schools Committee
- Ms. Sauve and Mrs. Meyer on the committee as well as 2 student reps per class
- Committee meeting once a month
- Possibly looking at running “You’re The Chef” program after the holidays
- Halloween candy buy-back program brought in 10 kilos of candy – cheque from dental office to be issued directly to the school and go towards new Healthy School initiatives

New Business

- Cost share program
 - ✓ 1 iRover unit (small portable Smartboard) - cost is \$3255 for 1 unit
 - ✓ Chrome books; 21 were bought last year and hoping to purchase 23 more this year – cost is \$6400
 - ✓ A new cart (storage unit) for all the new chrome books
 - ✓ HDMI cable
 - ✓ \$12,475 in new technology – School Council portion would be \$4166.67
 - ✓ **Motion – Council moved to approve \$4166.67 for the cost share program. This motion was approved unanimously**
- Parent request for creative drama program done as an extracurricular – Mrs. Lepage to look into it with possibly recruiting Mrs. Foran and setting up a Drama Club
- Community Club – students giving back, i.e. Me to We club – to be discussed at the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Council Meeting: Thursday Jan 26th – 7 PM