



Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

October 13th 2016

Present:

Council Members: Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Mary Zizakovic, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Marlene Foran, Jane Vivian,

Regrets: Robert Carter, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau

Non-Council Attendees: Jen Worden

Approval of September minutes: Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

Approval of October agenda: The following additions were made to the agenda: Planning of the Halloween dance, Markham Fair submissions and Teacher Wish List. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was put forth. Approved by Cathlin Hennze and seconded by Amanda Van Veen Pirie.

Treasurer's Report – Brad in Rob's absence

- Approx. \$3200 in school account
- Any profits coming in from Mr. Greek sales will go directly into the school council account

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

- Lice Checks
 - ✓ Entire school has been checked
 - ✓ Lice Squad has taken over for the Lice Lady
 - ✓ Not considered an outbreak but the school is dealing with a few cases
 - ✓ If your child was affected, a letter would have been sent home to the parents
 - ✓ New board policy – only those students with “live” lice have been sent home
- Water bottle filling station is up and running; built-in counter that shows how many plastic water bottles we are saving
- Outreach Programs targeting grades 5 and 8
 - ✓ Grade 5 – Making a Difference
 - ✓ Grade 8 – Cyber Busters
- York Region VIP Police program for Grade 6's – Ms. Rufft to coordinate
- School Police Officer to visit with grades 3, 7 and 8's this year – one time visit
- Lunch assistants update – still looking for assistants on Wednesdays
- Review of the EQAO data
 - ✓ Results above the Board and Provincial average for Grade 3 Reading, Writing and Mathematics
 - ✓ Results above the Board and Provincial average for Grade 6 Reading and Writing and slightly above the Provincial average in Grade 6 Mathematics;
 - ✓ Many discussions around math at the Board level
 - ✓ For the first time, all kids are getting 60 mins of math each day for all grades
 - ✓ Designated math lead in the school – Ms. Rufft
 - ✓ Suggestion to have a parent math night led by Ms. Rufft

Teacher's Report – Marlene Foran

- Terry Fox Run – raised \$560
- Cross country – 8 runners going to regionals on Oct 19th
- Quest conference coming up
- Grades 7 and 8's go to McMichael Gallery - Nov 2nd
- Halloween Dance - Oct 27th
- Senior boys and girls volleyball has started up again
- Presentations from MADD for grades 7 and 8's

Meet the Teacher Barbeque Summary– Noula, Therese

- Discussion around next year's Meet the Teacher night – perhaps bringing it back outside like we used to; more of a social event
- Could not do it earlier in the school year because of a possible re-org
- Some parents did not realize that kids were allowed to attend
- Open house and BBQ

Invest in Ed Update– Cathlin

- Update and review of Invest in Ed
- Current campaign has raised \$1600 from 12 families so far
- Cathlin presented 3 new versions of the communication piece to go out to parents
- Thermometer tracking
- Promote on FB and Twitter

Holiday Gift Shop Update – Noula, Therese

- To be held on Tues Dec 20th
- Set up to be done on Dec 19th
- 1 wrapping day to be announced for the students (grades 6-8)
- Parent wrapping day to be announced
- Slush fund for some of the children - Brad

Turkey Luncheon Update – Jen W.

- To be held on Fri Dec 23rd
- Jen and Angie's last year as coordinators; hoping to shadow a couple of new volunteers next year
- Call out for 2 people to take on roles for Gift Shop and Turkey Lunch – shadow for the next year

2014-2015 – Council Elections

The following Council Members will hold the positions for the 2016/17 school year:

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| Chair – Therese Harris | Healthy Schools – Jackie Steinmiller |
| Vice Chair – Amanda Van Venn Pirie | Parent Engagement – Jane Vivian |
| Treasurer – Robert Carter | Community Rep – Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis |
| Secretary – Mary Zizakovic | Lorie Schoenrock |
| Teacher Representative – On rotation | Jennifer Worden |
| Fundraising- Cathlin Hennze | |

New Business

- Markham Fair update
 - ✓ Jackie along with Cathlin and Anna did a week of Craft Club for the primaries
 - ✓ A LOT of kids showed up
 - ✓ Jen Van Nostrand drove all the artwork to the Fair
 - ✓ All award winners are in the cabinet across from the office
 - ✓ 52 schools submitted artwork
 - ✓ Jackie to organize another Craft Club in the Spring for next year's fair
- Halloween dance
 - ✓ To be held on Thurs Oct 27th – 6:30 – 8:30
 - ✓ No silent auction this year
 - ✓ \$5.00 admission fee
 - ✓ This will not be treated as a fundraiser
 - ✓ In need of a popcorn maker – refurbished for \$479, rentals are \$60; Jane to do some more research
 - ✓ Lorie to bring in pumpkins for carving
 - ✓ Still looking for a DJ
- Discussion around future Council meetings and recruiting new members
 - ✓ Bring a guest speaker night - needs planning
 - ✓ Earlier meeting – 6:30?
 - ✓ Provide finger foods
 - ✓ Offer babysitting
 - ✓ Open Q & A
 - ✓ Ms. Rufft to lead a math night for parents
 - ✓ Topic to be continued at the next meeting

Wish list items

- Lice squad checks $\$450 \times 3 = \1350
 - Water bottle filling station - \$2800
 - Buses for class field trips – $\$250 \times 11 = \2750
 - Scientists in Schools – $\$200 \times 11 = \2200
 - Teacher release days for athletics, conferences and events $\$250 \times 6 = \1500
 - Cost sharing (time sensitive) up to \$2750 - Council to vote on Nov 17th
- ✓ **Motion – Council moved to approve \$2200 for Scientists in the School. This motion was approved unanimously. All other spending to be put on hold for now.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm