



Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

October 5th 2017

Present:

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

Regrets: Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

Non-Council Attendees: Angie Whittick, Jen Van Nostrand, Radhika Natgunarajah, Ellen Cleverdan, Anna Trokova, Sara Abdulla, Katharine Vafaei

Learning Resources / Makerspace – Kristin Chaisson / Anne Derry

- DIY community hubs where children and adults can create and build
- Flexible space where students and staff can gather to invent, create and build, learn in a collaborative safe environment
- Skills to develop - Collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, communication, problem solving, metacognition
- Building and construction, coding and robotics, digital media creation, crafts and coloring
- Supports curriculum learning grades K – 8

Approval of September minutes: Approved by Robert Carter and seconded by Lorie Schoenrock

Approval of October agenda: The following items were made to the agenda under New Business: Jane to discuss student agendas. Approved by Amanda Van Veen Pirie and seconded by Cathlin Hennze

Treasurer’s Report – Rob Carter

- Approx. \$6045.11 in school account (includes \$2000 playground reserve fund)
- Funds from Mr. Greek lunches as well as Meet the Teacher night have come in
- Invest in Ed – any donations that are made through the “Donate” option on School Cash Online go to Board office first and school does not see those funds until end of the month
- Invest in Ed - Nov 4th deadline; mailers to go out mid-October; flyer to be sent to parents the last week of the fundraiser

Principal’s Report – Brad Derry

- Sept 25th Compliance day – all classes were compliant except the grade 3 class (there is a hard cap of 20 students in the Primaries); no other option made sense to split the class; therefore no moves this year
- Michelle Sauve’s LTO will come to end in Dec when Anna Giannatselis returns from her mat leave
- Fall School Council Forum Oct 24th at Huron Heights S.S. - 2 school council members invited – let Brad know if you are interested
- Well –Being Team with representation from a parent (preferably not on Council), student, teacher, community partner and administrator – to meet three times during the school year
- Principal profile – to be reviewed

- Movement X (dance, fusion and power) coming soon
 - ✓ will replace Aussie X that the intermediate students did last year
 - ✓ 3 day program in Nov
 - ✓ 50 min sessions
 - ✓ Kindergarten to grade 8
 - ✓ cost \$2200 – charging \$10 per child

Teacher's Report – Anne Derry

- Terry Fox Run raised \$590
- Book Fair was a huge success with almost \$4000 in sales
- Cross Country area meet – Oct 11th for grades 4-8
- Picture Day - Oct 12th
- Cross Country Regionals - Oct 17th
- Movement X - Nov 6th
- Dental screenings for JK, SK, grades 2 and 8

Parent Reaching out Grant – Brad Derry

- School council received \$1000 to support parent engagement
- Funds must be spent before the end of the school year
- Can connect with other schools for speaker presentations
- Council to start thinking about possible project ideas
- Suggestion for a Family Math Night

Meet the Teacher Night update – Jane Vivian

- Leadbetters - some parent concerns about food options; healthier choices for next year
- Started too early at 5 PM
- 1 ½ hour social was too long
- Has declined as a social activity over the years
- Suggestions for next year
 - ✓ teacher presentations scheduled first and social event to follow
 - ✓ Mr. Derry to introduce teaching staff in the gym prior to the teacher in-class presentations
 - ✓ Push back ½ hour next year and start at 5:30 pm
 - ✓ Revisit in the Spring time
 - ✓ Brad to ask teachers for feedback

Council Elections

The following Council Members will hold the positions for the 2017/18 school year:

Chair – Therese Harris

Co-Chair – Amanda Van Veen Pirie

Treasurer – Rob Carter

Secretary – Cathlin Hennze

Fundraising Committee – Lori Schoenrock, Cathlin Hennze and Sara Abdulla

Parent Engagement – Jane Vivian and Anna Trokova

Healthy Schools – Ellen Cleverdand

Teacher Representative – rotating basis

Council members – Angie Whittick, Jackie Steinmiller, Mel Holmes

Community Representative – Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

New Business

- Agendas - \$5 charge fee is to partially recover the cost
- Halloween Dance to be held on Oct 26th
 - ✓ Jane to lead with the plans
 - ✓ Therese, Amanda, Anna, Sara and Jen V to assist
 - ✓ Community events are not planned as fundraisers

Meeting adjourned - 9:05 pm

Next Meeting – Thurs November 16th