

Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

September 11th 2014

Present

Council Members: Marni Collier, Brad Whittick, Mary Zizakovic, Robert Carter, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau, Jennifer Worden, Marlene Foran, Jane Vivian, Therese Harris

Regrets: Sheila Savage

Non-Council Attendees: Cathlin Hennze, Jackie Steinmiller, Lorie Schoenrock, Radika

Approval of June minutes: Approved by Jen Worden and seconded by Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis

Approval of September agenda: Approved by Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau and seconded by Robert Carter

Treasurers' Report – Robert Carter

- Balance in account - \$3,963
- \$3,000 in outstanding payments from last year (bussing for school trips)
- Robert to check on pilot status for bank e-transfers

Principals Report – Marni Collier

- Staff on leave
 - Ms. Lam – baby girl
 - Mrs. McKechnie – baby boy
 - Mrs. Giannatselis – baby girl
 - Mrs. Lepage – parental leave with twins for second year
- New staff
 - Ms. O’Kurily (Ms. Lam)
 - Ms. Myers
 - Mr. Male (Mrs. McKechnie)
 - Ms. Sullivan (Mrs. Giannatselis)
 - Mr. Woessner (Mrs. Lepage)
 - Mrs. Mitchell – Music and grade 4/5
 - Mr. Whiton – Community Class
 - Mrs. Blair – Child and Youth Worker
 - Ms. Hamill – Child and Youth Worker
- Organization – possibility of a need for reorganization due to some classes lower than 20 students
 - Students to be moved will be determined by teachers

- Will be notified by September 19
- New classes set up by September 23
- Canadian anti-spam laws
- Junglesport – December 2 - 5

Teacher's Report – Marlene Foran

- First aid and CPR training in November
- Kindergarten – grade 4 attended trips to the Community Safety Village
- Terry Fox Run – September 24th
- Grade 8's to Quebec – February 10th – 13th
- Grade 7's to Camp Mini-Yo-We – February 24th – 27th
- Book Fair Sept 11th – 18th
- Cross Country Area meet to be held on October 2nd, Regional meet on October 10th
- Mathletes (math workshop) booked for October 9th - grades 3 to 6 during the day
 - Evening session for parents
 - Marni to use \$1000 grant to cover cost
 - Marni to find out if younger siblings can join the evening session
- Immunizations for grade 7 and 8 girls – September 19th
- Book Fair requires volunteer helpers over the lunch hour 1:20 – 2:00 pm
- Drop zone every Wednesday (homework club)
- Markham Fair - Jane to find out where the artwork is located from Ms. Hafner;
 - Marni to send out email for students to bring in any artwork done at home
- Student council elections – when? (Marni to find out from Ms. Butterworth)

Upcoming Event Implementation - Roundtable

- BBQ Meet the teacher night Sept 18th – organized by Noula and Tania
- Tables to be set up before 4:30 pm
- Volunteer servers needed (can include high school students requiring volunteer hours)
- Program leaders wearing “Ask me” buttons and soliciting volunteers – Marni to let parents know in the Sunday message – blurb done by Jen W.
- Buttons required for the following people:
 - ✓ School Council – Brad
 - ✓ Halloween dance / Silent Auction – Jane
 - ✓ Turkey Lunch – Angie and Jen W.
 - ✓ Gift Shop – Sheila, Noula, Therese
 - ✓ Invest in Ed / Fundraising – Jen Fentum /
 - ✓ Volunteering / Community Events – Jane
 - ✓ Teacher Appreciation - Tania
- Jen to bring in the buttons
- Jane will be located in the gym with Invest in Ed forms and volunteer forms – table to be set up
- Brad will be making a speech to the parents re: school council – where we spent last year's funds

- Invest in Ed forms to be emailed out in Marni's weekly update
- Merchandising (spirit wear sold at events) – Noula to check in with her supplier – more feminine shirts, wolf and a paw print, red, white and black

Future meeting dates

October 16 (elections)

November 20

January 22/15

February 26

April 16

May 14

June 18

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm