



**Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Present:**

**Council Members:** Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Mary Zizakovic, Cathlin Hennze, Lorie Schoenrock, Jackie Steinmiller, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau

**Regrets:** Jane Vivian, Robert Carter, Marlene Foran

**Non-Council Attendees:** Jen Van Nostrand, Anna Trokova

**Approval of June minutes:** Approved by Tania Kedilerli-Boudreau and seconded by Cathlin Hennze

**Approval of September agenda:** Approved by Lorie Schoenrock and seconded by Cathlin Hennze

**Treasurers' Report – presented by Brad in Rob's absence**

- Approx. \$3200 in school account

Outstanding payments:

- Tenor sax - \$1368.43
- Fans – \$440.13 (10 fans)
- Awning for gazebo used for sporting events – \$384.20
- Green screens

**Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

- Shade covers have been installed in the kindergarten pen
- No update on water fountain - approx. \$2800
- Reorganization
  - ✓ kindergarten numbers were a lot higher than anticipated
  - ✓ classroom adjustments to be made to the primary grades to comply with the ministry's class size requirements
  - ✓ grades 1-3, hard cap of 20 students
  - ✓ communications will be sent out next week
- EQAO report will be public on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>; to be presented at next meeting; math results are down with the grade 6's
- Lunch assistants are still needed

**Teacher's Report – presented by Brad in Marlene's absence**

- Cross country started on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>; grades 4-8, minimum distances for all grades, practices to be held on Mon, Wed and Fri
- Mrs. Mitchell - bands are starting next week- rock, concert and jazz band
- Teachers wish list – Brad to request from teachers
- Ms. Foran cannot commit to all council meetings as teacher rep for this year; proposal to rotate teachers
- Primary ASD class - 4 students

## **Meet the Teacher Barbeque – Noula, Therese**

- Thursday Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
- 5-6:30 Social
- 6:30 – 7:30 Meet the Teacher (in the classrooms)
- Food catered from Mr. Greek (souvlaki dinner with rice and salad) - Jeremy to bring plates, napkins and cutlery
- Coloured plates – to determine whether you ordered 1 or 2 sticks of souvlaki
- Water to be sold for \$1 – will need to be purchased (Therese)
- Teacher numbers for dinner need to be added to the cost, Brad to pay for teachers from school budget
- High school volunteers needed for set up and clean up
- 3:40 - set up time
- Brad to get a float from Michelle

## **Invest in Ed – Cathlin**

- Goal for this year - \$10,000
- Goal needs to be included in the communication to the parents
- Deadline – Fri Oct 28<sup>th</sup>
- Last year donations started coming in slowly; picked up once envelopes were sent home
- Depending on donations in the next couple of weeks, we may do an envelope stuff once again
- Timing – Cathlin to make some revisions and send out in Brad's weekly email

## **Review of Events and Meeting Dates**

Council Meeting (Elections) - Oct 13<sup>th</sup>  
Halloween Spook-a-thon Dance – Oct 27<sup>th</sup>  
Council Meeting - Nov 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gift Shop – Tues Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
Turkey lunch – Fri Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Council meeting – Jan 26<sup>th</sup>  
Council meeting – Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Council meeting – April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Council meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Fun Fair – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Council meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup>  
June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school

## **New Business**

- Markham Fair – school art has to be dropped off by Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - ✓ Brad to find out if teachers have any artwork to submit
  - ✓ Could any murals be incorporated into the curriculum?
  - ✓ Jackie to run some craft clubs over the next week
- Spirit wear will be sold again this year
- Update Council on lunch options for the year
  - ✓ Mondays – Lunch Lady
  - ✓ Tuesdays – Mr. Greek
  - ✓ Wednesdays – Kids Kitchen
  - ✓ Thursdays – alternate between subs and pizza

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

