

Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

February 7th, 2018 – 7pm

Present Council Members: Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Brad Derry, Cathlin Hennze, Jane Vivian, Lorie Schoenrock, John Storie, Winnie Ahuja, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Funda Tsonis

Regrets : Robert Carter, Ellen Cleverdon, Anna Trokova, Mel Holmes, Sara Abdulla, Jackie Steinmiller

Non-Council Attendees:

Approval of November Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes by Lorie, seconded by Lisa - motion approved

Approval of February Agenda: Motion to approve November agenda by Cathlin, seconded by Noula – motion approved

Treasurer's Report – Lorie Schoenrock

- \$20 742.52 in school council account
- Subtract funds for playground reserve, giftshop, turkey lunch and Mr. Greek leaving us with \$12 504.13
- Above includes family fun night, invest in ed and school council general funds
- \$5459.62 still to come out for approved items – technology, microphone, lice lady, scientist in the school
- \$7788.52 remaining to allocate
- Future expenditures \$2000 for playground reserve, \$1000 for graduation

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

Cost sharing

- Council committed to \$2166 plus additional funds through school
- Purchasing the following items: 11 iPad (32 g), 21 chrome books, storage tub for iPads, 10 otter boxes, 6 Lego EV core sets (coding + robotics) = \$13 721 of technology for a cost to the school \$4151
- Some tech becoming obsolete – getting rid of some old lap tops – therefore carts are now freed up for new technology

Staffing

- #s are low in enrollment
- down approximately 17 kids – jk projection only 15 for this year – losing 32 grade 8s – 231 students for next year - projection
- full day kindergarten will run next year
- things are hold with staffing until government figures out potential new legislation effecting class room size

EQAO

- testing to be completed May 21st – June 3rd

Constitution Review

- if people don't come to meeting, should they still maintain a position on council?
- will address at beginning of next year

PA Days

- certain # required by board – set out at beginning of year
- agenda for PA days posted
- Jan 18th – assessment for teachers for reports cards – last PA day ½ day workshop (Indigenous education) and ½ day writing report cards

Principal Words

- Mr. Derry not moving schools at this time
- Fraser institution – school more than a score – amazing staff, community and students – able to work through challenges - only as good as sum of our parts
- Think about how we support one another in the community – there is a process to follow if there are situations that arise – talk to person directly, then speak with Mr. Derry

Teacher's Report – John Storie

- Music – raised \$600 winter concert - \$1000 at concert at SDSS
- \$2.00 for movie tomorrow for primary grades
- sr. boys bb – end of Feb
- jr boys tryouts – end of feb
- Ms. Rufft – ecowolves – recycling initiatives
- Quebec trip – next week
- Grade 8's picking courses next week for grade 9
- Career week – for sr. students April 8th week

Turkey Lunch – Lisa Orrett

- Made \$ 139.14
- Cost reduction in cupcakes – new provider – nutfree – saved \$200
- Approximately 36 kids absent that day
- Will revisit cesear salad next year
- Need more turkey cookers next year
- Thank you Lisa and Sarah

Gift Shop – Noula

- Streamlined – cover cost
- Challenging part – wrapping – not enough volunteers
- Thank you Noula and Therese

Mansfield Ski Day – Lisa Orrett

- We had 9 families and 31 skiers
- Maybe a bit too far for families at WHPS
- March break \$45 for adult ticket - \$35 for student
- Lisa will forward info about possible days

Babysitting Night – Jane Vivian for Mel Holmes

- Kids had fun decorating 'ugly sweater' cookies, making crafts, eating pizza, watching a movie and the magician – a great addition
- The high school students were fabulous
- 72 kids and raised \$1078.95 NET

Extra-curricular Activity – Jane Vivian for Mel Holmes

- STEAM EXPLORERS. It started last week and runs every Thursday until April.
- for grades 1-6 providing youth the opportunity to discover everything the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math have to offer!
- This program filled up (25 students) and had a further 10 students on a waiting list.

Moving Forward Events at school for families – Jane Vivian for Mel Holmes

- APRIL-- Thinking of hosting another event (Gym night or babysitting) in April but don't want it to compete with Ms. Mitchells Band fundraising so will chat further with her.
- Will discuss if we run a spring fun fair or amalgamate with 50th celebration

Fundraising and Allocating \$ - Cathlin Hennze

- Fundscript – over 30 orders – raised \$460 (\$360 at xmas and \$100 from last year)
- Will consider if we continue if this in spring
- Invest in ed - \$7367.50 final amount

New Business

- Sound system – from cosmo \$543.62 for microphones (already approved from last meeting)– did not include installations
- Spectro-data – sound field mikes on stage – production and sound much better – 3 sure mx microphones hung from stage \$369 each – input plates, wall boxes, patch cables, 500’ of cabling to be plugged into amp + labour for installation + training \$2609
- Suggestion to get author visits – Mr D will speak to Mrs Derry and/or Mrs. Foran
- Forest of reading - \$500
- \$2000 play ground reserve fund - approved
- \$1000 grad - approved
- \$2404.55 for micro phones conditional upon admin vetting – warrantee and service - approved
- motion to approve \$5904.55– Winnie seconded Noula
- school turning 50 – Mr. Derry will discuss with teachers and respond to next meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:55

- Motion to adjourn by Winnie seconded Noula motion approved

Next Meeting

- March 7th, 2019 7pm
- Feburary 21st cancelled