

## Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 7pm

**Present Council Members:** Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Jackie Steinmiller, Lorie Schoenrock, Sara Abdulla, Ellen Cleverdon, John Storie, Robert Carter, Angie Whittick, Jane Vivian

**Regrets:** Mel Holmes, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Anna Trokova, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Cathlin Henze

**Non-Council Attendees:** n/a

**Approval of January Minutes:** Motion to approve by Lorie Schoenrock, seconded by Ellen Cleverdon – motion approved

**Approval of March Agenda:** Motion to approve by Sara Abdulla, seconded by Lorie Schoenrock – motion approved

### **Treasurer's Report – Robert Carter**

- Current account balance \$9388
- Still to come out \$4364 for technology match, scientist in the school, lice checks, \$500 for forest of reading, \$1000 for grade 8 grad, \$2000 for playground
- Leaves a balance of approximately \$100

### **Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

#### *Regional Parent Symposium*

- Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at Sheraton Parkway in Markham
- Can take up to 3 parents
- Will open invite to WHPS parent community

#### *Proposed Jason Cruikshank Award*

- Approved by Jason's family
- Criteria TBD – hard working, over coming obstacles
- Council to provide funding for award and prize (gift card)

#### *EQAO*

- Testing will run between May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> for grades 3 and 6
- Will run over 3 days
- Reminder to WHPS families to avoid appointments and/or vacation time during this period

#### *Staffing*

- Projected enrollments look similar to last year
- Status quo with teacher numbers, no one will be declared surplus at this time
- Kindergarten registration 8 confirmed, 2 pending return of application

### **Teacher's Report – John Storie**

- Grade 7 and 8's had great overnight trips to Mini-yo-we and Quebec City
- Jr boys volley ball – placed 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sr. girls' basketball - placed 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Track and field starting up
- Jr. basketball starting up
- Mrs. Mitchell will do a fundraiser to purchase new ties for the band
- Grade 2/3 students held a fundraiser (student led) selling cupcakes to raise money for SPCA- very successful – about \$300 donated

### **Healthy School Fundraising – Jackie Steinmiller**

#### *Fresh from the Farm Program*

- Provides schools opportunity to raise funds by selling fresh, Ontario grown fruits and vegetables
- School gets 40% of sales
- Veggies include carrots, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes (approx. \$13)
- 8lb bag of empire apples (approx. \$15)
- Volunteers required to sort and ensure orders are distributed to families
- Families to pick up orders (one time only) on agreed upon date in November
- Enrollment May 2-October 2

### **Fundraising Committee – Sara Abdulla**

- Committee met with Brad Derry and decided to pursue two service-based companies that provide products to parent community with limited effort
- *Mabel's Labels* – 20% of sales returned to school. No funds collected by school, parents order online, school makes money and parents save on fewer lost items
- *Fundscrip* – *gift card fundraiser – parents order gift cards online, buy face value, get face value – no added cost to purchaser – unsure of fundraising percentage to be returned to school and how cards to be distributed – fundraising committee to get more info*

### **New Business**

#### **WHPS School Council Fundraiser – Jane Vivian**

- *Babysitting Night – Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-9pm*
- To be run by WHPS council members, parent volunteers and volunteer students
- Will provide pizza and snacks
- Cost \$25 first child, \$10 each additional child
- Jane to start to organize

#### **Mystery Egg Fundraiser – Angie Whittick**

- Last year current grade 8's raised over \$1000 for Kids Help Phone
- Kids help phone recognized students' efforts and have places their fundraising idea into their promotional material
- Will run again this year

#### **Sandbox – Jackie Steinmiller**

- In Kindie pen – sandbox needs replenishing
- School will look after in spring

#### **Spring Fun Fair – Jane Vivian**

- Date set for June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Inflatables, BBQ, photobooth booked
- May add jousting
- Will work on more fundraising ideas
- Looking for donations
- Will sell vendors tables to sell/advertise business
- Promotional materials re: fun fair to come out after march break

### **Healthy Schools**

- WHPS will participate in Big Crunch
- Mrs. G and Ellen will touch base

### **Meeting adjourned 8:15pm**

- Motion to adjourn Ellen Cleverdon, seconded by Jackie Steinmiller – motion approved