

**Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**  
**October 4, 2018 – 7pm**

**Present Council Members:** Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Brad Derry, Cathlin Hennze, Ellen Cleverdon, Jackie Steinmiller, Jane Vivian, Lorie Schoenrock, Anna Trokova, Mel Holmes, Sara Abdulla, John Storie

**Regrets:** Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Robert Carter, Therese Harris

**Non-Council Attendees:** Lisa Orrett, Kim Ballouchi, Funda Tsonis

**Approval of June Minutes:** Motion to approve June minutes by Jane Vivian, seconded by Ellen Cleverdon - motion approved

**Approval of October Agenda:** Motion to approve October agenda by Sara Abdulla seconded by Mel Holmes – motion approved

**Treasurer's Report – Brad Derry**

- Spent most of funds in the spring
- Mr Greek started will realize some profit this year
- Currently have funds in budget from Turkey Lunch \$124.90, Gift Shop \$656 and Fun Fair \$1069
- Created separate line item for Playground Maintenance with \$4000
- Approximately \$1000 left to spend

**Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

*Staffing*

- Student population 249; 40 kindies
- Classroom reorganization went smoothly overall, had to move approximately 80 kids, smaller class sizes, only 2 split classes (Grade 1/2, 5/6)
- Graeme Fleming - new teacher for Grade 5/6; has taught gr 5 and 6 before
- Penny Cataldi – will teach Grade 1/2, with Mrs Meyer, and cover prep time
- Frank Minchella – will be retiring in October, however off early for treatment for cancer; he is doing well and a celebration will be planned for him in October or November
- Nicholas Gelis - New Lead caretaker has started
- Tim Davey and Tracey Fetterly part of caretaking team
- Carolyn Butterworth – has taken on role of guidance/transition teacher for grades 6-8; 20% of current teachers time
- Mrs Horvath on maternity leave; extended leave and will return in April 2019
- Mrs Giannatselis on leave in September 2018 for a year; Ms Benson is here on LTO

*School Council Forum*

- Will be Nov 5, 2018, location TBD
- Offer different workshops for parents

*Septic system replacement*

- Redid septic this summer will need to regrade and finish landscaping
- Was redone in 2010 when school was rebuilt

*Picture Day*

- Is October 11<sup>th</sup> and will use Edge Imaging again this year for school and grad photos
- Brad would like feedback at Nov meeting

*EQAO*

- results are out; will review in November
- Surpassed board and province scores in 5 out of 6 areas

- Math at grade 6 level was below board and provincial levels
- Will be some curriculum changes, can review these on ministry site, will also be linked to school website

#### *Communication*

- Brad will continue with Weekly Howl and plans to include month at a glance calendar
- Edsby – used by Board however only some of the platforms are available; Brad will send out another communication to encourage parents to sign up

#### *Overnight trips*

- Not offering grade 7 trip this year; most schools don't offer grade 7 trip
- Will proceed with application for Grade 8 trip; Mrs Butterworth has started planning

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

- Ms Mitchell – started ukulele for grades 1-4
- Band practices have started
- Successful book fair – Mrs Derry will be getting books/resources with funds raised
- Sr Boys volleyball – Ms Rowsell and Ms Sullivan
- Sr Girls volleyball – Mrs Butterwrth and Mrs McKechnie
- Sub lunch started - Ms Benson
- Grades 2,4, 7 at VORC this week
- Ms Weinberg's class went to Markham Fair
- All teachers have had a very successful start to the year

#### **Fresh from the Farm – Jackie Steinmiller**

- Can place orders through school cash online or send order into school and provide cash or cheque
- Deadline is Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, with delivery in November/December
- School will receive 40% of sales

#### **Halloween Event – Jane Vivian**

- Planned for October 25
- Scavenger hunt, raffle bags, music/dance, other activities/games
- Photo booth
- Lorie will get pumpkins for classroom carving
- Dan Orrett will do music
- \$10/family

#### **Fundraising Committee – Cathlin Hennze**

- Flyer to explain fundraising at WHPS
- Thermometer to track funds – visual display
- Mention Mabel's Labels in next Weekly Howl; ongoing service; Lorie will provide Brad with blurb for weekly Howl
- Launch Invest in Ed Oct 15 and run until end of November; have a table at Halloween night to educate parents; share why parents should contribute and where money has been spent (computers, instruments, etc)
- Will need to apply for Tech Enablement match by end of November
- Confirm wishlist from teachers and prioritize spend – Brad and John will get wishlist

#### **New Council Elections**

- Amanda Van Veen Pirie – Chair
- Cathlin Hennze – Co – Chair, Fundraising Committee
- Lorie Schoenrock – Treasurer, Fundraising Committee
- Lisa Orrett – Treasurer (back up)
- Jane Vivian – Secretary
- Mel Holmes – Parent engagement

- Jackie Steinmiller – Healthy Schools
- Ellen Cleverdon – Healthy Schools
- Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis – Community Rep
- Sara Abdulla – Member, Fundraising Committee
- Anna Trokova - Member
- Robert Carter - Member
- Funda Tsonis – Member
- Tina Shahid – Member
- Winnie Ahuja – Member
- Angel Kuang - Member

#### **New Business**

##### *Event Dates for 2018/2019*

- Halloween event Oct 25
- Gift Shop Dec 18
- Holiday concert Dec 20
- Turkey Lunch Dec 21
- Spring Fair June 13, 2019
- WHPS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – Spring 2019, possibly combine with Spring Fair

#### **Meeting adjourned 8:42pm**

- Motion to adjourn by Ellen Cleverdon, seconded Sara Abdulla; motion approved

#### **Next Meeting**

- Nov 15, 2018