

Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting
April 12, 2018 – 7pm

Present Council Members: Brad Derry, Therese Harris, Jackie Steinmiller, Sara Abdulla, Ellen Cleverdon, John Storie, Cathlin Hennze, Amanda Van Veen Pirie, Noula Halikias-Mintsoulis, Mel Holmes

Regrets: Anna Trokova, Lorie Schoenrock, Robert Carter, Jane Vivian, Angie Whittick

Non-Council Attendees: Lisa Orrett

Approval of March Minutes: Motion to approve by Jackie Steinmiller, seconded by Sara Abdulla - motion approved

Approval of April Agenda: Revision to agenda to remove Wishlist Spending item. Motion to approve revised agenda by Ellen Cleverdon, seconded by Amanda Van Veen Pirie – motion approved

Treasurer's Report – Brad Derry

- Balance of \$737.59 to spend
- Only 4 Scientists in the school have been paid for; 6 remaining to come out (\$200 each)
- \$7092.32 in account – includes \$1200 Scientists in the school, \$2373 Mr. Greek, \$2000 Playground reserve; \$656 Gift Shop, \$124 Turkey Lunch
- Some residuals received from QSP, Edge Imaging, and an Invest in Ed donation

Principal's Report – Brad Derry

Regional Parent Symposium

- Mr. Derry and 3 parents from the school attended on April 4th at Sheraton Parkway in Markham
- Michelle Cassidy – Mental Health Lead at YRDSB presented a session on mattering and belonging for children
- Zones of regulation – self regulation program; author is Leah Kuypers; Mr Derry has slide deck if interested
- John Storie provided additional insight into Zones of Regulation as it was used in Fresh Start program – helps students gain skills in consciously regulating their actions; results in increased control and problem solving; provides students with a visual cue to represent different zones; colour representation of how they're feeling; red – angry/frustrated, green - happy, blue – sad, yellow – state of escalation

Staffing

- Teaching staff numbers haven't changed
- School projection around 250-253, with 23 kindies but registration is slow

Town hall meetings

- Trustees holding town hall sessions to hear from parents about what matters re multi year planning
- Info has been sent home with kids and with parent weekly; can share feedback online as well

Parent/Guardian Climate survey

- Feedback parents provided on the school
- Brad will share at future meeting to analyze data

Teacher's Report – John Storie

- Forest of reading underway
- Jr Boys Basketball - Area tournament April 18th; progressing well, developmental year for the team
- Jr Girls Basketball - Area tournament April 25th; undefeated
- Sr Coed Badminton underway
- Track and Field – May/June
- Earth Rangers presentation on April 11th
- Mrs Mitchell appreciates all the support from parent council for the music program; 3 competitions lined up – Music Alive Concert Band April 19th, Music Alive Jazz Band April 24th; Music Fest Canada Concert Band May 14th and 15th

- Wide Awake at Whitchurch – delayed until mid May

Fundraising Committee – Cathlin Hennze

- Fundscrip – gift card fundraiser – will launch paper based program in May to create awareness and run one campaign before year end; plan to run a second campaign in October/November; returns range from 2-12%; parents will need to make cheques payable to WHPS; orders will be delivered to school and distributed by volunteers; delivery fees deducted from rebate
- If Fundscrip goes well, can include direct online ordering in the future

Spring Fun Fair – Mel Holmes and Amanda Van Veen Pirie

- Date set for June 14th
- Rummage sale – almost new kids toys, games, books
- Raffle items – looking for donations for raffle
- Will sell vendor tables, price still to be determined; vendors can sell items at their own table jewellery, sports tables, t-shirts, candles, etc
- Need to vet vendors to ensure they will not be competing with food sales; and suitable for a family friendly event
- Price for bracelet still to be determined – includes face painting, inflatables, zorb balls, jousting, photo booth
- Need a parent to supervise and have a presence at the inflatables

Staff Appreciation Lunch – Lisa Orrett

- Planned for May 3rd
- Sign up went out to volunteers to prepare food and help on the day
- Will provide fun gift for staff – Fridgeezoo
- No funding from school council for this event or teacher gifts

New Business

Volunteer Communication

- Get family directory updated again before year end; need a new volunteer to take this on
- Recommendation to have a table at Spring Fair for parents to update
- Brad will include info in parent weekly - contact XXX if interested in volunteer opportunities

Healthy Schools Fundraiser - Fresh from the Farm – Jackie Steinmiller

- Provides schools opportunity to raise funds by selling fresh, Ontario grown fruits and vegetables
- Jackie will enrol WHPS in a couple of weeks
- Will pick a delivery date early in November
- Volunteers required to sort and ensure orders are distributed to families
- Will have pick up over 2 days to allow parents flexibility

WHPS School Council Fundraiser – Lisa Orrett

- Babysitting Night – Thursday April 19th 5:30-9pm
- Only 3 kids signed up so far; was a problem with SCO but now resolved
- Cost \$25 first child, \$10 each additional child; can pay at the door
- Will provide pizza and snacks, movie

Childcare at WHPS

- Forms sent home to parents of children grades K-6 to confirm interest and need; must be returned by April 27th
- Need 15 respondents to show interest to continue to move through process
- If enough interest, will go out to Board suppliers for proposal
- Will need parent community to sit on selection committee

Markham Fair craft club

- 10 weeks starting Tuesday April 17th at lunch for grades 1 and up

- Jackie and Jane will run
- Remind kids over announcements

Council Meeting Minutes

- Need to get minutes posted on WHPs website – Brad will action
- Need to get approved minutes posted on parent board – Cathlin to action

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

- Motion to adjourn Ellen Cleverdon, seconded by Therese Harris – motion approved

Schedule for 2017/2018 Council Meetings

May 10th

June 14th

Next Meeting

- Thursday May 10th – 7pm