

**Whitchurch Highlands Public School Council Meeting**  
**May 10, 2018 – 7pm**

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

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

**Non-Council Attendees:** NA

**Approval of April Minutes:** Motion to approve April minutes by Ellen Cleverdon, seconded Mel Holmes - motion approved

**Approval of May Agenda:** Revisions to agenda to remove Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve revised agenda by Jane Vivian, seconded by Ellen Cleverdon – motion approved

**Principal's Report – Brad Derry**

*Staffing*

- Teaching staff numbers remain the same for 2018-2019
- Kindergarten enrollment is lower than projected; currently 12 JKs and 3 SKs; anticipate current class of JKs (approx. 22) to remain at WHPS for SK
- Ministry is providing additional funding for guidance and transition teachers; approximately 30 teachers to be deployed to support 160 elementary schools in the York Region District School Board
  - Role is to support grades 7-8 with pathways and high school options, support parents with questions
  - 1 teacher would support several schools

*Well-Being team*

- Well-being team has a focus on several areas at WHPS – healthy schools, Eco, Equity and Inclusiveness, Safe & Supportive
- Team consists of Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Derry, Mr. Minchella, Dr. Edina Heder (parent rep), Bruce Johnson (Community rep), and Sarah (grade 6 student)
- Focus on Increasing awareness and activities for mental health week this week
- MAC – Making a Connection – kids reach out to someone they haven't talked to before
- Four grade 8 students attended Together We're Better workshop at Bill Crothers on April 26

*EQAO*

- Gr 6 will write tests on May 22-24
- Gr 3 will write tests on May 28-30

**Teacher's Report – John Storie**

- Staff appreciation lunch – great event and greatly appreciated by all
- Concert Band at National Music Fest - May 14-15
- Jump Rope for Heart - May 17
- Grade 7 and 8s attended Skills Ontario workshop on May 7
- Gr 8s will see Indian Horse - May 18
- Gr 8 graduation – June 25
- Community Class track event – May 15
- Healthy Schools selling popcorn on Mondays
- Badminton – girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Talent show – planned for an afternoon in June for Grade 3-8, auditions being held
- Wide Awake at Whitchurch – cancelled this year

### **Fundraising Committee – Cathlin Hennze and Lorie Schoenrock**

- Fundscrip – gift card fundraiser – launched this week; paper flyers and order forms sent home with kids; deadline to order is June 1<sup>st</sup>; delivery date is June 15<sup>th</sup>; will send soft copies to Mr Derry to include with Weekly Howl
- Mabel's Labels – will keep it ongoing and available throughout year; approximately \$50 profit so far
- Babysitting Night – raised approximately \$900; would do it again but need more parent volunteers; may be better to start right after school next time; have more age appropriate activities
- Fresh from the Farm – Jackie has signed us up, orders will be collected in the fall, will be delivery date between Nov-Dec

### **Parent/Guardian Climate survey**

- Reviewed and highlighted results from feedback parents provided on the school in 2017
- Approximately 44 parents responded
- Generally positive results overall
- Some opportunities to increase awareness of board policies and school programs

### **New Business**

#### *Spring Fair*

- Will be June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm
- \$15 for wrist band purchased in advance through school cash online; \$18 at the door; will include zorb balls, jousting, face painting, inflatables, hair chalk
- Leadbetters onsite for food – hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries
- Vendor tables for \$25 – subject to approval
- Need donations for Rummage sale and Raffle items
- Total expenses approximately \$4600
- Need lots of volunteers

#### *Childcare at WHPS*

- Only 12 respondents
- Sandra Sanz from YRDSB may see if a vendor will still consider a tender for this low enrolment

#### *Council corner*

- Used to summarize items discussed at monthly council meetings
- Discussion around whether to continue with this method of communication as a lot of the information is included in Weekly Howl, and sometimes redundant
- Consensus was to continue; still feel it has value
- Focus on the new topics discussed at meeting

#### *Kindie playground*

- Suggestion to build a mud kitchen

### **Meeting adjourned 8:50pm**

- Motion to adjourn Ellen Cleverdon, seconded by Mel Holmes – motion approved

### **Next Meeting**

- TBD the week of June 19th