

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, January 16, 2017

7:00 pm

Present: Jacky Shoebridge, Susan Ford, Kyly Miller, Sabina Voisin, Jill Strome, Sharon McKeown, Hughina Spencer, Kara Hall, Kala Adams, Tina Castelli, Rebecca Birtch, Cheryl McKeon, Olga Vigil Letang, Julie Lobsinger, Greg Schmid, Jen Clarke

Regrets: Krista Mohr

1. Welcome:

- Nov. 21, 2016 Minutes: approved as read.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Vendor sale: \$3247.75 total revenue, less expenses leaves \$2866.66 net revenue.
- Home reading: English \$471 paid, French \$434 paid, one outstanding piece only that Julie will submit. French still has an additional \$500 allocated.
- \$500 allocated to spend on Kindy outdoor items.
- Adaptive basketball nets are in, will transfer funds to school.
- Have \$3500 available to spend in our account, this accounts for items that are already budgeted/allocated for.

3. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Principal's Update – Julie Lobsinger

- Thank you from staff for the additional funds provided for tech (16 Chrome Books & 10 iPad minis were purchased).
- Adaptive basketball nets are in use, Mrs. Brown sent photos, and showed Sharon a video of the kids using them, they're very appreciated!
- Home reading funds are very appreciated as well, allows for the connection to parents at home with reading.
- Working with board personnel on math initiatives, first session is this week
- Phase 1 French Immersion online registration currently ongoing, ends Jan. 31
- Kindergarten registration will be available, February will be when parents come in to complete paperwork
- Jan. 20: Spirit Day – dress as your favourite job
- Jan. 26: Carnavale Day (weather permitting)
- Jan. 27: PD Day
- Jan. 30: Officer Mike
- Feb. 1: Gr 8 tour at University of Guelph
- Feb. 10: Bob Cates show
- Feb. 14: Gr 8 tour at Conestoga College
- Feb. 17: Gr 1-8 all day winter field trip
- Feb. 17: Report cards go home

- Feb. 20: Family Day
- Feb. 22: National Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 24: Spirit Day – PJ day

4. New Business/Fundraising

Keep Kids Safe Online Parent Workshop – Tuesday, February 28

- Social media bullying included.
- Safeguards to keep kids safe online, make sure they're accessing safe sites.
- Tina spoke to officer Mike, and another person at WRPS for information we can use.
- Looking for the speaker from the board, Jacky will ask Mrs. Brown.

Bob Cates – Friday, February 10

- Flyers have gone home.
- Spread the word to look for the flyer & return ticket order form to school.
- Sharon has a master book of ticket sales, in order not to over sell Sharon is solely fulfilling ticket orders.
- Extend to other schools, Julie has a meeting with our family of schools. This needs their cooperation to send flyer home and get orders returned to their school, Sharon will make rounds to fill sales.
- Make a separate flyer we can post for people outside of schools but in the community.
- Sharon will create a Facebook event so we can share, comment, link.
- Sharon will send out electronic files & a blurb we can share.
- We want to sell out the event!
- Hespeler Optimist has first dibs to run the snack bar, if they don't want to we will.
- Bob offered to visit some classrooms to generate more interest (6 classrooms), Julie will determine which classrooms.
- Need helpers for ticket takers @ door, chair setup after school.
- Bob wants an MC to introduce him – Hespeler Optimist will arrange green room & his dinner per contract, they could also MC?

Danceathon – Friday, March 31

- Kickoff assembly Monday, March 6
- Sharon coordinating with Professor Jams
- Some Volunteers will be needed for counting money, plus some for the day of for glow bracelets, etc.

Diversity Night – Wednesday, April 12

- Olga has a bunch of connections from last time to draw on.
- Fill room with booths, anyone in school community who has a skill etc. to share is welcome to ask for a booth.
- Fashion show in the second part of the night.
- Tina will help with logistics.

- Encourage kids to talk to their parents/grandparents, because all “Canadians” came from somewhere else even if it was ages ago.
- Incorporate Canada’s 150th into the night too?
- Do the passport again for door prizes, encourages kids to participate.
- Send home a flyer a month in advance to give enough time to prepare if people want to have a booth, etc.

Fun Fair – Friday, June 9

- Susan & Tina will collaborate to get going on immediate needs.
- No conflict with dance studio year-end show this year.
- Tina will call a subcommittee meeting.
- More rides? To alleviate excessive lineups, get more kids on more rides. They wait in line for a long time.
- Ticket sales on site need to be faster.

5. Other Business

Christmas Social Feedback

- Decorating looked great, positive feedback, Mr. G appreciated the effort.
- Ran out of juice.
- Made notes of what was bought to plan for next year.
- Will repeat again next year.

Craft & Vendor Sale Feedback

- Great community event.
- Over 50% of walk-ins did not have kids at the school, great community turnout.
- Most vendors very happy about turnout, lots asking to come back.
- Lots said it was amazing compared to other sales they've done recently.
- A comment was given that everyone was so friendly :)
- Bake sale brought in about \$600, works on many levels: raises funds and keeps kids happy so parents can potentially shop longer
- Melissa Francis donated concession items, didn't sell well. Coffee & water sales would likely go well though.
- Bake sale could be more organized, know what is coming so not so much of the same thing (too many cupcakes), could have used more cookies and things that are wrapped that are easy to eat.
- Do again next year for sure, and then decide for the future how to proceed.
- Book a date soon for next year, so that vendors can be booked well ahead. American thanksgiving Sunday was good timing for shopping people & gift buying.
- **Sunday, November 26, 2017**

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:49pm

Next meeting is February 13 **not the 3rd Monday because of Family Day**