

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, February 13, 2017

7:00 pm

Present: Jacky Shoebridge, Susan Ford, Kyly Miller, Jill Strome, Sharon McKeown, Kala Adams, Tina Castelli, , Cheryl McKeon, Julie Lobsinger, Greg Schmid, Krista Mohr, Elke Lupinsky

Regrets: Sabina Voisin, Kara Hall, Rebecca Birtch, Jen Clarke, Erin Neath, Olga Vigil Letang

1. Welcome:

- Jan 16, 2017 Minutes: approved as read.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Jan 12 Bank Balance \$9728.38
- Outstanding Cheques include \$385 for Kindy equipment, \$1543.43 for basketball nets
- French Home reading still has \$500 allocated- Julie to follow up
- Bob Cates final revenues still to be finalized but \$2100 has been deposited thus far
- \$1000 has been allocated towards Fun Fair Deposits, \$1500 allocated towards parent workshops
- Have \$5800 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 & Krista Mohr

- Thank you to council and specifically Sharon for Bob Cates- the feedback received is that everyone both kids and parents really enjoyed the event, it was a great family and community event.
- February 1st the Grade 8's participated in a tour of the University of Guelph- they really enjoyed it, a good opportunity to see what a post-secondary environment looks like. There is a Grade 8 tour of Conestoga College on February 14th
- Report Cards go home on Thursday February 16th
- Friday February 17th Trip to Chicopee
- February 20th - Family Day
- February 22nd - National Pink Shirt Day
- February 24th - Winter Carnivale Day (there are indoor activities planned if weather not suitable for outdoor play)
- March 6th - Danceathon kick off assembly
- March 7th - Dufflebag theatre performance Grades 1-4
- March 9th -Grade 6's trip to Warplane Museum, Grade 3's tour of Toyota

- March 10th- Pajama Day
- March 13th -17th March Break
- March 21st- Officer Mike
- March 30th -Grade 8 and SK Grad Photos
- March 31st- Danceathon/Spirit Day

4. New Business/Fundraising

Bob Cates – Friday, February 10- Sharon McKeown

- Thank you to everyone for their help and selling tickets
- There were three different order forms that went home, Bob coming into the classroom really increased ticket sales
- There were 100 more tickets sold this year than the last time Bob performed (432 tickets sold this year vs. 323 tickets last time)
- Majority of the tickets were sold at the school
- Adam Stephenson from the Hespeler Optimist Club was a very big help in making this event a success
- Adam has implied that more funds may be available in the future for joint school and community projects
- Sharon will send Adam a Thank You from Council
- Funds have not been finalized for this event but initial numbers appear to be \$3500 from ticket sales and the canteen didn't really generate any revenue
- Tina/Kala/Kara and Sharon have suggested that next time a popcorn machine be rented instead of doing the canteen – was a lot of work and not profitable
- Suggest that Bob Cates show run every two years
- Feedback was good- parents and kids enjoyed the event
- Sharon to send thank yous to Teachers for their support in selling tickets
- Joanne was fabulous and went above and beyond expectations
- Sharon will send an email thank you as well
- Final revenues will be available at the next meeting

Parent Workshops -How to Protect Kids Online Tuesday March 7th- Tina Castelli

- Event was moved to March 7th due to speaker availability
- Cat Coode from Binary Tattoo will be speaking about Digital Identity, Understanding Privacy Settings, discussing social media profiles including, Facebook and SnapChat
- Presentation will run approximately 90 minutes from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Cost for this is \$550
- Have decided not to include Online Bullying in this discussion as it would be too long
- Childcare will not be offered
- Tina and Sabina to finalize flyer and it will be sent home in the next two weeks on Thursday
- Council Members to come early to set up
- Refreshments will be brought in from leftover inventory from Bob Cates event

- Tina to forward Greg the invoice for Cat

Danceathon – Friday, March 31-Sharon McKeown

- Kickoff assembly Monday, March 6th
- Pledgelopes will go home before March break
- There will be another Danceathon event after March Break to keep the fundraising momentum going
- Sharon coordinating with Professor Jamz and will be attending the assembly
- Sharon will distribute items to go home with kids after the Assembly
- Sharon confirmed with council that we will opt out of Danceathon Accessory Store
- Danceathon Day is all day and will require 3-4 volunteers to help count money and glow bracelets, etc.
- There has been some criticism about the lack of clarity regarding what we are raising funds for so Sharon to draft letter to send home prior to Danceathon to explain the fundraising intentions/purpose
- Discussed our fundraising strategy and if we should continue to proceed as we have (fundraise/deplete/fundraise/deplete) or if we should raise funds for larger ticket items including bike/scooter racks and a new sign for the school or replacing the curtains on the stage
- Agreed that we will continue to support teacher's wish lists each year for items needed
- Discussed if we should continue to focus on technology and improving the ratio of Chromebooks per student and Home Reading
- Discussed hosting a specific event next year to raise funds for Home Reading
- Agreed that Danceathon funds should be for something inspirational for the kids
- Julie said that the Facilities Department must be contacted and approve anything regarding the installation of the bike racks. Julie will reach out to Rob Sealy to discuss and get more info
- Sharon had some information regarding costs of bike racks and looks like it may cost around \$1000 per bike rack (each bike rack will hold 18 bikes)
- Sharon had also discussed bike racks with the Optimist Club and they want us to come back to them with a plan and estimates and will then look at helping to fund
- Decided not to mention the bike racks in the fundraising letter of the Danceathon as it is not in our control and do not want to promise something that we cannot deliver on
- School is in need of a new school sign- it will help improve school communication and the current sign is broken/difficult to change
- Other outdoor improvements discussed including sandboxes, playground improvements

- Tina motioned that as a council we are committing to fundraise for a new school sign and for other outdoor improvements, seconded by Kala, unanimously passed
- Sharon and Julie to confirm wording of letter for Danceathon that it will state that we are raising funds for both the sign as well as other outdoor improvements

Fun Fair – Friday, June 9 – Tina Castelli & Susan Ford

- Rides have tentatively been booked- also looking at another couple of rides that can take more kids and keep the lines moving and reduce wait times
- BBQ has been booked
- Donation Letter is being drafted and will state funds are being raised for Nutrition for Learning and Outdoor Improvements
- Discussed that Nutrition for Learning has sufficient funds for this year but will need funds for next year- Susan said that many of the people that donate to the Fun Fair do so because it supports Nutrition for Learning
- Adam Stephenson is a good contact at Zehrs for items needed for Fun Fair

5. Other Business

- Diversity Night will be discussed at next meeting
- Julie will not be at the next meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05pm

Next meeting is March 20th, 2017 followed by April 24th, May 15th and June 19th