

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2017

7:00 pm

Present: Jacky Shoebridge, Kyly Miller, Sabina Voisin, Sharon McKeown, Hughina Spencer, Kara Hall, Kala Adams, Tina Castelli, Olga Vigil Letang, Afrim Ficic, Erin Neath, Elke Lupinksky, Monica Laliberte, Janice Koiter

Regrets: Susan Ford, Jill Strome, Rebecca Birtch, Cheryl McKeon, Julie Lobsinger, Greg Schmid

1. Welcome:

- Welcome to new Vice-Principal Afrim Ficic
- Feb. 13, 2017 Minutes: approved as read.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Balance in account as of last statement (March 12, 2017) - \$10,531.67
- Pending expenses (including cheques written, but not yet cleared) - \$3,064.27
- \$1,000 held for Fun Fair prepayments
- \$115 remaining for Kindy equipment
- \$750 remaining for parent workshops
- \$160 remaining for French home reading (of \$1,000 allocation)
- \$621.50 for Cat Coode (Binary Tattoo) – parent workshop
- \$417.77 for various expenses – Tina Castelli
- **Funds available for allocation - \$7,467.40**
- Bob Cates summary: Total profit - \$3762.57 including \$77.02 in concession profit (after expenses)

3. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Vice-Principal's Update – Afrim Ficic

- Mar. 30: Gr. 8 & SK grad photos
- Mar. 31: Dance-a-thon
- Apr. 6: Gr. 7/8 booster shots
- Apr. 7: PD Day
- Apr. 11: Gr. 8's to Child Witness Youth Symposium (Galaxy Guelph)
- Apr. 12: Diversity Night 6-8pm
- Apr. 13: Kodaly Choir to Tait Street
- Apr. 20: Gr. 7/8's to Blue Jay game

4. New Business/Fundraising

Danceathon – Friday, March 31

- Kickoff assembly went well, kindies came to the kick off assembly this time, which was great

- Will now remind kids on announcements to bring envelopes back, it's your permission to dance.
- Money counting volunteers: Sharon will approach you directly if help is needed.
- Day of volunteers: as many as possible are welcome, let Sharon know by email if you can help that day (snap glow bracelets, count money that comes in that day).
- Extra pledges are in Julie's office. This year Sharon is keeping a binder of totals in addition to checking marking envelopes as received.

Fun Fair – Friday, June 9

- Subcommittee voted to replace Drew Ripley (balloon artist) with Erick Traplin (concert show). A specific show time will be set.
- Cost prohibitive to add additional rides. One outstanding price on one more ride, will decide once cost comes back.
- BBQ will be figured out with Janice.
- Suggestions of activities to consider: horse rides, Bob Cates unicycle/balloon animals, princesses, characters, Rangers mascot, Guelph Storm mascot, sidewalk chalk.
- Note: bubble station was messy & got dumped in the grass.
- Cambridge youth soccer been contacted, waiting for reply.
- Any other ideas, email Tina
- Donation letter almost ready to go.
- Silent auction items: please communicate to Tina for master list.

School sign

- This is the start of info, where we're at now. A more informed discussion will continue at the next meeting. Dance-a-thon money is striving to work towards replacing the sign. The goal is a digital sign.
- Greg has done a lot of research, has vetted a bunch of options.
- Bottom end digital sign is about \$11,000: one line of dotted digital type. \$15,000 for multi-line type.
- Top end is a digital tv screen sign for about \$25,000: lasts 15-20 years.
- Start thinking about it, but please don't speak publicly about it yet.
- End goal is to cap cost at \$15,000.
- Checking into whether school board grants or offsets money in any way.

Grade 8 graduation photo booth

- In the past council has provided a photo booth for Gr. 8 grad, at an approximate cost of \$500-800 (\$750 is notionally allocated).
- Tina motioned to continue the tradition of covering the expense of a photo booth, up to \$850. Olga seconded. Passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

Online Safety Parent Workshop

- It's too bad we didn't reach more parents, because it was very informative. Would consider having her back, valuable information for older students.
- Maybe more than one parent workshop is too much, we are a very busy school, so much going on that maybe it becomes too much for people when you account for all the communication that goes home to parents (trips, pizza, milk, etc.). Look at this for school council initiatives next year.

Diversity Night – Wednesday, April 12

- Olga has started planning, a letter will go home asking parents if they want to volunteer for a booth, fashion, food, etc. Flyer going home as well.
- 15 tables are organized already even without parent participation yet.
- Mrs. Lowden to see if student council can help out. As yet no representation from Canada for 150th, or from U.K., the Mediterranean, the Caribbean. Spread the word please! Olga will send an email to council for what she's looking for.
- Can we get door prizes money allocated? Last year spent \$100, went very frugal.
- Tina will buy door prizes. Look into face paint (ie: from Michaels with coupons), temporary tattoos.
- Passports will happen again.

Greening Initiative

- Rob Seely to plant 6 trees. He is school board maintenance operations, when he comes we can discuss bike racks, maybe placement of large rocks or natural elements that kids can use when the climber is closed.
- Spring cleanup date: Susan will book mulch delivery, then we can book a cleanup date.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:45pm

Next meeting is April 24, 2017