

## Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

### MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:00 pm

---

Present: Michelle Bush Broga, Monica Laliberté, Erin Neath, Afrim Ficic, Sharon McKeown, Elke Lupinsky, Kala Adams, Jill Strome, Tina Castelli, Kyly Miller, Julie Lobsinger, Sabina Voisin, Jen Clarke, Jacky Shoebridge, Kara Hall, Greg Schmid, Dawn LeDrew, Abbey Smith, Sarah MacAllister

Regrets: Susan Ford, Olga Vigil-Letang, Janice Koiter, Mark Koiter

#### 1. Welcome

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2017

- October 16, 2017 Minutes: approved as read – Jen motioned to approve, Tina seconded.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Balance of \$25,184.74
- \$15,000 allocated for the sign (cheque has now been issued).
- \$500 for Nutrition for Learning (cheque has now been issued).
- Small expense for vendor sale lawn signs, out of the \$1000 that was allocated (Sabina reimbursed by cheque).
- \$8000 available funds.
- This does not account for the Parent Workshops, we also have \$1000 grant for this.
- Greg motioned to allocate \$1000 towards Parent Workshops. Kara seconded, approved unanimously.
- January will be the month to allocate other funds.

#### 4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

##### Principal's Update – Julie Lobsinger

- There was a “shelter & hold” put in place tonight due to the building fire on Sheffield Avenue due potential environmental risk in the area. In this case, the risk was the smoke from the fire being carried by shifting winds.
- Instructions were given just after 5pm, from Cambridge Fire & the WRDSB
- Smoke could be seen from HPS.
- Children could not be released to families walking, but were allowed to be released to families with vehicles.
- The ventilation system in the school was shut off.

##### Vice-Principal's Update – Afrim Ficic

#### • **Three Goals of our School Success Plan:**

1. Delving deeper into the comprehensive math strategy with a continued focus on building fluency and purposeful practice.

2. Monitoring at risk students (structures and processes that you have to meet the needs of those students).
  3. Embed well-being/growth mindset into entire school community.
- **Conditions for Learning**
    - The WRDSB has three conditions for learning that promotes student achievement and well-being: Relationships; Pedagogy and Assessment; Learning Environment.
    - These “Conditions for Learning” will help sustain, nurture and help fulfill the goals that we have at Hespeler.
    - We believe that providing supportive relationships in a learning environment where educators practise effective pedagogy and assessment creates the right conditions for learning and the best outcomes for students: well-being and resilience; graduation from WRDSB schools and programs; achievement; global competencies; engagement.
  - **Family Math Night**
    - Hespeler Public School had their inaugural Family Math Night on Wednesday, November 8.
    - Families played math games together and used their best estimations to solve questions to win prizes.
    - Feedback: It was awesome, really well done! Maybe more communication to parents about what people will be doing on math night, details. Maybe teachers can communicate a bit more to help so parents understand.
    - Any further feedback can also be emailed to Afrim directly.

**School information/Upcoming events:**

- Variety of clubs and activities are up and running (e.g., Choir, Student Council, Intramurals).
- Boys and girls intermediate volleyball teams are wrapping up their regular seasons and playoffs begin next week.
- Boys and girls junior volleyball will be having their tournaments on December 5 and December 7 at Hespeler
- Grade 8 to grade 9 transitions for students on Wednesday, Nov. 22 morning (JHSS, GCI)
- Nov. 24 - Wear pink (Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week)
- Nov. 27 - Picture Retakes
- Nov. 30 - Moustache Day
- Dec. 11 - Grade 8 to 9 Information Night at Hespeler Public School
- Dec. 13 - Winter Choir Performance with council-hosted cookie social immediately after
- Dec. 15 - JHSS Band Playing to Junior/Intermediate Students
- Dec. 22 - PJ Day; Last Day Before Winter Holidays
- Jan. 8 - Back to School

## 5. **New Business/Fundraising**

### Parent workshops – January 23

- Bev Miller is booked for Jan. 23, 2 hours, 7-9pm.
- “Working to build resilience & grit, a growth mindset & optimism in children & teens”
- Advertise after winter break.
- Cost of \$600.

### Dance-a-thon – March 29

- Dance-a-thon is booked for Thurs., March 29, coincides with Beach Day.
- Screen is booked.
- Kickoff assembly proposed for Mon., March 5, 12:15pm – Julie will confirm.

### Vendor sale: Sunday, November 26 10am-3pm

- Registration is closed, we have 58 vendors.
- Sign up sheets were sent around for bake sale items, flyer mailbox delivery, day of help.
- Bake sale Saturday night drop off @ Kara, Olga, Sharon, Tina: please have your items as packaged as possible.
- Saturday 2pm: set up tables in gym and book sale.
- Sunday setup 8:30am, tear down 3:30pm.
- Front table admission money comes to council and we will issue a cheque to Janice for Nutrition for Learning. Money must be counted by our treasurer first.
- Put an announcement out so kids hear about it too. Also teachers can send out reminders.
- Jay will send out a targeted Facebook ad this week. He sets a budget per day of how many views per day. He can tell us per day how many new Hespeler people view it.
- Book sale: Collection is going well, have 300+ books donated already. Lots of variety in what has come in. Quality ranges.
- Thought about \$2 a book initially, but upon seeing what we have and to keep things simple with one set price, we're recommending \$1 a book. We want to make sure the books sell, we don't want many leftovers.
- Proposal: after the sale, leave the books in the literacy room for Mon/Tues for staff to look through and take what they could use to stock their classrooms or the school library. This way we are supporting the school in another way too. Then, instead of doing a post sale at nutrition break, on Wednesday Sabina could then come in, box up anything remaining and either save upstairs for next year, or donate, depending what there is. Also could sell to Once Upon A Child.
- Subcommittee will make a decision after the book sale.

## 6. **Other business:**

### Council Funds: School Sign

- Thank you Afrim for all your time spent working through the problems! Software glitch did not allow graphics to load to the sign. Afrim put a lot of effort into contacting tech help.
- Once main person (Steve) was back in the country things were fixed very quickly.
- Goal is to have graphic items up for big events, along with month at a glance items. Have to consider how many things we want on the sign, only the main important school wide items.

#### Council t-shirts

- T-shirts are ordered. If they're not in for Sunday we will wear pinnies.

#### Christmas concert – Dec. 13

- We will do social afterwards again.
- Will decorate, need a few to help after school.
- We need as many people as possible to hand out cookies and drinks after the concert, you can still watch whole concert.

#### Next meeting: council social – Dec. 18

- Christmas social at the Duke & Duchess (900 Jamieson Pkwy).
- Back party room, Julie will provide appetizers, everyone buys their own drinks.
- RSVP to Sharon please

---

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:50pm**

Next meeting: December 18, 2017