

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, March 19, 2018

7:00 pm

Present: Sharon McKeown, Sabina Voisin, Susan Ford, Greg Schmid, Tina Castelli, Kara Hall, Jill Strome, Rebecca Birtch, Rebecca Jutzi, Afrim Ficic, Abbey Smith, Sarah MacAllister, Mark Koiter, Elke Lupinsky, Michelle Bush Broga, Jacky Shoebridge

Regrets: Kyly Miller, Monica Laliberté, Kala Adams, Erin Neath

1. Welcome

- All past minutes now up on website.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2018

- February 12, 2018 Minutes: Tina motioned to approve, Michelle seconded, approved as read.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Rebecca and Greg to go to bank to update signing authority.
- Kindy group is in the process of spending their funds, they will provide a list of what they buy.
- Will council cover the cost of the gr. 8 graduation photo booth again? We finished a two-year agreement last June, we need to vote again this year.
- Mark motioned for council to pay for the gr. 8 graduation photo booth for 2018 & 2019 at a cost of approximately \$515. Tina seconded, approved unanimously.
- Available balance of \$904.80 (same as last month, only reduced by bank service charges).
- A total of \$11,426 in expenses came out (Nutrition for Learning, MOSAICS Approach parent workshop, kindy equipment, chromebooks).
- \$2405.51 in allocations remain (fun fair prepayments, parent workshops placeholder, dance-a-thon deposit, Christmas Social, Vendor Sale advertising, Nutrition for Learning from Vendor Sale).

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Principal's Update – Rebecca Jutzi

- Rebecca has had a chance to visit each class and get to know the students, she has asked all classes what they love about HPS, and what could be improved. More outdoor equipment came up so we're on the right track. Specifically, another basketball net. Pat Doyle can refresh the tarmac games and he has some ideas of how to use our space. Chrome books were also requested, Rebecca ordered 100 more. School total is now 385, for gr 1-8 so we're at the hoped-for 2:1 ratio.
- Facilities supervisor came to talk about top 5 requests:
 1. Staff parking is an issue, especially in the winter but it's a hard issue to deal with. Our only option would be to move the picnic area back to extend the parking lot, summer 2019 possibly.

2. An additional staff washroom would be nice to have in the kindy hall. Currently the only staff washroom is in the main office.
 3. Get the remaining kindy classroom updated with new flooring and millwork, 3 of the 4 kindy classrooms have already been done.
 4. There is a plumbing problem in kindy room 6, the floor will need to come up in order to fix it. This should happen in the next month or so.
 5. Stage curtain replacement: Could be costly because it needs to be fire rated. We might be able to use the existing tracks. Another option is to buy or rent a backdrop. Tina will talk to Paulo about fire resistant fabric, as this is his work. Get measurements for him. Curtain needs to be in panels. Navy or black would be good colour options.
- We'd like to do better with recycling, a step towards this is moving more to paperless communication. Hopefully, we can add a composting program too.
 - Would also like to update the electrical in each classroom for the data projectors.
 - What about the gravel run off onto tarmac? Rebecca will talk to new outdoor supervisor. His predecessor also agreed to put down gravel for new bike racks beside the outdoor equipment shed. He would make sure they are installed correctly. We need to purchase new ones that accommodate bikes and scooters.
 - The black chain link fence on the retaining wall is in need of repair, administration has asked numerous times, Rebecca and Afrim will ask the new outdoor supervisor again.
 - PD Day April 13 for staff to discuss school improvement planning.
 - Nancy Wright-Korhonen is back, we said goodbye to Holly Di Prospero who was covering on an LTO.
 - Laura Walters is back on April 9 in a 0.7 capacity, an LTO will cover the remaining 0.3. We'll say goodbye to Lindsay Spurgeon who was covering on an LTO.
 - We likely will not have a 4th kindy class next year, JK numbers are smaller this year. Once we get FTE (Full Time Equivalent) from the board administration will look at staffing for next year.
 - Steve Chiasson is retiring at the end of the year.

Vice-Principal's Update – Afrim Ficic

- Successful Science Fair on Feb. 28: all day at school and an open house in the evening. Wonderful to see so many great projects, the students did a remarkable job! Top 10 have moved on to the regional competition on Apr. 3. Thank you to Mrs. Turnbull for all her hard work organizing the fair.
- Congratulations to the girls and boys Intermediate Basketball teams – girls won the AAAA championship and boys won the AA championship. Big thank you to all the coaches for their many hours of coaching (Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Brown – girls' team; Mme. Raymer & Mr. Bastin – boys' team). Unfortunately, the teams were not able to beat the teachers on the last Friday before March Break!
- Jr. boys and Jr. girls basketball tournaments were a success – want to reiterate what a fantastic physical education program HPS has, it is top notch and one of the best in the region – big thanks to Mr. Chiasson and Mrs. Brown and all the other teachers that help coach and mentor the students!

School information/Upcoming events:

- Mar. 21 – gr. 7/8's to Hairspray at the Hamilton Family Theatre
- Mar. 27 – JumpStart program here for gr. 7's (were already here for gr. 8's) – program is designed for students to think about their strengths and interests and get them to think about some avenues they might want to pursue after high school
- Mar. 29 – Dance-a-thon, Beach Day, and gr. 8 graduation photos (in the library)
- Apr. 12 – gr. 7 HEP B and HPV #2 booster shots
- Apr. 13 – PD Day

5. New Business/Fundraising

Dance-a-thon – March 29 with Beach Day

- Reminder: Beach Day is NOT bathing suits!
- Kickoff assembly was March 5th.
- Pledgelopes to be returned in order to dance.
- Need a few council volunteers to help on the day of for glow bracelets. Tina, Abbey & Sabina are all available to help. Sharon will get dollar store items that incorporate the beach theme to engage kids that day. Volunteers wear beach clothes too please!
- Money is starting to come in, we ask for it to come in by the Tuesday before but we will accept it until the morning of. Encourage kids to request music! This is on the announcements already and Rebecca will go around to classes.
- Thurs., April 12 will be the pie in the face assembly. Announce ice cream parties at that assembly. Rebecca will ask those teachers with high earning classes to volunteer for pie in the face, then ask others after. Top 2 earners get to pie Rebecca and Afrim. Joanne Waugh is usually pie #3.
- Traditionally the assembly is just before second nutrition break.

Fun Fair

- Planning will ramp up soon.
- We need wording to explain our fundraising initiatives in sponsorship and donation letters. Options: Nutrition for Learning, outdoor initiatives, sports or phys-ed initiatives, technology?
- Decided on technology, phys-ed and Nutrition for Learning.
- Meridian is likely sponsoring face painting again. Will ask Melissa if she'll sponsor superheroes again, if not, the cost of \$200 is worth it.
- Mini bikes/cars can come back from Kiddie Fun Trax, but the batteries aren't great anymore, weren't great last year already. They haven't replaced this activity yet. It's really meant for toddlers so the batteries get drained faster with kindies riding them. But, they are great for 4-and-under aged siblings of HPS kids. What else could we do? Ideas?
- If there's no real price difference with removing them then we will keep them, Tina will find out cost of them. It's possible they are just included in our package cost.
- Hockey must stay against a wall, Jay and Brent will run it.
- Scorpions volleyball is coming to set up a grass net.
- Elke will talk to soccer to see if they will come back.

- Firefighters unfortunately have to be on the driveway because they have to be able to leave in an emergency. Does it still make sense to have them? We feel bad that very few people go over there. If they want to come we're happy to have them, but it can be their choice, they shouldn't feel obligated. Tina will talk to them and see.
- Afrim will talk to Officer Mike to arrange for a police officer and car again.
- Kips Gymnastics has been asked if they'll come back.
- Elke can ask tennis to come but they were very upset about all the ruined foam tennis balls from the water on the tarmac from the ``dunk tank``. Is there anywhere else we can move them away from the water?
- We could move face painting to make space for tennis, where could hockey go?
- Leaking water hose at bucket dump tank is a problem every year, Mr. Piper has asked to have it fixed multiple times and no luck. Rebecca will ask again about having it fixed. What does the bucket from the ``dunk tank`` dump into? Just onto the ground so that adds to the problem.
- Jacky will see if she can get old foam balls from her tennis club, Elke will also see if the old damaged ones are still around, then maybe the water will not be such an issue.
- From Kiddie Fun Trax: mini ferris wheel, train, swings, climbing wall, spinning pumpkins are all coming.
- Add more games? Subcommittee will discuss. A couple better games vs. more smaller games, look at how to staff the games, etc.
- Think about the passport idea for game prizes, it seemed to work well at the mall activity expo. Might help with manpower issue. Manpower is hard when non-council volunteers don't show up.
- Silent auction letter will be ready now with the fundraising initiatives added in.

6. Other business:

Spring cleanup

- Date: Saturday, May 12
- Invite Julie to come back, ask Marie to come back. We need people who know plants to direct others on what to leave and what to pull.
- We advertise for help at school but it's a fine balance between having enough people and too many with too many small kids.
- Susan will order mulch, order more than last year.

Distribution of Minutes

- Janice and Mark raised an issue of having difficulty with not getting minutes and agendas when they are unable to attend every meeting. This makes it hard to answer questions when people ask. Minutes can't go out until they are approved at the next meeting. Everyone at meeting gets hard copy, Sharon will ensure Minutes are sent to Jacky for posting on the website as soon as they're approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:05pm

Next meeting: April 16, 2018