

Hespeler Public School Council Meeting

Monday, September 21st, 2015

Minutes

Members Present: Julie Lobsinger, Krista Mohr, Susan Ford, Sharon McKeown, Cheryl McKeon, Kelly Daly Howell, Jill Strome, Tina Castelli, Jen Clarke, Carrienne Hotson, Sabina Voisin, Elke Lupinsky, Ang Bernardon, Olga Vigil Letang, Greg Schmid,

Regrets: Rebecca Birtch, Janice Koiter

1. Welcome/Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Julie Lobsinger introduced and new Vice Principal Krista Mohr to the group.

2. Elections

Elections took place for this year's council. Positions will be filled by the following:

Chairperson – Sharon McKeown

Secretary – Kelly Daly and Janice Koiter

Treasurer – Greg Schmid

Community Partner – Susan Ford

Teacher Rep – Jacky Shoebridge

Parent Partners – all present

3. School Council Annual Report

- Sharon reviewed the School Council Annual Report for 2014-2015
- Very pleased with the council's achievements last year
- Met all goals set out for council at the beginning of the year

4. Treasurer Report

- Greg provided an update on current financials
- Current account balance of \$12,917.66
- Outstanding expenses of approximately \$6,119 (French & English Home Reading Books, Speaker System, Phys Ed Equipment, Fun Fair prepayments etc)
- Available Balance – approximately \$7,298

5. Principal / Vice Principal Update

- Welcome Back – smooth start to new school year despite the rain! Special thanks to our custodian crew Mr. Piper for making sure the school was ready to welcome back the children.
- Changes in Assignment /New Staff – Welcome Krista Mohr as Vice Principal

Kelly Kittel (FDK)	Morgan Gaboury-Poirier (4FI/4/5FI)
Kiana Entwistle (DECE – 1)	Alice Jakubowski (7 & 8FI)
Lauren Halvorsen (3/4 – P4)	Hilda Gnitzinger (FR Core/7/8FI)
Jessica Horvat (Planning Time)	Katherine Cornacchia (EA)
Shari McJannet (EA-ASD)	Ashely Weisz (EA)
Heather Phillips (EA)	Shannon Yakutchik (4/5 – pm)
Jacqueline Duff (EA)	Mrs. Campbell (Karen Clemens)

Returning from leave:	Cheryl Henhoeffter (5/6FI)
	Sheridan Weber (3FI)
	Shari Richardson (ASD Class)
	Sarah Furtado (Planning)

- Organization Update – no re-organization (had 3/4 added end of last year. Decreased enrolment in the system (overstaffed by 1 teacher)
- School Success Planning / Board Improvement Plan – providing a variety of ways for students to communicate their thinking and learning. Watched Board video.
- Labour Relations Update – HPS teachers continue to be a very dedicated group of professionals who are committed to a safe and caring learning environment. They always and continue to put our student’s needs and interests first. In education there is a new Collective Bargaining Framework where negotiations take place locally and provincially. The principal and vice principal as administrators represent the board, and are not at liberty to make comments about the progress of negotiations. The ETFO is in a legal strike situation (Teachers and OT’s). Work to Rule means teacher’s and OT’s have withdrawn from administrative services (handing out correspondence generated by the board or province, will not attend board or ministry PD meetings, not prepare report card comments as a few examples). Teachers will continue to teach, provide students help and will let parents know if they have any concern with the progress of a child. We cannot guarantee there will be no further escalation of strike action nor predict the duration of this action. The situation will continue to be monitored and updates will be communicated in a timely manner and posted on the board website. The parent council plays an important role in representing and reflecting the views of the communication and we appreciate keeping the lines of communication open. Last year, Julie communicated with Sharon M on a regular basis and will continue to do so this year.
- Library Update – still waiting for the renovation to be completed
- PRO Grant was approved - \$1,000
- PA Days – Nov 13th, Jan 29th, Apr 22nd, June 3rd, June 30th
- Calendar Updates:
 - i. September 29th – Norcard Fundraiser
 - ii. September 30th – Terry Fox Run

- iii. October 1st – WE Day – Toronto – Nine grade 8's attending
 - iv. October 5th – Mad Science forms due back
 - v. October 8th – School Photo Day
 - vi. Grade 7 & 8 – Student Council / Spirit Assembly
- There was a suggestion that Crazy Hat day be moved to the spring in future years so kids don't have to wear hats during the colder weather

6. New Business / Fundraising

- School Council Goals - Sharon reviewed past council goals with the group. Sharon to send out to group and confirm these same goals will apply for the current year.
- Feedback from Fun Fair – Fun Fair last June was a huge success. It was Marie Sittler's last year as primary organizer. Rebecca Birth will chair the Fun Fair committee this year. Had a record year for top line revenue this past year at approximately \$9,100. Net proceeds were approximately \$4,200. Planning for this year's fun fair will commence in October and will be a topic for the next Council meeting.
- Fundraising - Proposing Danceathon and Fun Fair be two main fundraisers for this coming year. Will discuss and finalize at the October meeting and decide if the council wants to organize a 3rd fundraiser (last year we had the Bob Cate's Comedy In Motion show).
- Council commits to host two parent workshops per year. Topic for workshops to be discussed at next Council meeting.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2015 (3rd Monday of the Month)

Meeting Dates: Nov. 16th, Dec. 14th, Jan 18th, Feb 22nd, Mar 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th