

**MINUTES OF THE HESPELER P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

Participants: Sharon McKeown- Chair, Julie Lobsinger (Principal), Krista Mohr (VP), Greg Schmid, Kelly Daly Howell, Jackie Shoebridge (Teacher representative), Susan Ford, , Jill Strome, Tina Castelli, Jen Clarke, Sabina Voisin, Ang Bernardon, Erin Neath, Rebecca Birtch, Elke Lupinsky

Regrets: Cheryl McKeon, Carianne Hotson, Olga Vigil Letang

1. Sharon welcomed the group

2. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2015

The committee reviewed and approved the October 19th HPS Council Minutes and Sharon requested that they be formally recorded as Read.

3. Treasurer Report

Greg presented the report.

- Reviewed pending expenses. Julie L will speak to designated individuals about spending outstanding allocated funds before the end of December.
- Greg noted there is a balance of \$1,300 available to spend.
- Julie noted that the cost of chrome books has gone up and there was a difference of ~\$334 from what was previously approved.

ON MOTION DULY MADE BY JEN CLARKE, SECONDED BY SABRINA, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that \$334.50 is to be moved from the \$2,200 allocated to the Music department to fund the difference in cost of the Chrome books that was previously approved.

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Julie provided the following updates:

- Breakfast club – A big thank you to Janice K. who will be taking the lead on Breakfast club.
- Labour Dispute Update - Teachers have ratified with the province (some local negotiations still outstanding). All work-to-rule activities have ceased. The following day activities were up and running again. Some groups are still under negotiations and may notice some limited services (e.g. Custodian, Library Clerk and Secretaries).
- Progress reports are due to the Principals by November 30th. Still TBD when they will be distributed. Majority of comments will appear for language and math where most time is spent. With the short turnaround, teachers will primarily be providing comments where a student is having difficulties versus providing comments on each area.
- School success planning – Met with staff for first time after 5 months and the team was very excited to be together. Opportunity to introduce new staff and share the Board Improvement Plan and discuss the application to HPS.
- Julie shared the HPS School Goal for 2014/2015 and indicated the staff agreed it was still relevant and should apply for the 2015/2016 school year. It states “We are learning to provide a variety of ways for all students to communicate their thinking while providing ongoing descriptive feedback on their progress towards success criteria.”
- Key concept is the Growth Mindset which focuses on the process of hard work versus on the mark. The council watched a Ted Talk video that was also shown to the teachers and featured Carol Dweck speaking about the growth mindset. The council then had the opportunity to go to the staff room and review the outcomes of a brainstorming session the teachers held. Suggestion from council members to start to socialize the growth mindset concept with parents where possible at upcoming events.
- Krista reviewed upcoming events:
 - o This week – bullying awareness week
 - o Today – photo retake day & kindergarten vision screening

- Nov 17th – bus evacuation drill
 - Nov 18th – IB information night at Glenview Park 6:30 pm
 - Nov. 20th – wear pink day
 - Nov. 25th – grade 8 students visit JHS or Glenview
 - Nov. 27th – Movember
 - Dec 2nd – Grade 8 night for parents/families at JHS – 6pm for Fast Forward, 7pm for all other programs
 - Dec 9th – Grade 8 night @ GCI – 7pm
 - Dec 16th – Choir Concert
 - Dec 18th – PJ Day
- Jackie noted that she would update the HPS website with all events and respective dates

5. **New Business/Fundraising**

- A. Dance-a-thon – tentatively looking at March 4th. Sharon will check with vendor on availability.
- B. Mom 2 Mom Sale/Vendor Sale – Julie L will look into logistics further and follow-up with Sharon in 2 weeks. If decision is to proceed with sale, council would like to give parents advance notice so they do not dispose of potential sale items.
- C. Parent Workshops
 - i. ‘Technology Night’ – Julie L looking to confirm Jeff as a presenter for evening in January.
 - ii. ‘Building Healthy Families & Communities’ – Tina and Erin provided updates on their findings. After much discussion, suggestion was to have Front Door present an overview of their organization and resources in the community with break-out mini sessions to follow. Potentially 5 sessions to choose from (4 hosted by KW Counselling and a fifth focusing on how to talk to your kids about autism).
ACTION: Tina & Erin to follow-up with vendors and report back with more information and possible dates.
- D. Allocation of School Council Funds
Discussion covered during Treasurer’s report.
- E. Fun Fair
Discussions and planning will resume in January.

6. Other Business

- Christmas Concert to be held on December 16th and volunteers are needed. Tina agreed to head up the committee. Sharon solicited other volunteers. Decision to provide cookies and juice similar to what was done last year.
- Inquiry about whether Toy Drive would be held again this year. Tina volunteered to look into and organize in connection with Food Drive.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2015 at Sharon’s house

Meeting Dates: January 18, February 22, March 21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20

Note: **Dec. 14th meeting** : Sharon will host at her home. Everyone is requested to bring an appetizer. The format is social gathering and informal meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm