

**Minutes of the Hespeler P.S School Council**  
**Meeting Monday, February 22, 2016**

**Participants:** Julie Lobsinger (Principal), Krista Mohr (Vice-Principal), Susan Ford, Sabina Voisin, Tina Castelli, Jill Strome, Erin Neath, Rebecca Birtch, Jen Clarke, Cheryl McKeon, Michelle Bush Broga

**Regrets:** Sharon McKeown

**1. Welcome**

Julie welcomed the group

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2016**

The committee reviewed and the January 18, 2016 HPS Council Minutes. Jen motioned to approve the Minutes, Cheryl seconded, approved and recorded as read.

**3. Treasurer Report**

No major updates – status quo from last meeting.

**4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update**

Julie provided the following updates:

- Chicopee Winter Fun day Feb. 12 – went very well, it was a great day
- Carnavale Feb. 19 – despite having to change the date twice, Winter Carnavale went very well, lots of fun indoors and out
- Additional PA Day coming up on Feb. 26, there's been some feedback regarding communication of this added day. The school day number will be lost instead of shifting the school days. Focus of the day will be on giving feedback to students so they can act on it instead of focusing solely on marks. Julie will share about the day at the next meeting.
- PIC / WRAPSC presentation (free): Saturday, April 16, 2016 @ Bluevale Collegiate Institute in Waterloo. Conference on Strengthening Family-School Relationships, keynote speaker is Monique Howat on "How to Raise Confident and Motivated Kids". Flyer has gone out via online/email news update.

Krista provided the following updates:

- Gr. 8 info night for parents was Feb. 8
- Course selection for gr 8 students going to gr 9 has occurred – this past week/today
- Web attendance began last week
- Gr 7/8 FI students saw Grease @ St. Jacob's Playhouse Feb. 18 – it was well enjoyed
- Report cards, term 2 IEP's & request for interview forms went home Feb. 19
- Field trips this week: FDK to RARE for snowshoeing/hiking, gr 7's to Wrigley's Corners for outdoor ed
- Kindergarten registration is ongoing online – may not be working for everyone
- Feb. 25 is school-wide superhero day
- Mar. 2 & 7: gr 3 and ¾ going to Toyota
- Staff have a Growth Mindset Professional reading book club with over 15 staff participating
- Mar. 7 & 8: Jr girls and boys basketball tournament
- Kodaly Choir is ongoing
- Spring concert will be April 27

**5. New Business/Fundraising**

**A. Dance-a-thon**

- Kids seemed excited to have this event back at the kickoff assembly
- Pledgelopes have gone home
- Sharon will check in with those who expressed interest in volunteering on the day of and to count money regarding scheduling

#### **B. Family 2 Family Sale**

- date set for April 24/16 10am-2pm
- 120 tables fit in the gym for the science fair, maybe reduce this number a bit to allow room for chairs for vendors

The following is proposed for planning the event:

- \$20-25 for a family table, \$30 + 10% of earnings is proposed for table rentals
- ratio of 1/3 families to 2/3 vendors, but can adjust according to response
- flyer to go out: family table price on flyer, vendors to contact for pricing
- vendors will be approved on a first come, first served basis (one per “company”), first to pay is in
- @ Centennial each vendor is also required to provide an item to raffle, but this year we’ll leave that out, keep it simple and “up the ante” next year if we continue this
- finalize details at the next meeting

#### **C. Parent Workshops**

- “Healthy Families/Healthy Communities”
- all speakers are available on Wednesday, April 13
- 6:30pm start with speakers at 7pm

#### **D. Fun Fair**

- have started reaching out for donations
- got a quote from Kiddie Fun Trak
- Motion to bring in balloon animal maker Drew Ripley from a couple years ago, teaches kids how to make the balloon animals, \$300 all-in (supplies, etc.) – motion made by Tina, seconded by Jen, passed

#### **E. Rotary Trivia Night**

- Jen addressed council
- April 1/16, 7-9:30pm at the Newfoundland Club to raise money for Rotary initiatives
- \$20 per person
- would council and/or staff consider putting in a team, could challenge a neighbouring school? 6-8 people per team
- Julie will post the information in the staff lounge

#### **F. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Classic 2.5/5k Run**

- Jen addressed council
- Saturday morning, May 29/16 @ Hespeler Memorial Arena
- Superhero theme, includes BBQ, entertainment for kids
- all proceeds go to KidsAbility
- would be great to get students/staff/council teams involved
- \$40 in donations OR \$20 to enter
- Julie will post the information in the staff lounge

### **6. Other Business**

- Technology Night feedback: good turnout, very helpful to hear about what is available to the students, could have used a few more kids demonstrating

- maybe Jeff could have demonstrated some things on the big screen, otherwise he was very good

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2016

**Meeting Dates:** April 18, May 16, June 20

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm