

**MINUTES OF THE HESPELER P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 AT 7PM.**

Participants: Sharon McKeown (SM)- Chair, Jackie Shoebridge (Teacher representative), Krista Mohr (VP), Susan Ford, Cheryl McKeon, Jill Strome, Tina Castelli, Jen Clarke, Carianne Hotson, Sabina Voisin, Ang Bernardon, Erin Neath, Rebecca Birtch

Regrets: Julie Lobsinger, Greg Schmid, Kelly Daly Howell, Elke Lupinsky

1. Sharon Welcomed group

2. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2015

The committee reviewed and approved the 21-Sept-2015 HPS Council Minutes, and Sharon requested that they be formally recorded as Read.

- a. Council is in need of another co-secretary to share duties with Kelly.

3. Treasurer Report

Sharon presented the report in the absence of Greg.

Currently the account is showing a surplus of \$7300 that is not designated for any specific cost. This does not include the \$2200 allocated to Physical Education /sound system. An undetermined allotment of that \$2200 will be designated for outstanding music department items.

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Krista thanked all participants and provided the following updates:

- Teachers are currently in Phase 3 of their labour dispute, while Support Staff have begun phase 1; wherein the majority of impact focuses on the Administration (Principal, VP).
- Report cards are scheduled to go home on Nov.9; at this point the format is unknown. However parents are encouraged to call and contact teachers directly with questions or concerns.
- Community Police Officer Mike Douglas will be visiting every other Thursday.
- NorCard fundraiser ended last Friday, with increased revenue over last year.
- Pizza forms/money was due last Friday. (Pizza is always second break)
- Library is almost ready as the millwork came in last week.
- Upcoming:
 - o Oct.21 Mad Science starts
 - o Oct.28 bus evacuation drills for entire school.
 - o Oct.30 Costume day.
 - o Nov.9 Random Act of Kindness day
 - o Nov.16 is kindergarten vision screening.
 - o Nov.18 is gr.8 information night at Glenview (IB Program).
 - o Nov.25 gr.8 visits to Glenview or Jacob Hespeler.

5. New Business/Fundraising

- A. Dance-a-thon (Jackie to inquire about the Jump Rope for Heart event date to ensure they don't conflict)
ON MOTION DULY MADE BY ANG, SECONDED BY CARIANNE, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the 2016 Danceathon be held in February.

- B. Additional Fundraiser (Further discussion planned for Jan.18 meeting)

Following discussion, the Council agreed to try a hybrid Mom-to-Mom sale combined with a Vendor Sale in early April; dependent on the Support Staff labour disputes and associated restrictions therein.

ON MOTION DULY MADE BY TINA, SECONDED BY JILL IT IS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that a 'Spring Cleaning Vendor/Mom-to-Mom Sale' be held, with a proposed date of the first or second weekend in April.

C. Parent Workshops

- i. 'Technology Night' one-hour workshop to be presented by Krista, with focus on a Chrome Book tutorial and Q&A session for parents to be held before Christmas.
- ii. 'How to Talk to Your Kids About Autism' suggested for January. Tina will source a speaker for the event, and report back to Council at the November meeting ****ACTION ITEM****

D. Allocation of School Council Funds

Council debated allocation the currently available funds of \$7300 to various needs, but determined that at this time the money would be used to supplement both Home Reader Books and Chrome Books for the classrooms.

****ACTION ITEMS****:

*Krista to ask French teachers to spend the \$500 given to them last year.

*Krista to investigate location of CPS text books

ON MOTION DULY MADE BY SABINA, SECONDED BY CARIANNE IT IS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that \$1000 be allocated for the purchase of English primary grade Home Reader books, and that \$500 be allocated for the purchase of French primary Home Reader books.

ON MOTION DULY MADE BY ANG, SECONDED BY ERIN IT IS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the Council allocate funds to purchase 15 Chrome books for the school, to a maximum of \$4500.

E. Fun Fair

As Chair of the Fun Fair Committee, Rebecca will advise needs regarding sub-committees as work increases in January. The upcoming event will mark the 20th annual fun fair.

- 20 Tables have been reserved for the event
- Consensus of the Council was to do without a stage
- Spending decisions to be made at November Meeting (*Agenda Item*)

Council **proposed the event date as Friday, June 10th**, pending no concerns by Julie.

****ACTION ITEM**** Krista to confirm date with Julie, and relay confirmation to Rebecca.

Jackie will confirm Gr.8 camp dates to avoid scheduling conflicts.

up in January. Donations Committee, Communications Committee, Entertainment, etc.

6. Other Business

Discussed in previous conversation.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2015

Meeting Dates: December 14*, January 18, February 22, March 21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm