

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2016

7:00 pm

Present: Tina Castelli, Sharon McKeown, Erin Neath, Sabina Voisin, Kyly Miller, Kala Adams, Krista Mohr, Jacky Shoebridge, Julie Lobsinger, Jill Strome, Greg Schmid, Joanne Alegre, Elke Lupinsky, Jen Clarke, Kara Hall, Hughina Spencer, Michelle Bush Broga, Janice Koiter

Regrets: Susan Ford, Cheryl McKeon, Olga Vigil Letang

1. Welcome:

- Sept. 19, 2016 Minutes: approved as read.
- Sharon's "letter from the School Council Chair" updating families on what council has done over the last 4 years will be going home Thursday.
- JANICE MOTIONED to make an addendum to the School Council Initiative/Goals to continue the spring cleanup of the school gardens. Jen seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance at Sept. 12, 2016 statement \$16,170.37
- Minus \$4,750 in pending revenue & expenses
- Leaves \$11705.37 to allocate

3. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Principal's Update – Julie Lobsinger

- Progress reports will be sent home Nov. 14, 2016. Progress reports are meant to show what the student is able to do, and indicate what the next steps are to achieve grade level expectations. Teachers will indicate available times for interviews, you are welcome to request an interview even if one not required by teacher.
- PD Day on Nov. 18 will focus on School Success Planning in the morning, and Parent Teacher Interviews in the afternoon
- School Fundraising update: catalogue fundraiser is close to \$10,000 in orders, we keep 45%, has been earmarked for technology in the classroom (Chromebooks/iPads)
- Julie provided an update on the "teacher wish lists" for school council support (addressed below in Council Funds section)

Vice Principal's Update – Krista Mohr

- Students raised over \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Run and earned gum day. Julie & Krista dressed up as Seriously Sassy Cowgirls and visited all the classrooms, students really enjoyed this!

- Ongoing intramurals include: boys football, girls field hockey, athletic council, european handball, student council, primary & junior choir, Kodaly choir, Me to We
- Week of Oct. 3-7: Food Bank donations we being collected at school
- Oct 3: Gr 8's went to the Brantview Farm corn maze
- Oct. 6: Immunizations – Gr. 7 Hep B & HPV, Gr 8 girls HPV
- Oct. 7: Gum Day & Gr 4 Mad Science Substance Abuse Assembly
- Oct. 19: Go Purple Day – wear purple to break the silence surrounding child abuse and neglect
- Oct. 21: Gr 8 girls YWCA Conference
- Week of Oct. 24-28: Candy Grams for sale at both nutrition breaks
- Oct. 26: Mad Science program starts, 3-4pm
- Oct. 26: School Council presents Let's Talk About It - Children and Anxiety Parent Workshop 7pm
- Oct. 27: Kindy field trip to Brantwood Farms
- Oct. 27: Gr 7 & 8 dance in the afternoon
- Oct. 28: School Photo Day
- Oct. 31: Hallowe'en costume parade last block (1:25-2:25pm)
- Oct. 31: Officer Mike
- Nov. 15: Gr 3-8 field trip to Cinderella: The Panto at St. Jacobs Playhouse
- Nov. 16: Gr 2 & 3 field trip to Cinderella: The Panto at St. Jacobs Playhouse
- Nov. 18: PA Day – linked to school goals (collaborative learning teams, growth mindset, technology, descriptive feedback, supporting special education students, kindergarten program)
- Nov. 25: Spirit Day: wear your favourite colour or a rainbow of colours
- Nov. 28: Vow of Silence 9-10am
- Nov. 29: Officer Mike
- Nov. 30: Gr 8 to 9 info night at Jacob Hespeler SS 6-7pm
- Dec. 1: Gr K-6 Earth Rangers Assembly

4. New Business/Fundraising

Parent Workshops

Anxiety and Worry Parent Workshop

- Please attend if you are able - council members are asked to come early if possible to help set up chairs in the library.
- Tina will purchase refreshments.
- When posting the event on social media, remind people that kids are not allowed.
- Non-HPS parents are welcome, they should please contact the school if they're planning to attend.
- Encourage people to attend, even if they didn't get the rsvp form back in time.
- Under budget between fees and food.
- Sharon will provide a blurb we can all share on social media.

Second Workshop

- Timing/what to include: Wait until after current workshop, see what questions, etc. come up before deciding on more topics.
Earmark February for workshop.
Decide on topic at November council meeting.
- Two workshops is enough this year, coupled with other planned events, let's do them well.

Vendor Sale (School Council Fundraiser) – Sunday, November 27

- Tables are booked.
- Can we access school Saturday night to set up tables so we're ready for vendors at 8am Sunday? Yes, as long as Julie is present. Julie is available.
- Subcommittee exists, volunteer sheet going around to sign up to help day of.
- Sharon & Tina went to Breslau show to scout it. They charge \$2 admission, we are not this year. Potential 1000 ppl through. They have 27 years at it, we will not charge as it's our first year. Sale raises ~\$10,000, they have 100 vendors. We don't want to fill tables just for the sake of it, want quality vendors, got business cards and will reach out to invite vendors from that sale. Good to see flow of gym, we have benefit of pods to use if we need overflow space. They had council members all make chili to sell, and sold pizza (we won't do that this year). Had student runners to get things for vendors.
- Sign up sheet for bake sale table coming around.
- Looking like 50 tables at this point, we're ok with that, but are hoping to get more still.
- We need an incentive to get people here to shop. Note that kids drive parent attendance.
- Ideas: Classroom draw, each adult ticket goes into the kids classroom envelope. If you have more than one kid, do you get a ticket per kid? Could. Make it rewarding the student for encouraging ppl to come. Class with most tickets wins a party. Or have a separate table with a poster, manned by council, checkmark name as people say? Have area supervised. Split reward by division like Dance-a-thon.
- Add door prizes that apply to everyone? Add this info to advertising.
- Subcommittee will decide on how this will work. Make sure we're driving people here for the right reasons.
- Ad ideas: Flyers into mailboxes in area, locals businesses, street signs, Facebook event, Kijiji, post on community mailboxes, community CTV post, Cambridge Times, The Record events, 91.5 radio, Snap'd, CHYM community events...

Fun Fair Date and Feedback

- **DATE: Friday, June 9, 2017**
- Need subcommittee: Elke, Jill, Kara, Kala, Kyly, Joanne, Sharon, Janice on BBQ
- Rent another speaker. Mr. G can help set it up.

- Additional ticket sales table, have 4 or 6 stations, need double the sales tables.
- Volunteer schedule not very clear.
- Kids prize table was crazy, too confusing at end. Too much on it, takes forever. Pull earlier in the evening? Get bigger better prizes? Same applies to silent auction.
- Use walkie-talkies.
- Janice has BBQ notes to give Tina.
- Separate table for water sales only for cash?
- Order water refill station in advance for filling your own water bottles, or charge or donation for refill?

Dance-a-thon

- **DATE: Friday, Feb. 24, 2017**
- Changes have been made to the booking procedure because of our problem last year with the lack of a video screen, but it works out fine in the end.
- Minimum fee is higher, but we always well exceed it.
- Professor Jamz added a maximum fee of \$2200.

5. Other Business

Multi-cultural event earmarked for April

Council Funds

- Allocation of new funds, taking teacher wish lists provided to Julie into account (\$11,500 available).
- We'll disperse the available funds now, and choose something to fundraise for with our upcoming events (Dance-a-thon, Fun Fair)
- Consider bike racks, Susan's greening initiative, naturalized play structures (city property vs. our property).
- Chromebooks/iPads will be purchased from school catalogue fundraiser, school can match us with purchasing quantity.
- TINA MOTIONED to allocate \$7,900 to technology for Julie to allocate to as Chromebooks/iPads as needed and according to wish lists. Julie will report back exactly what was bought. Kala seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- ELKE MOTIONED to allocate \$1,000 to home reading (\$500 to English + \$500 to French). Kyly seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- TINA MOTIONED to allocate \$500 to outdoor equipment for kindergarten. Jen seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- JANICE MOTIONED to allocate \$1500 to adaptive basketball nets for phys ed. Elke seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nutrition For Learning

Report on costs from Janice:

- Most of the organizations funds come from donations and fundraising. Program assists with physical needs but also social needs of kids that use the

program, feels like a club. Everyone is welcome. It is an opportunity to improve their daily wellbeing.

- HPS's breakfast program will run 33 weeks: Oct 11-June 15 as long as funds last.
- Deficit from last year has been corrected with Nutrition for Learning. \$2,426 received from Nutrition for Learning, plus \$500 received from council from previous fun fair.
- \$0.88 per meal cost last year (\$88.66 per week grocery budget), will try to keep it at that this year. Keep under \$125/week.
- 77 permission forms in, 25-30 students daily, try not to overcook as much as possible. If there are leftovers, they go to asd and lifeskills class. Usually have 10 more kids on average in colder months.
- Goal of \$1200 this year in fundraising.
- Grocery stores don't give food donations, City Café gives food donations. Seek out other food donations? Food has to come in first before menu can change. Joanne can help seek out more donations.
- Received only about half the funding from Nutrition for Learning this year.
- Also have to contend with daily food intolerances this year (none last year), gluten free, dairy substitute, etc. which are way more expensive food items.
- JOANNE MOTIONED to allocate \$600 to HPS's Nutrition for Learning Breakfast Program, with the intent revisit remaining funding needs in March after the Dance-a-thon. Kara seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:51pm
GO JAYS GO!