

Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 2017

7:00 pm

Present: Susan Ford, Michelle Bush Broga, Olga Vigil-Letang, Erin Neath, Afrim Ficic, Sharon McKeown, Elke Lupinsky, Kala Adams, Jill Strome, Tina Castelli, Kyly Miller, Sabina Voisin, Jen Clarke, Jacky Shoebridge, Kara Hall, Mark Koiter, Dawn LeDrew, Abbey Smith, Sarah MacAllister

Regrets: Monica Laliberté, Julie Lobsinger, Greg Schmid, Janice Koiter

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2017

- September 18, 2017 Minutes: approved as read – Mark motioned to approve, Tina seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Very little has changed on value of our account since the last meeting.
- Allocated French home reading is now spent, plus an additional \$44 that Sharon & Greg approved.
- Sign expense is not paid to the school yet.
- Vendor sale budget remains notionally approved.

4. Principal/Vice-Principal Update

Principal's Update & Vice-Principal's Update – both presented by Afrim Ficic

- **Hespeler Public School EQAO Highlights:**
 - Increase in primary reading by 4% (Province - 74; Board - 66; Hespeler- 70)
 - Increase in junior reading by 9% (P - 81; B - 79; H - 84)
 - Increase in primary writing by 14% (P - 73; B - 64; H- 72)
 - Increase in junior writing by 20% (P - 79; B - 75; H - 87)
 - Increase in primary math by 2% (P - 62; B - 56; H - 61)
 - Increase in junior math by 15% (P - 50; B - 48; H - 57)
- Full EQAO results for Hespeler Public School can be viewed online:
https://eqaoweb.eqao.com/eqaoweborgprofile/profile.aspx?_Mident=5114&Lang=E
- **Math initiatives at HPS:**
 - Modeling Math Fluency Activities with Staff
 - Site Based Days for Teachers
 - Primary, Junior and Intermediate Math Lead Teachers
 - Collaborative Groups During PD Sessions and Staff Meetings
 - ⇒ Moving Students Along the Continuum
 - ⇒ Delving Deeper into the Comprehensive Math Program

- Comprehensive Math Program
 1. Learning Through Problem Solving
 2. Building Fluency from Conceptual Understanding
 3. Purposeful Practice
- **The Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations**
 - Changed from previous years - no longer a scheduled observation time
 - Kindergarten teachers will be completing a “Communication of Learning: Initial Observations” report
 - Comment on initial observation of their child’s learning and early evidence of growth in learning in relation to overall expectations in The Kindergarten Program (2016)
 - Teachers or parents may request an interview
 - Teachers will have present opportunities for parents to come in and observe the classroom throughout the year (e.g., open house format)
- This change is a provincial decision.

School information/Upcoming events:

- Smooth transition with our new kindergarten class - welcome Kerrie Gray (teacher) and Jessica Buttars (DECE)
- Beautiful sign is visible for all to see!
- Raised over 2800 dollars for Terry Fox Run!
- Numerous Activities at Hespeler: Intramurals, Choir, Student Council, etc. - thanks to the dedicated staff for organizing and running these clubs.
- Week of Oct. 23: Candy Grams will be for sale, proceeds go to UNICEF
- Oct. 25 - Grade 7 HPV shots
- Oct. 25 - Mad Science Begins (every Wednesday until December 13)
- Oct. 27 - Picture Day
- Oct. 31 - Costume Parade/Grade 7 & 8 Dance
- Nov. 1 - Receiving Letters for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 3 - Random Act of Kindness Day
- Nov. 8 - Family Math Night (NOTE THIS IS A NEW NIGHT)
- Nov. 16-17 - Parent Teacher Conference - More Info to Follow

5. New Business/Fundraising

Parent workshops

- Growth mindset speaker – not a lot of options locally.
- Janice had some luck finding a speaker: Bev Miller “Working to build resilience & grit, a growth mindset & optimism in children & teens”
- Need to research more into her presentation.
- She's quite busy so it will likely be into the new year for her availability.
- Approx \$600, have gotten some great reviews, will take the time to review her PowerPoint, see if it links up with the content we are looking for.

Vendor sale: Sunday, November 26 10am-3pm

- Subcommittee will meet shortly.
- 8' tables are not guaranteed, could be as short as 4', should we order more to compensate? Quantity from the board is not guaranteed.
- 30 vendors signed up, with 10 more in progress - in a better position than the same time last year.
- Flyer coming out, please post on community boards everywhere you go!
- Look at online advertising with Jason Godbout.
- Posting online on free sites will also be happening.
- Door prize: every \$1 entry donation you get a ballot for door prize.
- Lawn signs being worked on.
- Book sale flyer will come home in next couple weeks so people know to start sorting out & saving books - Sharon to give Sabina wording for a flyer.
- Reminder that we all agreed to bake for bake sale!
- We have a council meeting the week of the vendor sale, so we can plan out who is making what.
- Coffee is being donated from Tim Hortons, Kala will pick up as a van is required, we will sell the coffee.
- Does cream/milk/sugar/stir sticks come with it? Sharon will ask.
- Kara will share the Facebook event, if you are not on the event yet, please sign up as "going" and share the event so it populates in people's feeds.
- Share it to any groups you belong to as well!

6. Other business:

Council Funds: School Sign

- Sign is up & running and looks great!
- Technicians came in and gave a very brief instruction period, not a lot of instruction yet.
- Can look like a laptop screen if we use the right media.
- Sabina and Jay to meet with Afrim this week to figure out what information we need. Possibly in the interim we will help create content, while we learn how to use the sign to its full advantage.
- Have worked out kinks in timing so it's on during the day, and evening when people are out & about. Turns off around 9pm. Is on for the daylight hours of the weekend as well.
- Sign people are available to help, once we figure out what we need.
- Sometimes connection can also be finicky, Jay will investigate.
- It's a learning process since it's very new to us. Please continue to articulate to people you speak to that it's a work in progress since it's so new.
- Other feedback:
 - Concerns about being a good neighbour to those who have windows facing the sign: no complaints from neighbours yet
 - Think about colours used to be less bright (ie: bright white background is glaring)
 - Can we change the brightness at certain times of day?

- We'll have to be on top of when notices come down as soon as events are over.

Council t-shirts

- Kyly researched cost:
 - 25 shirts = \$14.25 each
 - Minimum order is 12 shirts = \$17.35 each
- Bright yellow t-shirt, HPS crest on front, SCHOOL COUNCIL on back
- We'd each pay our own shirt, participation is totally voluntary.
- We can each choose our own size.
- Please indicate to Sharon directly via email **by Oct. 23** if you would like to purchase one.

Mr. Piper – Rug shampooer

- Mr. Piper has asked for rug shampooer, Sharon has started to discuss this with Julie, they will continue the conversation.
- Consider what is available via the board vs. what is in the school.
- If he had one, carpet cleaning could be done in a more regular rotation.
- He helps us a lot with council events, this is something we could consider to help him.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:43pm

Next meeting: November 20, 2017