**Hespeler P.S. School Council Meeting**

**Via Google Meet**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

7:00 pm

Present: Rebecca Jutzi, Sharon McKeown, Karen Canapini, Sabina Voisin, Michelle Bush Broga, Christine Sciascetti,, Kyly Miller, Susan Fryer-Davis, Stacey Lawrence, Jillian Bolender, Kara Hall, Edesiri Udoh, Anne Eaton

Regrets: Regan Christensen, Susan Ford, Rose Kowalczyk, Tryna Gray

Regan Christensen (parent member) has provided notice that he is moving on from Council at this time.

1. **Welcome**

* This is our last formal meeting for the year.
* Sharon will send out an email to see how people feel about an outdoor social. Would be a Wednesday in June.

1. **Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2022**

* Approved as read - Michelle motioned to approve, Kyly seconded, approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

* + As noted last meeting the Mar. 10, 2022 opening balance was $6,387.44
  + The $1,110.00 for the March pizza fundraiser was deposited April 30.
  + Per the motion passed in April, $459.72 has been paid for the photo booth at the Gr8 year-end celebration.
  + Pending expense of $18.07 for yard waste bags for the garden cleanup (Sabina deposited this reimbursement cheque yesterday).
  + Available balance is $7,019.65
  + Sharon & Kyly looked through previous minutes back to 2019, and they’re comfortable that we’ve satisfied our contribution to the playground and Kindy area based on all of the minutes & motions.
  + Which account are the pizza lunch profits going into? It used to go into the school portion of the account as it was school run, but now it’s run by council. Ultimately the funds are for the school, we just have to vote on & approve the funds that come out of the council portion of the account. Rebecca agrees that the funds can go into the council portion of the account.
  + Council funds that are currently remaining will stay unallocated until September so we can see what we might be looking at doing over the next school year.
  + Rebecca thinks the school will be looking for funds for primary literacy initiatives, as they’re looking to fill in the gaps that our young students have had due to COVID.

1. **Principal/Vice-Principal Update**

Principal’s Update – Rebecca Jutzi

* Thank you for coming out and being part of council this year. Your input and support are very appreciated!
* Pizza lunches have been fantastic so far. We’re working out the details as we go and it feels so good to have something that feels normal and fun at school. It’s also a great fundraiser for the school.

Enrolment/Staffing

* + We were in a position to hire and Amanda Censner (now Beard) is coming back for a 3/4 class (she was at HPS the prior 2 years).
  + We’ve been spending time building tentative classes, in consultation with students’ current teachers.
  + We’re a bit ahead of schedule but have done that to prepare for the upcoming renovation. We may need to move out of the office area before the end of the year if the building permit is approved in the next 2 weeks. Room 16 will be the office.

Grade 8 year-end celebration

* Planning this celebration is well underway. We are moving away from the wording “graduation”, and are scaling it back a bit in terms of the formality of it. Otherwise the celebration will be similar to previous years with cake after the ceremony and a dance for the students.
* There will not be awards, instead we will be celebrating all students’ achievements.
* We’re encouraging students not to feel a need to buy new clothes, wear what you’re comfortable in.
* Thank you for the council donation of the photo booth.
* Gr8’s are having a year-end trip to Canada’s Wonderland, school is covering the bus cost for this.
* Lots of other year-end class celebrations happening as well.

Welcome to Kindergarten

* This will be the same as last year as a virtual information video, but then students will be invited into the classroom to meet their teacher and see the space. JK’s can expect to hear from their teacher and come for a visit in June.
* There is also an extra opportunity for another visit in August for kids who might be feeling anxious.
* Centennial students are coming to visit as a group on June 16.
* Gr8’s will be walking over to JHSS for a high school transition day visit. We know not all of our students are going to JHSS, but all high schools do a similar presentation.

Support for Elke

* A huge thank you to those who have made a contribution for meals for their family. There is no pressure to do so, but if you’d like to please see the email Rebecca sent out earlier this week. This is to allow Elke to focus on time with her family. Elke is extremely grateful for this support, and this was cleared with her beforehand. She is fine with anyone who would like to reach out.

Vice-Principal’s Update – Karen Canapini

Dates to note

* + May 20: Junior track & field @ JHSS
  + May 26: Senior track & field division finals @ JHSS
  + June 2: Senior track county finals (after school)
* June 6-9: EQAO gr3
  + June 10: Junior track & field divisional finals @ JHSS
* June 13-17: EQAO gr6
  + June 16: Centennial students transition visit
* June 17: grade 4-8 talent show outdoors (times will be announced soon, likely 1-1.5 hour shows)
  + June 23: Gr8 celebration
* June 24: grade 1-3 talent show outdoors

EQAO

* There will be a School-Day message going out on Friday with details.
* It is all online this year, our remote learners are invited to participate but it must be done in person.
* There are many accommodations embedded into the program this year. It’s not as long as it used to be, but spread out over 4 days.

New Playground

* The new playground is up and running and getting great use. The few things that needed to be fixed have been.
* The new outdoor classroom is also getting good use.
* A Monarch way-station is now near the outdoor classroom. Outdoor consultants came to set that up with some classrooms.

Track & Field

* The senior track & field meet was a great day at JHSS. Students had a great time and were glad to be out there. Karen & Rebecca were able to go over and cheer everyone on.
* About 100 gr7/8 students have chosen to be part of the track team so a huge shout out to our Phys. Ed teachers for organizing that!

1. **New Business/Fundraising**

Domino’s - Certificate Fundraiser

* Sharon spoke to Jacques regarding this program today.
* It gets set up as a School-Day online order. Families can pre-buy a $15 certificate for a large 3-topping pizza, the school gets $9 per certificate.
* The school collects the money and we then pay Domino’s $6 per certificate sold. They can be used at any location, and are valid for 45 days from the day he delivers the certificates. We would need to be very clear about that.
* It’s a May fundraiser only, it runs for 3 weeks from whatever day in May we start.
* Council members would need to come in to sort the certificates and distribute to teachers to send them home with students.
* Sharon will work with Shelley to set this up.

Domino’s - Pizza Lunches update

* Thank you to Courtney, Sabina & Crystal for the help with pizza distribution.
* Thank you to Karen, Rebecca & Joe for being there to help us!
* There are a few kids that thought they ordered but their family hadn’t. It had to be an all or nothing system this year with newly running it from outside the school.
* Many thanks to Shelley and Arlene for all the organization help!
* We’ve sold 394 boxes per week. We went with individual boxes to be mindful of COVID comfort levels regarding having students handling pizza to hand it out.
* The boxes are all getting recycled, it’s going smoothly.
* We can reevaluate next year whether we continue with the boxes or go back to whole pizzas.
* We’ll make just shy of $2800 for this 7-week event.
* Pizza lunches end the Monday before the last day of school (no pizza on June 27).

1. **Other business**

* Kindy area: have we started looking at what we can do to solve the mud issue in there?
* That could be a fundraiser to look at, to put turf or some other ground cover there.
* Turf can get quite wet and waterlogged and is very costly.
* Kindy teachers are a bit hesitant on turf because the kids do like to dig and play, so maybe we can keep an area for that.
* Another school has rubber mats of some type that have drainage and a texture that keeps away the mud, and they are removable and replaceable. It’s important for kids to have natural play too, and to be able to play in real dirt. It will be important to find a balance for this area.
* The school can get a quotes for council to see what it would cost to consider. It would also look good since that area is community facing, it provides a dual benefit that way.
* The admin team can come back to council with proposed options and costs but can count on council for financial support.
* In the meantime we’ll put some planks along the bottom of the fence to try to contain the wood chips better. We’ll need to add more wood chips as well.
* Overall the Kindy team is thrilled to have a dedicated area to play in!
* Susan Ford wanted to express thanks to everyone (classes/teachers/council) who helped clean up the gardens out front!
* Susan’s rock has been moved to the front of the school right by the flagpole from the outdoor classroom.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:50pm**

Kyly motioned to adjourn, Michelle seconded, adjourned.

**Next meeting: TBD**