



Home of the Silverhawks!

## **SILVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES: November 28, 2012**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Rhonda Barr, Brenda Moen, Kathy Mathers Chad Moffat, Linda Ehrenfellner, Jacqueline Ross, Amanda Rilan, Menna Smith, Molly Kimpel. Regrets Johanna Stevens

### **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26TH MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2012 were examined and noted that there was an error made on Mrs. Smith's name. The treasurer's report was missing and was noted.

### **APPROVAL OF THIS EVENING'S AGENDA**

The Agenda was examined and an additional section 9 (a) was added as School Website. In addition 11 (a) was also added as Questions and Answers.

**Approved:** Jacqueline Ross

**Seconded:** Amanda Rilan

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Fundraising material continues to come into the school. We will look at new fundraising programs at the final meeting of the year.

### **PRINCIPAL UPDATES**

- There have been some support staff changes that will occur in the month of December. Mrs. Alda Costa has taken a position at Chalmers Public School, which is closer to her home. A replacement for her will be announced at the next meeting. Mrs. Maria Philipione has also taken a position as Head Secretary at her previous school, Saginaw P.S. Mrs. Michelle Jackson (who prefers to be called Mickey) will be taking her place. Both Mrs. Costa and Mrs. Philipione will be greatly missed.
- Mrs. Sandy Steinbach, who is our 4/5 teacher is currently on a medical leave. There is a temporary teacher in her place until her return in the new year.
- The school recently participated in a penny drive for the Me to We program. Me to We teamed up with the Royal Bank to collect pennies to help fund fresh water to individuals in needy countries. The Royal Bank provided bags which held close to 2500 pennies each. \$25 worth of pennies provide fresh water for one person. The students of Silverheights collected 31 bags of pennies at 17lbs each. All the bags were turned into the Royal Bank, who will write a cheque to the Me to We organization on behalf of our school.
- In the month of December there will be door decorating contest. The theme is "Let It Snow". The contest will be judged by both Brenda and Kathy.
- The Silver Celebration will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, with a daytime only performance. The dress rehearsal will be at 9:00am. The actual performance will be held at 1:35pm in the school gym. For alternate day kindergarten the performance will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:35pm.
- Last school year, the school population was asked to come up with a new conduct/motto for our school using the acronym SOAR. Attached is a draft of the belief concept that is being considered.

- The school will be using new achievement certificates for our Superhawk awards. The certificates were available from our school photographer *Lifetouch*. We receive points per student during the school photography season, and as a result these new certificates were free to the school.
- The school has purchased 6 new Ipads , cases and a new charging cart with the help of Bingo funds. In addition, the Board of Education has also purchased a class set of 20 per school. These new units will be a welcome addition to the school, and can be used in a great number of ways to assist with student achievement.

Mrs. Linda Ehrenfellner provided a demonstration of the Ipads, and showed all those in attendance some of the wonderful features available.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL WEBSITE**

- Menna Smith and her family have donated the funds, and creativity, to provide Silverheights a website specifically for School Council.
- The website can be accessed at [www.silverheights.info](http://www.silverheights.info), and is currently under construction.
- A recommendation was to keep the current email address that has been currently used for a number of years as [silverheightscouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:silverheightscouncil@hotmail.com).

### **SCHOOL ADDITION UPDATES**

- The key card location, which was located at the intermediate door, has now changed. This door is no longer an exit.
- The current delay to the construction has been due in part to the Ministry of Education and The City of Cambridge being overwhelmed by many school additions.
- Dale Weideman has brought contractors to the school to review the location, as potential tenders for the contract.
- The tender process will be complete before Christmas, and the construction should begin during the holiday season.
- The construction process will continue over the winter.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

There is currently \$15,500 in the school account. \$4500 of that money is currently reserved. Our WEFI account for the playground construction is currently at \$41,305.

### **LUNCH PROGRAM REPORT**

Our last pizza day will be December 19th. Pizza forms will be handed out next week for the next pizza session, which will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The first session was very successful, but we do expect to have a slight decline for the second session, which is usually impacted by the holiday season.

### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

We have completed two of our fundraising initiatives for this school year. The QSP campaign achieved \$5640 in profits from magazine sales and \$650 for our retention bonus. This was up from last year. Our Regal fundraiser raised approximately \$1100.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

There was no distribution of funds at this meeting.

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. Is Silverheights taking advantage of the availability of PRO Grants?
  - Answer: There are two grants that are available each year. A \$500 Parent Involvement Initiative is given to each school each year. In the 2011-2012 school year the initiative was given to the French Dept. to fund the French Café, which was attended by a large number of parents in the community.
  - The PRO Grant is a more comprehensive grant opportunity which must be applied for with a very specific range. The amount can be upwards of \$1000. We have taken the opportunity to do this grant a number of times, most recently in 2010 for the Parent Resource Lending Library. We did not take advantage of this last school year.
2. What is the school boards policy on Bullying?
  - Answer: There is no real program that has been filtered down through the Board Of Education. It is examined on a case by case situation.
3. How many parents participate in the Staff Appreciation Dinner?
  - Answer: The staff appreciation dinner has a growing number of parents each year who participate in the donation of food, and assistance with the set up and take down and clean up each year. Last year there were approximately 40 parents who contributed to the success of the event.
4. Are Silverheights students participating in the programs available for Junior Achievement, and if not why?
  - Answer: Silverheights participates in many types of programs for our students. The Junior Achievement program is offered only to our intermediate students. It is usually a half or full day program, and will occur on January 15, 2013.
5. How are the academic initiatives determined for schools?
  - Answer: School success in terms of academics are determined by collaboration initiatives by the Ministry of Education, the Board of Education and schools.

**The Next Meeting will be Wednesday January 23, 2013 at 6:30pm in the school library.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**