



Home of the Silverhawks!

SILVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT

Karen Small, Jenn & Colin Kevan, Karen Petznick, Dana & Rick Tremblay, Brent & Michelle Boulet, Trupti Vyas, Victoria Shumeyko, Nancy English, Nedeja Jawood, Molly Kimpel, Wanrang Xie, Menna Smith, Sahar Gohari, Saed Ali, Wendy Hood-Morris, Jennifer Hauser, Viral Patel, Kelly Brown, Davinder Kaur, Tammy Dixon, Tina Franchetto, Dieip Patel, Renu Savalige, Maricel & Peter Tewari, Tina Cueimert, Tryna & Kevin Gray, Rhonda Barr, Amanda Rilan, Jacqueline Ross, Johanna Stevens, Chad Moffat, Andy Beddoe, Brenda Moen, Linda Ehrenfellner

APPROVAL OF THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

The Agenda was examined and accepted as presented.

Approved: Amanda Rilan

Seconded: Johanna Stevens

(Slight change in the order of the evening. 2013-2014 Elections will move up after the Principal/Vice Principal Updates due to parents wanting to bring young children home)

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Great start up for the school year.
- There are a lot of new students who have enrolled, which can be seen with our large class sizes.
- Silverheights is now a very large school. Our extension is as large as some schools.
- Construction continues. We have encountered some delays with supplies. There has been one change in sub contractor.
- The construction is working as quickly as possible.
- There is no firm date for the completion.
- A new foundation has been started for the new gym.
- Moved into the new office in the last two days. First groups of parents and students in the office today.
- Due to the large number of kindergarten students, it has been necessary to add an additional kindergarten class.
- Picture Day will be October 8, 2013 first thing in the AM.

VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- We had a very successful first fire drill.
- The students have been great with the construction zones.
- Kindergarten students are great going through the hallways.
- Community has been very patient with the construction and changes that have been necessary so far this year.

2013 – 2014 ELECTIONS

- Each school year brings the opportunity to elect a new school council. At the first meeting of the school year, the elections are to take place.
- Jacqueline Ross, who has been our valued Treasurer for many years, has decided to step down from this role. Rhonda thanked Jacqueline for all of her hard work over her many years. Jacqueline will continue on in the role of Fundraising Co-coordinator.
- A parent put forth a nomination for the role of Treasurer. Amanda Rilan was asked if she was willing to take on this new role. She accepted the nomination.
- There is no new member interested in running for the current position of Chairperson. Rhonda Barr has volunteered to stay on in this position.
- Brenda Moen conducted a vote by a show of hands in favour of Amanda Rilan taking on role of Council Treasurer. The results were 30 in favour – 0 opposed – 1 abstain.
- Brenda Moen conducted a vote by a show of hands in favour of Rhonda Barr taking on role of Council Chairperson. The results were 30 in favour – 0 opposed – 1 abstain.
- The role of secretary was volunteered by Jennifer Hauser.
- Brenda Moen conducted a vote by a show of hands in favour of Jennifer Hauser taking on role of Council Secretary. The results were 31 in favour – 0 opposed .

SCHOOL EXTENSION TOUR

- All those in attendance were invited to tour the main floor of our new extension. The tour included the new office, work space, staff room and the new five kindergarten classrooms. All were impressed with our wonderful new extension.

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- There are many committees within school council to become a part of. We are currently looking for new members. We have a fundraising committee, lunch program and a new Parent Involvement Committee.
- Jacqueline Ross will head up the fundraising committee, Rhonda Barr will continue to run the Lunch Program, and Menna Smith will be heading up the Parent Involvement Committee which will start up sometime in 2014. Volunteer sheets were handed out to all of those in attendance, and will be forwarded to all committee heads.

LUNCH PROGRAMS

- The pizza program will begin on October 16th. We have had an overwhelming response from the students to be pizza helpers this year. We currently have helpers for the all sessions already in place. Pizza will continue to be every Wednesday. The current session ends November 18th. Pizza will be offered to Kindergarten students in January.

FUNDRAISING

- New fundraising ideas were discussed and the following fundraisers will run in the 2013/2014 school year:
 - September – QSP Magazines
 - Spring - Tasty Batters Cookie Dough

A vote was conducted on both fundraising initiatives. Majority were in favour – Motion carried.

WRAPSC

WRAPSC is an organized group of all school councils in the Waterloo Region. Each school may elect a representative/Chairperson to attend their monthly meeting. Menna Smith /Rhonda Barr will attend these meetings, when able, to report on any new initiatives, events, and information from this group.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Board of Education has created a whole committee to seek new ways to involve parents within their child's education. This committee meets approximately 3 times per year, and parents are able to attend meetings and observe. Menna Smith will attend these meetings when available, and report back any important findings.

2013 – 2014 MEETING DATES

- School Council will meet on the following dates this school year:
November 27
January 22
March 26
April 23
May 28

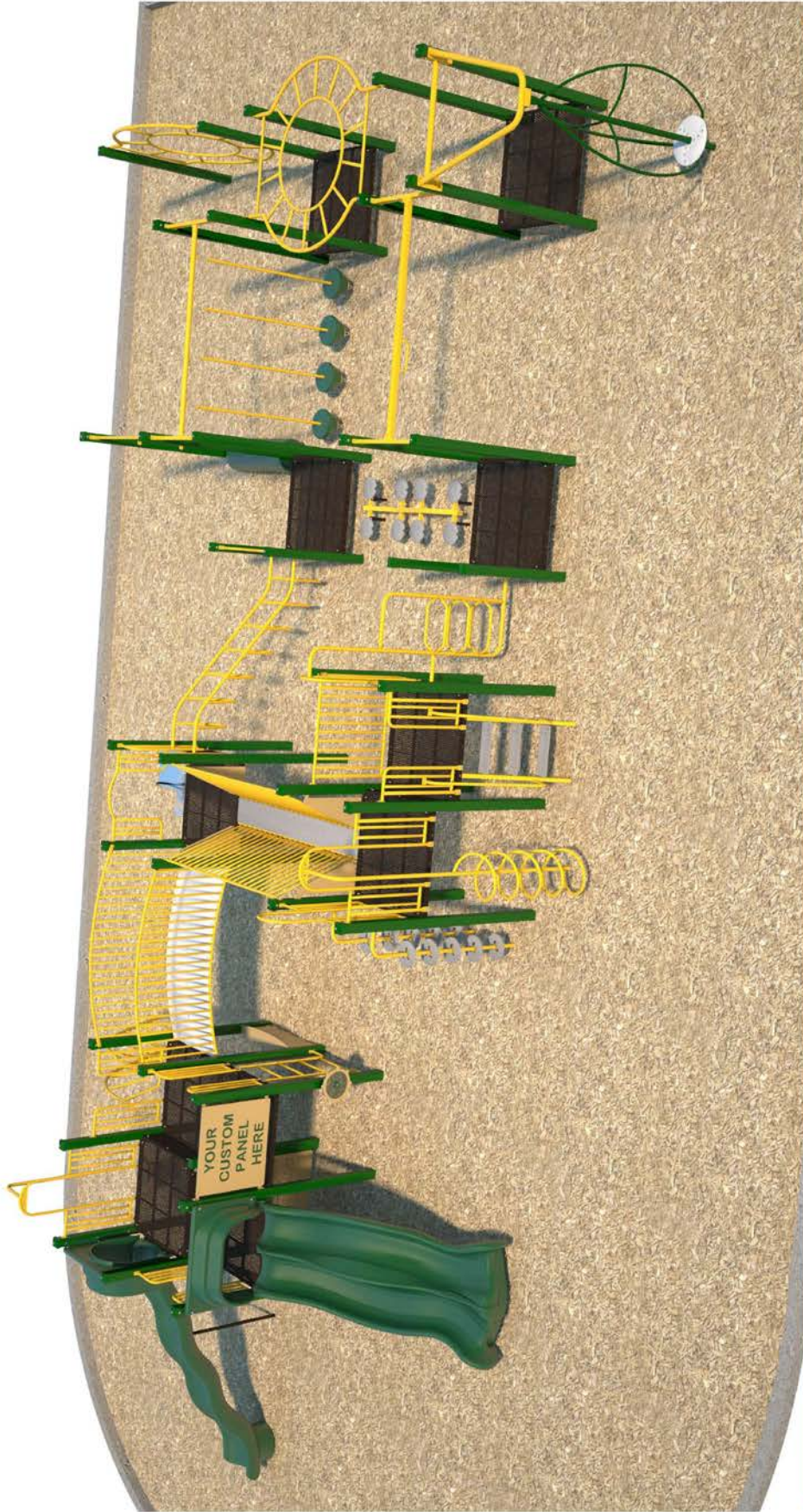
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- There was no distribution of funds at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday November 27th at 6:30pm in the school library

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



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