



Home of the Silverhawks!

SILVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT

Amanda Rilan, Meena Smith, Rhonda Barr, Jacqueline Ross, Chad Moffat, Brenda Moen, Kathy Mathers, Linda Ehrenfellner, Arjun Parman, Meghavi Parman, Molly Kimpel, Johanna Stevens, Maria Grant.

APPROVAL OF THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

The Agenda was examined and accepted as presented.

Approved: Amanda Rilan

Seconded: Johanna Stevens

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 30TH MINUTES

The May Minutes were examined and accepted as presented.

Approved: Amanda Rilan

Seconded: Jacqueline Ross

CORRESPONDENCE

- Rhonda received some items pertaining to fundraising and lunch program ideas. Some will be discarded and some will be filed for future reference.

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.
- Due to the large number of kindergarten students, it has been necessary to add an additional kindergarten class. This change will be effective on Monday October 1st. Mindy Constantino, who was acting as our Learning Skills and Planning Teacher, will take over the new Kindy class. As a result, we have replaced her with Laura Callahan in that role. Ms Miyata has chosen to take a new position at Stuart Ave., and we have filled her position with Bethany Faber, as the permanent teacher in our DC class. The previous position that Bethany held assisting with Ms Coghill, has now been replaced by Melanie Rideau. This will be effective October 9th.
- Construction Update: The parking lot was finished prior to school starting back. They did an amazing job. There has also been some work done in the front of the school. We are currently waiting for final approval, hopefully by Thanksgiving. The project will then be put out for tender, which generally takes approximately three weeks. We hope to see real construction started by early November. The Board of Education has given 1.5 years for the project. Estimated completion date is still September 2013.
- EQAO scores for Silverheights have been examined by our staff. In most cases we are above the Board average. We will continue to strive to improve by networking as a staff. Teachers have also been given the opportunity to share ideas with teachers from other schools. This process was started last year, and will continue this school year.

- We have also introduced a Learning Skills program into the school. Three teachers, (Mindy Constantino, Kristen Hrbak and now Laura Callahan) will meet with students one period per month to discuss topics important to students. (ie bullying) These will be open discussions.
- Silverheights will also be hosting a number of new student teachers in the school this year. This is in conjunction with Nippising University.
- We would also like to welcome Kathy Mathers as our new Vice Principal at Silverheights. We welcome her experience here at the school, and are very happy to have her join the Silverheights family.

VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Meet The Teacher was a great evening, with a huge turnout.
- October 9th is picture day for the whole school. October 10th will be picture day for the alternate Red Kindergarten class.
- First report cards will be handed out on November 5th for grades 1 – 8. These are progress reports only, and not an achievement report. This is only reporting how a child is doing, and covers the time period up to November 5th. Kindergarten parents will have an observation day rather than a report. First achievement reports will come out in February.
- November 9th will be a PA Day. Teachers will be conducting parent interviews at this time.

2012 – 2013 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. There have been no new members interested in running for the current positions. Therefore, Rhonda Barr has volunteered to stay on in the position of Chairperson. Jacqueline Ross has also agreed to stay on in the position of Treasurer. There is still an open position available for Secretary. This position will be done by varying members of the council in the absence of someone in the role.

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 Strong Start. Anyone interested in joining can contact Rhonda for further information.

LUNCH PROGRAMS

- The pizza program will begin on October 3rd. We have has an overwhelming response from the students to be pizza helpers this year. We currently have helpers for the 1st and 2nd sessions already in place. Pizza will continue to be every Wednesday. The current session ends the last week prior to Christmas Break.

TREASURERS REPORT

FUNDRAISING

- New fundraising ideas were discussed and the following fundraisers will run in the 2012/2013 school year:
 - September – QSP Magazines
 - Same as usual
 - November – Regal Fundraising
 - Catalogues are sent home and all orders are done online. Orders are shipped directly to the purchaser's home. We receive between 35% and 40% of the profits.

- March - Tasty Batters Cookie Dough
 - We send order forms home, collect forms and place the orders, and then the dough is sent to the school organized by student and classroom. Since this is offered through the same company as QSP, a prize chart will go with it so students have something to work towards

2012 – 2013 MEETING DATES

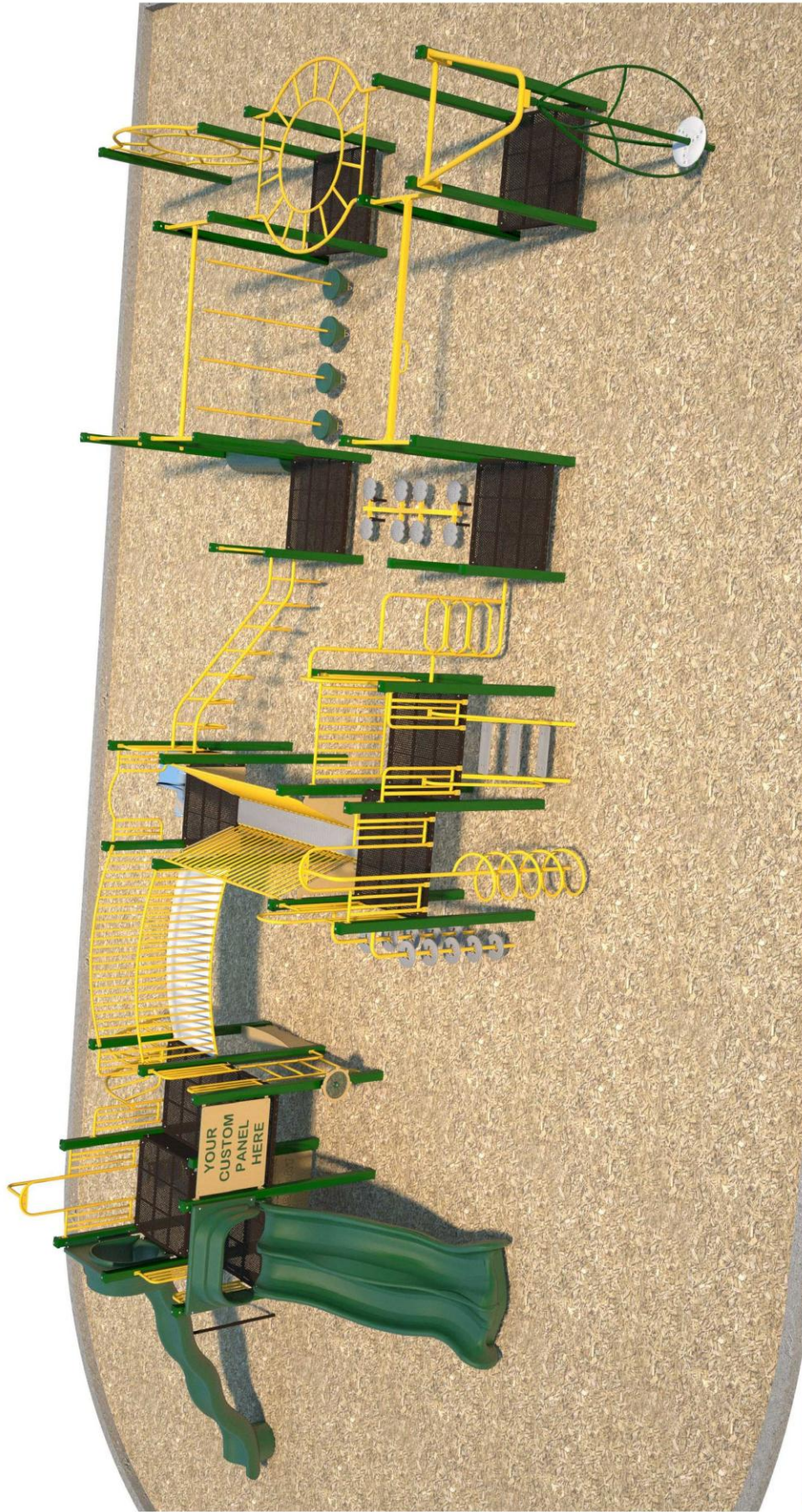
- School Council will meet on the following dates this school year:
 - November 28
 - January 23
 - March 27
 - April 24
 - May 22

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

- There was no distribution of funds at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Wednesday November 28th at 6:30pm in the school library



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