

SILVERHEIGHTS 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR PARENT COUNCIL

February 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Helen Called Meeting to Order 630pm

PRESENT

Helen Brown, Karen Petznick, Jenn Latour, Leslie McNabb, Val Martin, Faye Wilson, Paula Butt, Chad Moffat, Renee Kennett, Hazel Lubbats

APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES

January Minutes: Approved Paula; Second Faye

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Pick Up and Drop Off traffic continues to be a significant challenge. PARENTS... PLEASE do NOT Park in our staff or daycare parking lot. PLEASE do NOT cut through our parking lots.
- The safety of our students is our first priority... PLEASE RESPECT pickup and drop off parking rules.
- With recent weather, breaks have been limited to tarmac only – our students are coping with this well, but we do wish we would have just a bit more snow to allow them time to outside.
- WRDSB Wellness Initiatives – focus on Math and math fluency with 15 minutes a day on math instruction.
- Focus on Report Cards on learning skills – how do we support our students to develop learning skills that will benefit them ongoing.
- WRDSB Growth Mindset initiatives; parents, look for informative TedTalks/Youtube for
 - Carol Dweck – Growth Mindset
 - Jo Boaler – The power of Yet

STAFF UPDATES

- Silver Celebration was great success!
- Random Acts of Kindness wall in our front hall – great student participation
- March' Theme is Integrity
- Gr 7s are raising money for their trip to Science North – sounds like an amazing program, please buy popcorn!
- St. Johns Ambulance Therapy dogs have started visiting our classes; program will have weekly visits for reading and student interaction.

SNA COMMUNITY UPDATES

Our Neighbourhood Association is Amazing!

- LEAD initiatives have started with LITs in Gr8/Age 12+
- Summer Counsellors being Hired
- March Break camps nearly full already

- April 1 Summer Camp Registration
- May 9 Bike Rodeo, 6 – 730PM. If you or somebody you know needs bike helmets please come by the SNA, helmets are available
- E-Newsletter, signup for distribution
- Remember – June 3 Neighborhood Day!
 - Victoria Park Celebrations 12 – 4pm for ALL ages
 - Garage Sale/Community day – committee meetings are ongoing, please contact Faye for more information or to volunteer

CHAIR UPDATES

- Next Pizza day session will be managed through School Day and the Administration staff;
 - Pizza Day volunteers are always needed and welcomed!
 - With shift to Pizza day management by our Administration Staff funds are allocated to school initiatives rather than Parent Council
- Spring Fundraising
 - Motion to approve Cookie Batter fundraising – Renee
 - Second – Karen
 - Faye, Jenn and Paula will take over the reins for Tasty Batter this spring, Campaign expected to run in April.
 - Volunteers are always welcome/needed for fundraising and council support
- Stage Update
 - Stage funds have been approved and initial quote has been received ~13K for Stage + ~7K for Ramp
 - Delivery expectations from initial quote at 4 – 6 weeks delivery; target is to have the stage in house before Grad
 - Mrs. McNabb will confirm tender/RFP requirements
 - Post Meeting Paula was able to find an additional quote for stage for review at April Meeting
- PIC Grant \$500 will be directed to support “Math Night” events to be held in the spring
 - Motion to Approve Math Night – Karen
 - Approved – Faye
- PARENT INVOLVEMENT
 - How can we improve parent involvement at SilverHeights? Our council representation is VERY low, what will bring parents out to support our school?
 - As a result of low parent involvement at this time additional fundraising initiatives as well as our School Yard Revitalization project are on hold until additional support can be recruited.

A special note to parents – Please come out to our Parent Council Meetings – these meetings are a great way to be informed about initiatives within our school and help shape the environment our kids are learning in. There is so much we can do with additional support.

Please come out to our next meeting – April 26 at 630 in the SilverHeights Library

Motion to Adjourn – Karen; Approve – Faye
Meeting Adjourned 810pm