

SILVERHEIGHTS 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR PARENT COUNCIL

September 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME J,

Amanda welcomed everyone to another school year, welcomed new parents

PRESENT

Amanda Rilan, Dana Tremblay, Faye Wilson, Helen Brown, Breanne Hill, Michela Preddie, Paula Butt, Karen Petznick, Leslie McNabb, Val Martin, Chad Moffat, Owen Rilan, Chris Petznick

APPROVAL of MAY 2016 MINUTES

Approved: Helen Brown

Second: Paula Butt

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AGENDA

Approved: Helen Brown

Second: Paula Butt

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

Most correspondence for fundraising. Additional correspondence for PIC, WRAPSC looking for parent involvement; Safe Caring & Inclusive Schools, Lunch Programs

Council votes in spring for fundraising initiatives.

2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to Amanda Rilan for all of your official and unofficial support as council chairperson.

Chair/Co-Chair Position-Helen Brown nominated by Faye Wilson; unanimous vote for Helen Brown for Chairperson

Secretary Acclaimed-Karen Petznick

Treasurer-Supported through Silverheights Admin staff with support through Chairperson

Members at large-Dana Tremblay, Paula Butt, Breanne Hill

Silverheights Neighborhood Association- Faye Wilson

PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATES

Staff and students are settling into the new year, routines are becoming more established, even our Kindies are settling in nicely!

Reestablishing Monthly SOAR Assemblies celebrating Student achievement

Terry Fox run had a late start, but will be coming

Request for Gr5 Bike safety course; previously at no charge to students with grants available, this year \$20/student. Seems costly, will be revisited for additional details on value proposition of course.

Discussion around teachers running their own fundraising within the school; needs to be aligned by grade/division and aligned to prevent Fundraising Fatigue

Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools has a change in process this year-shifting to planning and 4x year updates

TEACHER UPDATES

Silverheights teachers are back in action with renewed energy for a new year.

Startup is always anxious times, focus on establishing routines and understanding the learning styles of students in their classrooms.

Tech in the classroom becomes increasingly prevalent, focus is on building the growth mindset.

Upcoming events- Boys, Girls Soccer, Focus on increasing intermediate involvement; leadership roles for Gr7/8 and even junior grades for ongoing progress.

Recycling is in full swing; PALS continues support for younger grades, Home Reading coming for Primary

Grade
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Picture day November 3 (not the day after Thanksgiving!)

SILVERHEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Lots of events coming from SNA; this is OUR neighborhood association.

LEAD program upcoming-these are the kids hired for camps and programs, get in and volunteer! Upcoming events: Halloween, Scavenger Hunt, January Schedule already in progress

Thanks Faye for your great work supporting our community!

GREENING INITIATIVE

Can be as big or as simple as we want it to be. Before committing any funds, need to work on plan to develop green initiative that aligns with school priorities and community needs. Start first with a fall cleanup of front gardens and continue to evaluate the work to be done.

FALL FUNDRAISING

Fundschrift-appears to be a lot of details and some additional effort for minimal return
Evaluate the option for Waterloo Education Foundation in place of fall fundraising-unanimous support to proceed with this option; reduce fundraising fatigue allowing families to donate directly to our school resources; Helen and Leslie will review how to implement this campaign in fall.

Pizza program will continue; look for signup coming on School Day

FINANCE UPDATES

Decision from end of 2015/2016 to invest in stage for Silverheights, homework has been completed to ensure we have storage room

Current account balance
\$25,300

Stage investment \$17K to come from this balance.

NEXT MEETINGS

October 26; November 23; January 25; April 26; May 24

Child care will be available, unanimous decision to reimburse babysitters for their time

NEW BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Scholastic is now available online, driven by individual teacher campaigns

**MEETING ADJOURNED
8:32PM**