

## **SILVERHEIGHTS 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR PARENT COUNCIL**

**October 26, 2016**

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

Helen Called Meeting to Order 630pm

### **PRESENT**

Helen Brown, Karen Petznick, Jenn Latour, Michela Preddie, Amanda Rilan, Paula Butt, Hazel Lubbert, Leslie McNabb, Val Martin, Chad Moffat

Regrets

Dana Tremblay

Faye Wilson – SNA representative unable to join

### **APPROVAL of SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES**

Corrections to September 2016 Minutes: Add Michela Preddie, Amanda Rilan to Members at Large

Approved: Paula Butt

Second: Michela Preddie

### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda no longer required; removed from Agenda

### **CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE**

Most Correspondence for Fundraising opportunities; decisions generally made in spring for following year.

Further investigation into Cambridge Winterhawks Hockey Ticket sales. Helen to investigate any nights available.

Fall fundraising moved to WEFI through donations – details to be provided through School Day for Participation

Professor Jamz – evaluated for possible spring events

### **PRINCIPAL/VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATES**

Staff focus on renewed Math strategy workshops at upcoming PD Days and Staff meetings

Wellness and mental health initiatives continue for support of staff/teachers and the encouragement of mindfulness

Aligned to board focus areas of math and wellness initiatives; well received by staff.

IEPs being finalized with administration

Progress reports due for distribution in November, with interview to follow

Digital learning symposium held, provides best practices for becoming “paper-lite”

Focus on technology within the school environment – opportunity to trade in for Chromebook, engagement in Google Classroom

Students can bring own technology (Chromebooks) to classroom, at parental discretion/risk

Please be respectful of confidential conversations that can happen in/around school spaces such as staff room/office; staff room should be reserved for teaching staff/administration only. Logistics of Volunteer support using staff room/prep room equipment to be evaluated.

All volunteers and staff need to be respectful of confidentiality when in our school environment

#### **TEACHER UPDATES**

Highlights include Terry Fox Run, Intramurals, PAL's, and Recycling Crew

Student Council (new this year) focus on assemblies, wellness, spirit day, special events; great way to involve intermediates and develop leadership within the school

#### **SILVERHEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION UPDATES**

SNA Rep unavailable for meeting; always important to encourage participation across the community

This is YOUR community, get involved and come out with your families

#### **FINANCE UPDATES**

Estimated \$2K revenue from Pizza Day

~\$31K in current balance, however pizza payments to be allocated and commitment to purchase stage still to be confirmed

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

MS Hrback requested funds for several initiatives to support some of our students with difficulties learning

- Exercise Bike, allows our students to burn off excess energy and allows them stay focused for learning throughout the day; approval up to \$900 (delivery and tax included)
- Motion for funds Karen Petznick, Second Helen Brown – unanimous approval
- Cube Chairs provide our students with their own space and to be respectful of own and others personal space 2 chairs requested; \$81/each inclusive shipping/delivery
- Motion for funds Karen Petznick, Second Helen Brown – unanimous approval
- Raz Kids reading programs supporting reading initiatives; \$120/set of 20 licenses, \$150 requested
- Motion for funds Karen Petznick, second Helen Brown – unanimous approval

Motion to Adjourn Meeting 8pm

Motion Helen Brown, Second Michela Preddie

Next Meeting Wednesday November 23, 630pm, Silverheights Library