

Silverheights P.S. Parent Council Meeting – April 22 2015, 6:30pm

1. Call to order Wednesday April 22 – Amanda Rilan
2. Attendance. Rhonda Barr, Dana Tremblay, Amanda Rilan, Chad Moffat, Brenda Moen, Stephen Sherlock, Helen Brown, Menna Smith, Owen Rilan, Faye Wilson, Karen Petznick
3. Minutes approval Approved Helen Brown; second Menna Smith
 - Agenda amended to add principal profile review
 - approved Faye Wilson, second Dana Tremblay
4. Correspondence – most correspondence was predominantly fundraising information to be covered in later agenda
 - High school correspondence related to math criteria
 - Information on new initiative measuring what matters and what school success is.
 - Correspondence will be posted
6. Principal updates
 - Staffing season has begun; the previously seen enrolment dip is no longer a dip with full class loads
 - expected postings now starting. different postings between now and July but no teacher surplus is expected
 - Mat leaves ready to go soon with replacements identified
 - PD day activities - inspirational speaker for staff, Jim and Jen Moss, demonstrated Plasticity app, helping employees be happy. Happy employees = better business; positive state of mind brought better medical care, improved health and improved life outlook. What made you smile today?
 - Scavenger hunt for staff – focus on school improvement plan, collaboration, improve own work - visit other classrooms for evidence of school improvement plan.
 - 25th anniversary plans progressing. Planning meeting April 29 10:30 am
 - Student letters to upcoming students of 2040 and list of items for time capsule - many creative items suggested!
 - Correspondence going home with students - request for memorabilia; 25th celebration invitation; safe caring and inclusive schools survey; information in secondary school job action
 - Job Action Update - No implications known for elementary schools at this time. Bargaining continues at elementary level.
 - Silverheights will be Laurier training Center with teacher education candidates for 2015/16
 - Occasional days being leveraged for teacher coverage
 - thank you cards distributed - from Silverheights Kindy Kids ☺
7. Vice principal updates
 - EQAO prep in full swing - may 25 - June 5 gr 3 and 6 students testing dates
 - School travel planning team - met with councilor Donna Reid April 16; Matthew Sweet Cambridge transportation coordinator; looking for some specific recommendations and attempting to leverage new contacts as available.
 - Report outcomes expected for fall
 - Peace pole - has been ordered and has been promised in time for anniversary celebration
 - Administrative assistant day - reflecting how great our school environment is. And Silverheights has a great team!
 - May 6 is Kindy Orientation 630-730

8. Teacher rep updates

- Track and field coming at Jacob Hespeler
- Choir is prepping for silver anniversary celebration
- Intermediate programs ongoing
- High school prep program starting... Different programs available based on recommendations, different workshops provide additional support and consolidation program to improve high school performance
- Gr 8 camp June 15 -19 at camp Walden

9. Silverheights neighbourhood association

- SNA is Attending on Kindy night
- Councilor Reid demonstrates support within the association as well
- Programs still going well - leveraging great programs in Silverheights gym, looking for adult volunteers to allow for more kids to participate, Thursday 630-8
- Lots of Silverheights LIT in place for summer program, registration going well; some subsidy is available if students are in need; inclusion facilitators are also available from city funding; bike helmets available for families that need.
- SNA is attending on open house as well
- Recruiting for board members, open house and bike rodeo June 6, AGM May 11

Great job Faye!! SNA is building the community from the bottom up. ☺

10. Finance report

- Fundraising Success in 2015!!
- Magazines - \$2914
- Cookie dough – \$5346 That's 891 tubs!!
- Pizza - \$6813
- \$15074 in total - Fantastic!!
- With payments accounted for, \$19515, balance for end of year

11. 2015 fundraising plans

- New opportunities ...
 - Lunch program - pizza is very successful and profit goes directly to Silverheights with no middle man, but other lunch plans drastically reduce our intake. Gino has never increased their fees.
 - Continue with pizza lunch - unanimous approval
 - QSP - new options available, food, magazines, probably best to stay with cookie dough?
 - Magazines are dropping off, probably not worth the effort
 - fun script - gift cards; possible opportunity for fall to replace magazines
 - Fresh from the farm available 2016 in Waterloo
 - Treasures - coupon books - significant work for less return
 - Regal - timing is critical for success, consider for additional event
 - No longer magazine selling 2015 unanimous
 - Spring cookie dough selling 2015 unanimous
 - Pizza continues 2015
 - Gift cards for fall fundraiser 2015
 - Evaluate Regal for winter 2015, October meeting evaluate winter fundraising - mistle toe, holiday greens

12 WRAPSC

- Canadians safe schools conference, mental health and violence precautions; human behaviour, posted to communications board, available electronically
- www.rootsofempathy.org

- OTF parent engagement website - promote effective communications [Www parentengagement.ca](http://www.parentengagement.ca)
- PIC – recommendations for Bursary
 - homework survival strategies
 - breakfast reading sessions with authors or literacy champions; book donations to underprivileged areas?
 - Special education workshop, psychology presentation to support students with special needs
 - bring in books for other areas for donations, perhaps northern Canadian areas , or other local needs; book exchange and new books for areas that need it

13 Distribution of funds

- Augment tech investment with dongles and HDMI and tech accessories - as needed up to \$1,000... Unanimous approved
- Grad augmentation adding 200 - up to \$2000 total - unanimous approval
- Stage purchase for school - further investigation for future purchase - unanimous approval

14 QA

.... **THANK YOU RHONDA!!!** After many years of service - thank you!

15 Principal profile

- discussion held within meeting