

# Silverheights School Council Meeting

January 28, 2015

## 1. Call to Order – Amanda Rilan

## 2. Welcome and Introductions

Present : Brenda Moen, Steve Sherlock, Chad Moffat, Darren Jones, Amanda Rilan, Karen Petznick, Danada Tremblay, Helen Parker-Brown and Faye Wilson - official new role Silverheights Neighbourhood Association Representative  
Regrets: Menna Smith and Rhonda Barr

## 3. Minutes of November approval Helen Parker-Brown, Second Faye Wilson

4. Approval of Agenda - removed #14 due to Rhonda Barr absence  
approved Dana Tremblay, Second Karen Petznick

## 5. Correspondence

People for education newsletter, focus on aboriginal studies, inline with safe caring and inclusive schools agenda

Parent involvement tips, fast easy strategies for helping your kids in school

## 6. Principal updates

Welcome back Brenda! Recovery is well on the way. Great news!

Busy return after holidays; hiring as Miss Huddle has taken opportunity to be head secretary at Cedar Creek, replacement has been hired starting Monday;

Mrs Schofield on maternity early, Tara Ross replacing;

Miss Domm patiently waiting; MORE Babies to come Mrs Davie, Mrs Constantinou; two teachers returning Mrs Wilson, Mrs Metcalf after March break;

Mrs Steinbach on partial leave

Flood update - emergency plan kicked into place; outside drain iced and puddle water flooded inside school. Flood occurred Sunday; Monday recovery - no significant damage, back in class Tuesday

Teacher involvement - CILM; almost all grades this year or last year; Recursive Planning - come back to same strains of math for students to master

End of February - Site visit with Superintendent Lila Reid

Kindie Registration Feb 4/5

Staffing season looming; changes still to be determined

Silver Anniversary - Original school built in 1989; 25th Anniversary for original part of school; space limitations prevent the gym party; community involvement being considered; possible Family picnic in May; Multicultural theme; parent resources (Neighbourhood Association, Nutrition, Library) Silver Anniversary for Silverheights; BYOFood :) , details to be confirmed

Kindergarten orientation - May 6

Look out for opportunities to share resources - nutrition, relaxation etc

## 7. Vice Principal Update

Silver Anniversary - Peace Pole; permanent structure outside the school representing peace and the school community. \$1500 - \$5000 investment for possible funds for consideration. Currently installed in Lackner Woods for reference. Possible for input from school/council

Report Cards - first term reports come home Feb 20; PD Day Friday Jan 30 for preparation

Safe Caring Inclusive Schools - Keynote speaker featured perseverance and resilience; Thahn Campbell; Orphan 32 (book) available for School visits; \$500 speaker fee; hopeful to have him available for Silverheights; audience (grades) to be determined Gr 4 - 8

VOTE: Unanimous approval to proceed with booking

## 8. School Travel Plan Update

TRAFFIC IS CRAZY! Seized opportunity to partner with Sustainable Waterloo Region; make communities green, also partnered with City of Cambridge - School Transportation Planning Team. Current process to aggregate survey data; realistically will get suggestions but it's a long process before you see changes. Solutions won't be immediate, but work is ongoing. Involvement is still needed.

## 9. Teacher Updates - Chad Moffat provided updates

Winter concert; ski day, great commentary from Chicopee, Me to We brought 3 Goats in December; Volleyball is Finished; Basketball has started and we're having lots of fun; intramurals running; Mrs McQuains Cheerleading; Indiana Basketball; Rubics Cube Club, Recorder Karate almost over!! Gr7/8 Girls 4R; KW Symphony Trip; Choir;  
Funds dispersed greatly appreciated by staff.

10. Technology Presentation - Educreation great app for primary grades.

kids are better at technology than we are! Dreambox, WordCue, Comic Life; Educreation; I pads help to bridge the gap and level the playing field, allowing all students the opportunity to participate.

40 ipads in the school are in constant demand; always need more :)

11. Lunch Program

Pizza is great! Kindies are loving pizza!

12 Funds - \$22K in account with funds dispersed already; ipads for consideration in March

Disbursement of funds as per Brenda

13. Questions:

How do we manage time lines and questions during discussion? This item on the agenda is for adhoc questions and on the fly questions.

Location of council board - could this be moved to front office or more high traffic area; up for consideration.

14. Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting - Last week of March