

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