

March 25, 2015 - Silverheights Council Meeting

1. Call to Order... Amanda Rilan

2. Attendance & Introductions;

Rob Barr, Rhonda Barr, Dana Tremblay, Owen Rilan, Chad Moffat, Brenda Moen, Steve Sherlock, Menna Smith, Amanda Rilan, Karen Petznick, Helen Brown, Johanna Sevens

3. Minutes Approval –

Helen Brown, 2nd Dana Tremblay

4. Agenda –

Approved Rhonda Barr, 2nd Karen Petznick; 15 minutes requested for PIC as time requested for future meetings

5. Correspondence

Little correspondence except fundraising options – consideration for 2015 implementation, defer discussion to next meeting

6. Principal Updates

EQAO - testing preparations have started; testing dates set 3 days each Gr3/ Gr 6 - May 25 - June 6

25 Anniversary Celebration - May 27/Rain Date May 28; lots of community groups interested in involvement; time capsule gathering lots of interest... the mystery of the existing timecapsule continues; new time capsule being created with input from classes and messages to Silverheights students of the future

Staff Update: All expected babies have arrived safely; new babies coming - don't drink the water! Various staff health recoveries progressing well

Staffing meeting upcoming for next year May 27 for student counts

Enrollment down slightly for next year but that changes are expected

Superintendent visit - pleased and proud of our visit

7. Vice Principal Updates

Safe Caring Inclusive Schools – met after March break, looking at vision for the remainder of year; Communication about Bullying becoming more accepted, students comfortable with communication within the school; multi cultural environment is expanding; student reps taking on project to understand "where we come from" both inside and outside Canada.

School Travel Planning Team - assembly before march break; emphasizing safety and courteous behavior; good feedback from students; city of Cambridge traffic representative will be engaged for signage, road painting, etc

Q - Bus concerns from parents (ie parents are driving kids because parents feel buses may not be 'safe'; boundaries open for adjustment especially given different boundaries for different ages) what are specific concerns; parents should be addressing with bus company specifically

25th Anniversary - bylaw informed about increased traffic in the neighborhood

Q - New Health Curriculum; QA on ministry of education website good resource for parents

8. Teacher Updates

- Busy as ever this spring...

Track & Field dates coming in May; Jr Track & Field especially popular

KW Symphony/Center in the Square Field Trip – this is an under used; great resource for kids

Talent Show - great work! Great student involvement and school talent showcased

Youth Symposium - good opportunity for students to hear motivation, but not preached by motivational speakers; upcoming in April for Gr8s

Wednesday April 8 - Wear Pink Day

9. EQAO Update

Website available with Teacher, Student and Parent resources via WRDSB website

Sample questions available for prepping for students who may be nervous, leveraged by teachers during preparations;

Changes to layout for 2015 - it's rounder now :) and a more electronic friendly version

Most of our students are at level 3

10. Lunch Program Update

Pizza continues to be a success; Pizza helpers are great resource with responsibility taken on with great enthusiasm;

11. PIC/Communication

Can School council updates be put on website; school day is being used to communicate agenda; website is a good tool, we'll start to utilize it for posting of meeting minutes/activities

PIC - Grant is still available not yet earmarked for any specific purpose - Request for funds for marketing/promotion of PIC website; can we leverage school day to communicate PIC grant for how parents would like to see the grant spent; survey will be created for ways to engage parents on how to spend grant money available; leverage current technology rather than create new platforms. Handouts were provided by Mrs. Smith.

12. Distribution of Funds

Track & Field - supports Jr and Intermediate this year (previous \$500 for intermediate only); more involvement for Juniors this year; Recommendation \$800 - unanimous approval

Gr 8 Graduation - previous \$1,600; recommendation \$1,800 - unanimous approval

25 Anniversary; Peace Pole - wood structure permanently mounted; has been approved in other locations within the board; up to \$2,000 including shipping/customs - unanimously approved

Q ... Funding for buses for field trips; teachers can come to council to request funds to support trips etc

13. QA – no additional QA due to meeting time; adjourned 8:40pm

Next Meeting April 22; last official meeting

Next Meeting would be May 27 25 Silver Anniversary Celebration