

Silverheights P.S. Parent Council Meeting – September 30, 2015

1. Call to Order – Amanda Rilan
2. Introductions – Welcome to a new school year!
 - Some new faces in attendance – Welcome
 - Silverheights Enrolment coming in around 705 Students
 - Attendance: Amanda Rilan, Faye Wilson, Dana Tremblay, Paula Butt, Karen Petznick, Brenda Moen, Chad Moffat, Wendy Campbell, Helen Parker-Brown, Menna Smith, Owen Rilan
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Approved – Helen Parker-Brown
 - Second – Dana Tremblay
4. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Request was made by Mrs. M Smith to amend minutes with additional items; it was concluded that parent council agenda and actions must be driven by an active member of the parent community (parents/guardians must have a child enrolled at Silverheights Public School).
 - ii. All council correspondence (i.e. Agenda, Meeting Minutes, Funds Allocation) are available to the public on Silverheights' Website.
 - Agenda was approved as submitted
 - Approved – Helen Parker -Brown
 - Second – Faye Wilson
5. Correspondence
 - Several fundraising items; fundraising decisions had been made at previous meeting, kept on file (Pizza Nova, Regal etc)
 - PIC Correspondence pending
6. Code of Conduct
 - Code of Conduct from WRDSB Website reviewed
 - Agenda of the Council is to further the good of all student experience; individual issues/concerns to be taken to administration separately
7. Principal Updates
 - Startup to new year was very smooth, including shortened transition of our new Kindergarten Classes
 - Enrolment is down slightly to 705; class organization program utilized to drive class allocation, benefiting all students
 - Lots of staff name changes and some new staff returning
 - New Superintendent Scott Lomax
 - Labor Update – will continue to work within labor requirements; thank you to staff for support of council
 - Nutrition for Learning – new opportunity to provide healthy snacks to students who need it, without having to ask for it; will be looking for volunteers for supply etc
 - Bingo Account is finally closed... BINGO! ☺
 - Continue to encourage School Day Registration
8. Vice Principal Updates
 - Welcome Wendy!
 - Health and Safety updates; 3 fire drills and a lockdown drill completed; staff training on anaphylaxis training etc
 - Travel Safe – let's talk about solutions to our parking/traffic issues; stop in for a coffee
 - Terry Fox Day on the field – intermediate students supporting extra activities
 - Photo Day October 13 (Bad day right after Thanksgiving)

- Concussion Protocol (Ministry Initiative) now in place with teachers watching for concussion symptoms
 - Outdoor Learning Initiative – starting for Kindy’s in outdoor learning with recommendations to include outdoor learning spaces
9. Teacher Updates
- Busy time with startup from Teachers – Thank you Chad!
10. Council Elections for Executive
- Amanda Rilan – Nominated as Chairman by Helen Parker-Brown
 - i. Accepted – Thank you Amanda!
 - Karen Petznick – Nominated as Secretary by Helen Parker-Brown
 - i. Accepted – thank you!
 - PIC Representation to be determined – Thank you Mrs. Smith for all your years of service to the Silverheights community
 - i. PIC grant will be distributed
11. Silverheights Neighborhood Association
- Focus is on OUR neighborhood, it’s for all of us!
 - Newsletters distributed by Cambridge Times and available on the Silverheights bulletin board
 - Weekend Leadership programs (age 13+)
 - Special Events Upcoming Halloween Party
 - Bike Helmets – Know somebody who needs a bike helmet? Come by SNA!
 - Always looking for adult volunteers, allowing more kids to participate in programs
12. Finance Updates
- Mrs. Jackson manages finances through board
 - Current Account Balance approx \$17,975 pending HST Rebates
13. Pizza Program
- Program still pending due to logistics of labor updates; hope to initiate in November/December for up to 8 weeks
 - Intention is to have exclusive registration via School Day for TUESDAY Pizza Day
 - Gino’s Continues to be tremendous supporters of the Silverheights Community – Thank you!
14. Distribution of Funds
- Unanimous approval to pay our great babysitters for childcare during council meetings
 - Recommendation to survey parent community for input on fund distribution

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting Wednesday October 26, 2015 at 6:30 in the library