



Home of the Silverhawks!

## SILVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 22nd, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### PRESENT

Karen & Chris Petznick, Menna Smith, Jennifer Hauser, Johanna Stevens, Bill Bracken, Michelle & Brent Boulet, Rhonda Barr, Chad Moffat, Andy Beddoe, Brenda Moen, Justin Read, Angela Sider, Molly Kimpel, Linda Ehrenfellner.

### REGRETS

Amanda Rilan, Jacqueline Ross.

### APPROVAL OF THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

The Agenda was examined and change of order made, Justin Read's presentation was moved up to #5, and distribution of funds was moved up to #6, WRAPC to #7, and PIC #8.

*Approved:* Menna Smith

*Seconded:* Jennifer Hauser

### APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Abbreviation of CILM was corrected in the January minutes.

*Approved:* Johanna Stevens

*Seconded:* Michelle Boulet

### JUSTIN READ PRESENTATION

Justin on behalf of the Hawks Nest (students and staff) approached the council in hopes to receive funding for Kurzweil Licenses in order to help students with special needs and those that struggle with reading engagement. 94 students at Silverheights are currently on an IEP. Council received a brief tour of the Hawks nest and a quick demonstration of the program. The ask was for 5 Kurzweil Licenses (\$1600-\$1700) + accompanying scanner (\$243.00) total \$1843-\$1943.

### DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

School council unanimously supported the purchase of Mr. Read's Kurzweil Licenses up to \$2000.00

School council also unanimously supported the \$10 per student to go towards school field trip bussing up to \$7750.00

### WRAPC

Menna spoke of a parent involvement event looking for Volunteers for food, childcare etc. Event to take place on April 12, 2014

Engagement survey results are located on the website, under the "engagement report"

-the main focuses are structure of communication department and streamlining communication

\* There were 4 recommendations: website updates, navigation, develop/update PIC website and emails.

Feb 4- WRAPC meeting- all welcome at Forest Heights Collegiate – communication resources are listed on the board

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

PIC is working on having volunteer grade 6, 7 & 8 students help tutor younger kids afterschool.

## PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Brenda handed out information about science in the schools.
  - Amendment was made to have the bussing \$10 allocation that was allotted for each child to be used to have a field trip/experience come into the classroom. All were in favour, motion passed.
- Program-School Day- email blast
  - Link would be on permission form to pay online, option to have all information that typically comes home on paper to be distributed via email
  - Convenient, environmentally friendly, cost effective, and start up cost was 75cents per child (estimated)
  - Those interested in being a part of the "trial" gave email addresses to Brenda
- Construction- gym almost complete, awaiting custom order of folding door
  - Once spring thaw happens- construction clean up of the quad will begin
  - New lockers will be coming, they are also a custom order
- Teachers have been talking about workshops they have been attending- kindergarten inquiry project
  - Autism
  - CILM
- Report Cards to be distributed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February
- Bi-Law- the current set of bi-laws at the school are 2001, Brenda to look at them and bring to March meeting

## VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Have had full participation by staff in PJ day (Dec)
- Grade 8's had grad photos last week
- Upcoming crazy hair day
- Skating trips coming up
- CILM consultant spoke of Silverheights staff and students being so welcoming as compared to other schools

## LINDA EHERENFELLNER

- Spoke of tutors in the classroom- government grant for 100 hours
- Ryan Barr will be coming in as a paid tutor
- "Afterschool club" of OTIF certified teachers to work with students as well.

## FUNDRAISING

- Rhonda mentioned about being done with BINGO as a fundraiser- was not worth the time/effort for little return
- Funds will be used for basketball uniforms (reversible) and supporting home reading by purchasing new books
- Old account has \$4474.49, new account has \$1946.52, will report as it is spent

## LUNCH PROGRAM

- 97% of kindergarten students ordered PIZZA
- There are 62 pizza helpers/deliverers
- 100 pizzas arrive at Silverheights PS EVERY Wednesday

## QUESTIONS

- There was a question brought about a "mental health night" or having community members into the school to speak. This will be discussed further at a later date.

**2013 – 2014 MEETING DATES**

- School Council will meet on the following dates this school year:  
January 22  
March 26  
April 23  
May 28

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Wednesday March 26th at 6:30pm in the school library

**EXPANSION TOUR**

- Meeting ended with a tour of the new gymnasium

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.