

Home of the Silverhawks!

## SILVERHEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 22, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### PRESENT

Jennifer Checkley, Bill Bracken, Oradeth Xoumpholphakey, Faye Wilson, Karen Petznick, Rick & Dana Tremblay, Johanna Stevens, Jennifer Hauser, Paula Butt, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Stacey Bristol, Khatera Adirpur, Chad Moffat, Stephen Sherlock, Lynn Hellinga, Helen Parker-Brown, Amanda & Owen Rilan, Menna Smith, Rhonda Barr

### APPROVAL OF THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

*Approved:* Johanna Stevens

*Seconded:* Amanda Rilan

(Note: EQAO has been moved to the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting)

### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

*Approved:* Johanna Stevens

*Seconded:* Amanda Rilan

### PRINCIPAL UPDATES

- Happy to be asked to be the acting school principal in the absence of Brenda Moen. Brenda is expected to return in January 2015.
- We have hired thirteen new staff – new library clerk starts next Monday.
- FacilityReport – minor corrections remaining from massive construction project last year. Games have been painted on the tarmac, Kindie classrooms are complete and storage shed is installed.
- We have held a few assemblies. Our next assembly will be for Remembrance Day.
- School year opening has gone very smoothly. Students have adjusted quickly to being in school and we continue to coach students regarding ``fair play``, ``no hands`` and showing respect.
- Our staff will have many opportunities to participate in professional development opportunities this year. We have 4 grade levels networking with other schools in a math professional development opportunity called CIL-M. Our kindergarten staff has the opportunity to work on literacy and numeracy activities specific to kindergarten learning. Our staff has been given PD days to collaborate in grade and division level groupings to learn more about enhancing student learning.
- Parking – safety concerns in the staff parking lot and on the street.
- SIPSA – expanding our understanding and knowledge base to enhance student learning. (see attached document for Silverheights 2014-2015)

### VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Steve gave some great background on his philosophies regarding to education. Focus on student and staff safety as well as innovative teaching and learning.
- Happy to be part of the Silverheights team.
- Steve shared the change of the today's classrooms – a focus on collaborative working environments; preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist.

- The Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Team will be attending a meeting on October 31, 2014. The team is made up of himself, Amanda Rilan (parent rep) and students. They will be discussing school initiatives – recognizing positive student behavior, character education assemblies (anti-bullying), WAYVE Leadership.

### TEACHER REPORT

- Student Teachers (TECH) from Laurier throughout the year; as well as additional teachers from other teachers colleges.
- 3 High School Cooperative Education Students working within the primary and junior divisions.
- Terry Fox Run took place and the school raised \$1003. Great school activity and community event.
- ICREW made up of 3 Intermediate students to assist with the technology in the school.
- Me to We Halloween For Hunger is going on now. All proceeds will be given to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank) Candy Grams begin soon.
- Athletic Council has begun. Largest group ever. They help set up assemblies, worked with the Terry Fox Run, and also help organize intramurals.
- Boys and Girls football teams just finished up.
- Girls soccer occurred earlier in the year.
- Boys and Girls Volleyball has been underway and games start this week.
- Grade 7 & 8 intramural volley ball started.
- Recycling crew – Grade 4 and up – occurs every Tuesday.
- PAL'S Playground program for Grades 4-5's (assist with the Grade 1 and 2 students 1<sup>st</sup> nutrition break everyday.
- Ukulele Club every Wednesday for Grade 4-6.
- Kindies – Going to Shantz Home Farm (pumpkin patch), learning about fall. They have also received a bunch of new toys to play with.
- Grade 8's have started fundraising by selling chocolate bars for their end of year trip.
- In Special Education – ELI has started. Two corrective reading groups have started. Keyboarding Club will start soon.
- Early next month we will begin to prepare the Grade 8's for the transition process. Parent Information Night will be scheduled – for camp and transition. High School trip November 26.

### TRAFFIC CONGESTION PRESENTATION

- We were joined by Lauren Manske-Agar from the City of Cambridge to discuss the ongoing traffic congestion problems at the school. There is a great concern for the safety of both students and parents during the beginning and end of day. There is also a huge concern that the situation will only get worse once the winter weather arrives.
- Lauren will continue to work with Silverheights to assist us with the current situation. More to come in the coming months.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

- Stacey Bristol, our new music teacher, is submitting a proposal for a \$10,000 grant called Band Aid Grant. The proposal will be a story about the need for our school for musical instruments. Currently Silverheights has a very poor selection of instruments. She is looking for parent support to provide letters to tell the committee how the grant would impact our school and students.
- Parents are asked to forward their letters to Stacey at her school email address. All letters are due Nov. 5.

### LUNCH PROGRAM

- Our pizza program began the first week in October. Pizza will run until the last Wednesday before school closes for the holidays. There has been a huge response to the program again this year. Kindergarten students will be invited to participate in the January session, once their routines are in place.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- All of the financial transactions for School Council are now being taken care of by the Board of Education. Micki Jackson our Head Secretary has control of all transactions for our council. As a result it is no longer necessary for council to have a Treasurer.
- Currently we have a total of \$37,000 in the council account. We will ask the staff to come up with a Wish List for next meeting to begin distributing funds.

## **WRAPSC AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

- WRAPSC is an organized group that meets monthly that is comprised of the chairpersons of each school council in Waterloo Region, and any other interested parents. At the monthly meetings many speakers from the Board attend, and information from the Board are discussed. PIC is also an organized group that meets three times a year at the Board office to discuss parent involvement within the Waterloo Board. Currently Menna Smith was representing Silverheights at both of these groups. Due to personal commitments she is no longer able to regularly attend these meetings. Many thanks Menna for supporting the school in this fashion.

## **ELECTIONS**

- Each school year a vote is to be carried out to bring forth a new chairperson to run school council.
- A motion was brought to the group if anyone was interested in assuming the role of chairperson. No interested parties came forth.
- Rhonda Barr has agreed to stay on in a Co-Chairperson role with Amanda Rilan as the additional Co-chair.
- A motion was brought to the group to vote, and the majority voted in favour that Rhonda Barr and Amanda Rilan will Co-Chair the Silverheights School Council for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Karen Petznick has agreed to be the school council secretary. A motion was brought to the group to vote Karen as secretary. The majority voted in favour and was passed.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

- A letter was sent by the Athletic Council requesting funding for T-Shirts for their group. They plan to design their own shirts and transfer them and decorate themselves with fabric markers.
- Motion was for up to \$500 to provide the Athletic Council for t-shirts. All present were in favour and the motion was passed.
- A motion was presented to purchase an IPOD touch to raffle off to students who sign up to receive School Day blasts from the school. School Day will allow our school to move to a paperless school. All students who have already signed up for School Day will also be included in the draw. All present were in favour of the motion and the motion was passed. This draw will occur before the school ends for the holidays.

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

No questions.

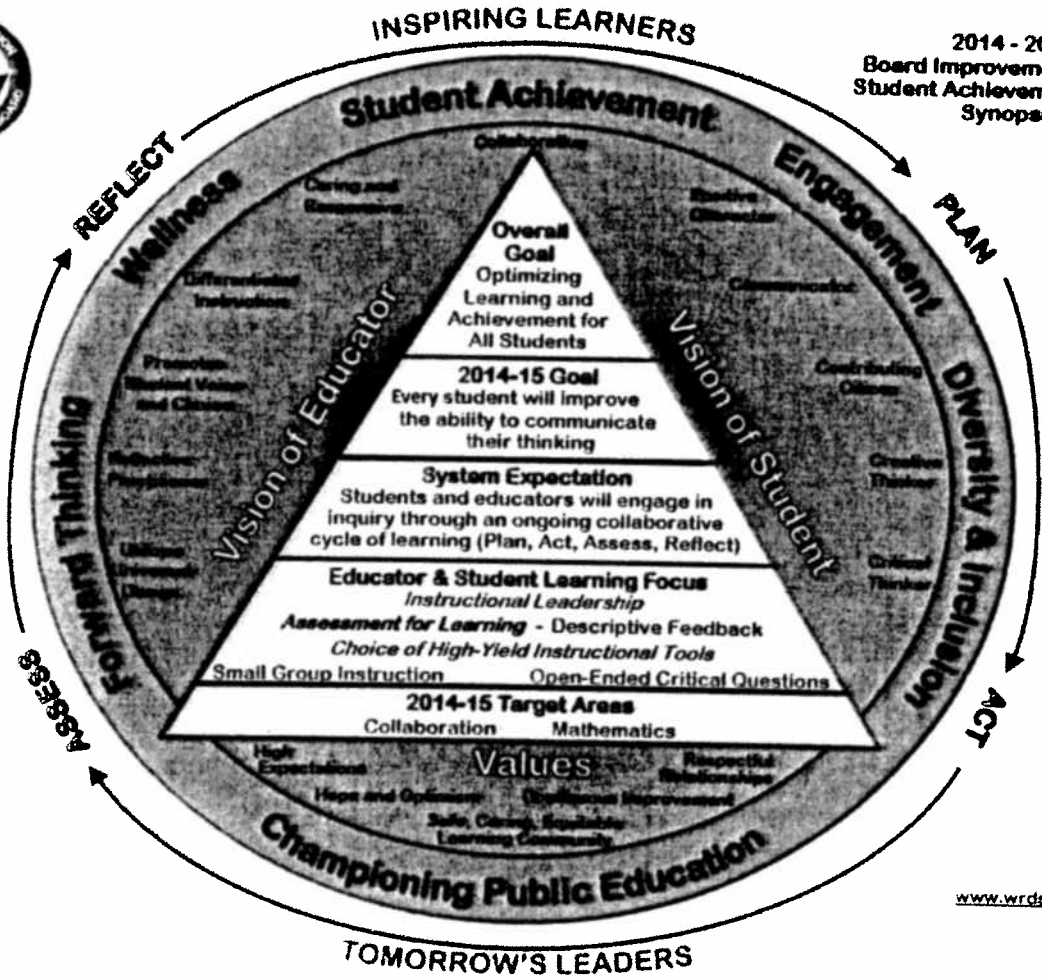
## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next date is November 26, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

# School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement 2014-2015

<b>SECTION A: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION</b>		
School: Silverheights	Principal: Brenda Moen	Superintendent: Lila Read
School Planning Team: J. Read, L Timms, D.Siegwart, L. Fox	Vice-Principal(s): Stephen Sherlock	LS Consultant:



<b>ASSESSMENT FOR, AS &amp; OF LEARNING</b> <i>Students and teachers will use assessment for learning to inform their actions.</i>	<b>CURRICULUM, TEACHING AND LEARNING</b>
<b>School Identified SEF Indicator:</b> <i>(select from 1.1 to 1.5)</i> 1.3 Students and educators build a common understanding of what students are learning by identifying, sharing, and clarifying the learning goals and success criteria.	<b>OPTIONAL - Related School Identified SEF Indicator:</b> <i>(select from 4.1 to 4.5)</i> 4.4 Learning is deepened through authentic, relevant and meaningful student inquiry.
<b>School Learning Goal:</b> (PLAN) We are encouraging students to take ownership for improving their own learning.	

Due date: Friday, October 24, 2014