

Silverheights Public School  
School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**In attendance;** Jenn Latour(Council Chair), Helen Brown(Past Chair), Val Martin(Vice Principal), Chad Moffat(Teacher Rep), Jen O'Carroll (SNA Rep). Members at large; Treasure Kauppila, Rob Panek, Tammy Dixon, Renee Kennett.

**Regrets;** Leslie McNabb(Principal), Amanda Rilan(Treasurer/Secretary), Karen Petznick(Secretary), Lori DaCunha (SNA Executive Director), Dana Tremblay, Paula Butt (members at large)

October's minutes had been approved via email post as had the agenda at hand.

Jenn welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to our last meeting before the New Year. Jen O'Carroll was introduced as stand in for Lori DaCunha as the Silverheights Neighbourhood Association representative.

As the new electronic system being set up in the office was as yet, not up and running, no finance report was available. There would have been no updates to be added to the report.

A brief discussion was had regarding the WEFI donation option online. There has not been much interest shown throughout the school community and it will be discussed at a later date as to whether or not we will continue to offer it as an option for school donations.

Val Martin presented the Principals' report.

The students' progress reports have wound up and parent/teacher interviews were booked.

The PD day focus was on the math mindset. A social worker was in the school to discuss the work/life balance as well as social media and the idea that students have various hand held devices too readily available.

Chad Moffat presented the teachers report.

-Both the boys and girls volleyball teams had begun playoffs.

-The grade 7 and 8 intramural activities were underway. The Junior intramurals had begun dodge ball.

-The grade 4 and up recycling crew was underway every Tuesday.

-The PAL's program for grade 4 and 5 students was well underway and going very smoothly with 20+ PALS.

-In Spec-Ed, programs were in full swing with the ELI groups, corrective reading and empower programs.

-The Remembrance Day ceremony was a success and had a great turnout from the community with many positive comments.

-The grade 5's preformed a great version of "In Flanders Fields" and researched local soldiers and a nurse who had lost their lives in WW1. They learned, among many other things, that reading cursive writing is not easy!

-The Bus Evacuation Drills were on Nov. 16. Although only 4 buses were there, all students were able to have the experience and learn from it.

-The grade 6's have started a kindness initiative project in December cooperating with another class from Hespeler. They will be 'adopting' a family with the help of the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank. A family profile will be given and the students will be putting together a Christmas care package.

-This month's focus has been Gratitude.

-Friday Nov.24 is wear pink day to support the anti-bullying campaign.

-Photo retakes will be Nov.30.

-The Kindies will be having their annual open house in December. Each class has chosen a different date during the month to help with overcrowding. The hour or so will be spent doing crafts, having a performance, snack and some social time before the holidays.

\*Grade 8 Transition time has begun! The trip to Jacob Hespeler High School was had and the grade 8's were very excited. The course selection process will happen in late February. Parent information nights will be in November and December. JHSS is (was) November 29<sup>th</sup> as it's the home school for most Silverheights students.

\*The Silverheights' Silver Celebration/winter concert will be held in February. Details coming soon.

Jen O'Carroll (SNA Volunteer Coordinator) presented the report for the SNA.

-The drop in programs were wrapping up for the season with many older kids showing up for Basketball. It's great to see!

-New programming for the winter season begins soon with new programs coming. Adult basketball, volleyball and Yoga as well as drop in programs and adult/child yoga.

-The SNA will not be holding a Christmas Party this year but will be having a Story time with Santa night on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Crafts, cookies and hot chocolate will be part of the night.

-The LEAD program for grade 8's is available. It's a wonderful way for them to get their volunteer hours in and have fun doing it.

-Summer camp programs for Leader In Training are available.

-The SNA is looking for more adult volunteers and board members. A 2 hour/month commitment is all that is needed.

Special event committee volunteers are always welcome!

\*The new winter program and schedule is available on the website.

Helen Brown presented the report from the Fundraising Committee.

After a very successful subcommittee meeting, many great ideas were discussed. Obviously, they can't all be done in one year. The committee would like to plan a year end carnival. This will be discussed in detail at a later date. There is also general consensus that an outdoor project for improving the space, although a huge project, is one that we'd like to discuss further.

The rough outline for fundraising throughout the school year is;

#### **February**

Admission charge for Silver Celebration and, raffle prizes for prime parking and front row seats.

Movie Night in the gym to correspond with Family Day. Details TBA

#### **March**

Box of Cards Fundraiser. 30 high quality cards for \$30 presented in a keepsake box. There is an \$11 profit on each box. Multipurpose cards and birthday box available.

#### **April**

Staff Math & Music night to correspond with the PRO council event for a Celebration of the Arts. Details TBA

Mr. Thompson is holding a Move a Thon that council may be involved with. To be discussed at a later date.

#### **May**

One of either QSP, as a whole or, a plants & bulbs fundraiser. We are looking into vendors such as Terra and Sheridan Nurseries.

#### **June**

End of Year Fun Fair

#### **Fall 2018**

Fresh From the Farm – fruits and vegetables fundraiser

Jenn Latour concluded with the Chair report that there is \$500.00 available every year from the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) grant. A motion was put forth to use the funds towards the Math Night. Helen Brown approved and it was seconded by Renee Kennett.

There will be no December meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!