

Silverheights Public School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday January 24 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

In attendance: Jenn Latour (Council Chair), Helen Brown (Past Chair), Val Martin (Vice Principle), Chad Moffat (Teacher Rep), Lori DaCunha (SNA Rep), Members at Large: Paula Butt, Rob Payek, Treasure Kauppila, Tammy Dixon, Renee Kennett, Faye Wilson, Dana Tremblay. Alycya Nikolich

Regrets: Leslie McNabb (Principle), Amanda Rilan (Treasurer/Secretary), Karen Petznick (Secretary),

November's minutes had been approved via email by Renee Kennett and Tammy Dixon, as had the agenda at hand.

Jenn welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Round of introductions as a new parent was present.

Jenn reported for Amanda on finances:

-There is a balance of \$3882. 97. A spread sheet showing this was passed around. The only payments from the account so far have been babysitting.

Val Martin presented the Principal's report:

- The PD Day on January 26th is being dedicated largely to report cards which go home February 16th.
- Kindergarten registration is open.
- Grade 4 teachers are also doing Math Up training as part of the January 26th PD Day.
- Walk to school day is coming up on February 7th.

Chad Moffat presented the Teachers' Report:

- Boys and girls volleyball teams finished in December.
- Boy and girls basketball seasons have started.
- Grade 7 and 8 open gym.
- Junior Intramurals for dodgeball.
- PAL's Playground program for grades 4-5 where they assist with grade 1 and 2 students on First Nutrition Break everyday.
- The Silver Celebration is February 22nd.
- Broadway Club has started and will be presenting three songs at the Silver Celebration.
- This month's goal has been on Hope, assembly on January 31.
- Next month's goal is Empathy.
- Canadian Valentine's Swap has four classes participating. Classes make 20 Valentines and mail them to 20 different schools. They get 20 Valentines back. Great way to learn about different communities within Canada.
- Kids2Learn, formerly OFIP tutoring, has six groups run by Jones, Verkley and Newman starting in February and running until May.
- Course selection for Grade 8's occurs between February 20-26

Lori DaCunha presented the Silverheights Neighbourhood Association Report:

- All winter programs are up and running.
- Registration for March Break camps is open.
- Summer camp registration save the date is April 7th.
- Valentine's Day dance for grades 2-6 is coming up.
- They are planning another Neighbourhood Day and are looking for committee members.
- Recruiting for Leader's In Training. Great way for Grade 8's to get in their 40 hours.

Jenn Latour presented Chair Updates:

- No PIC update due to no minutes being posted.
- Discussed the Communication Focus Group being run by Waterloo Region District School Board Have to register by March 12th.
- Discussed having a movie night at the school. Should it be a fundraiser or a community event? Snacks could be the fundraising part. Need volunteers for a committee to research and organize. Faye suggested coordinating with the SNA. Concluded it is something to think about for spring.
- Discussed the start of Council fundraising and where those funds should go. The money currently in the account is slated for bussing/fieldtrip costs. (This was decided at a previous meeting.) Some of the new funds will need to go towards this as well. Once that need is met where should the funds go? In the past have been spending on technology. Discussed requesting wish lists from the teachers. WEFI has received approximately \$1000 bringing that balance to around \$2000. There is the pizza money as well. Various ideas for spending were discussed but bussing/fieldtrip remained the focus.
- Jen put forward the motion to allot funds for one bus per class / guest speaker , which was approved by Helen Brown and seconded by Faye Wilson.
- Discussed that in using the funds we need to ensure we are not overlapping onto board funding.
- Discussed planning for a large scale project at the school. Something planned over several years. Being prepared to implement the fund raising immediately in September. Idea of surveying parents to see what they think would improve the school.
- Silver celebration raffle will go ahead but decided against the idea of an admission charge.
- Discussed having a Fun Fair near the end of the school year. Possibly coordinating with the picnic. There are a lot of logistics to this and it was decided a committee should be formed to look into feasibility and planning. Alycya Nikolich and Treasure Kauppila volunteered for this.

Helen Brown presented the report from the Fundraising Committee:

- Helen put forth a motion to commit to the book sale which was approved by Jenn and seconded by Rob. A date was not selected but donations are being collected.
- Small continuous fund raisers
- Helen motioned to spend \$200 max on printing for the Silver Celebration Raffle. Seconded by Jen and approved by Faye. Tickets will be sent out of February 5th with the draw on Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>. The raffle will be promoted on School Day and at the assembly on January 31st. The number of reserved seats still needs to be worked out.
- There were no Christmas Candygrams due to a lack of communication. Helen put forth a motion to spend \$300 max on supplies for Valentine's Candygrams. Seconded by Paula and approved by Rob. Volunteers will be needed for candygrams at second break on Feb 7th-9<sup>th</sup>.

-Big Box of Cards. This should provide good returns for the school. Profit of \$11 per box which will sell for \$33. Notices will be sent home then an actual box will be sent home with the younger or only child of each family on March 7th. Families will have the boxes over March break and Easter with orders due April 3rd. The gym should not be needed for pick up as the lobby should provide adequate space. Company suggests doing birthday box one year then skipping a year and doing the special occasion box. General consensus was this was the best course. Prefer to set up payment through School Day if possible. The boxes will arrive February 28th which is the same day as the next meeting. Agreed the council will come in early to organize. Still need to figure out where to store them, main floor preferred. Once orders are complete boxes will be delivered the week of April 9th. The boxes will also be promoted at the February assembly.

Jenn concluded the meeting with a note that we will discuss parking and walking concerns at another time.

Next meeting is February 28th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.