

Silverheights Parent Council

Meeting held in the School Library at 630pm **January 23, 2019**

Call to Order 635pm

Welcome and Introductions

Lesley McNabb, Val Martin, Chad Moffat, Jennifer Latour, Lori DaCunha, Paula Butt, Jessica Chan, Albert Chan, Treasure Kaippila, Rob Panek, Renee Kennett, Meghan Toth, Karen Petznick (Minutes)

Regrets

Tammy Dixon, Helen Brown

November Minutes – Distributed and Previously Approved by Email

Principal/Vice Principal Updates – Lesley

- Teachers are busy preparing report cards
- Current shortage of teacher resources in the school has put professional development during the school day on hold in order to cover off existing class coverage
- PD continues within the school with a focus on math development and identification of at risk students requiring additional support
- As of February 4 new process will be in place that will replace morning announcements over the PA; each class will deliver morning announcements on their own at a time that is convenient to the class, prior to first nutrition break.

Teacher Updates – Chad

- Boys & Girls Basketball has started
- Grades 7 & 8 Open Gym is ongoing
- PALS program continues
- Broadway Club is preparing for Silver Celebration
- Canadian Valentine Swap – Classes participate across the country
- Jumpstart Program in Grade 8s started, Grade 7s coming
- Bell “Lets Talk” awareness week next week
- Twin/Multiple Spirit Day January 24
- Grade 8 Transition/Course Selection coming in February
- **Silver Celebration February 28 – Have a Little Hope**

SNA Updates – Lori

- Summer Camp development is underway, Leaders and LIT Recruitment will be coming to intermediate classes next week
- Summer Camp Registration Saturday April 6, 930 – 12pm; \$125/week, \$45/extended day
- Spring Program Registration is Wednesday March 6, 630 – 830pm
- Valentines Dance, Grades 2 – 6; Tickets \$5 in advance, online or at the door. Buy tickets early!
- Family Day Movie, Monday February 18, 1 – 3pm \$2/Family, Movie to be confirmed
- March Break Camps – some spots still available but register soon!

- PD Day Camps – few spots still available but register soon!
- Better Bed Times – Sleep Support for you and your family, first Wednesdays of the month 10am

Finance Updates – Jenn

- ~\$16K in Pizza Fund
- ~6K in Council Fund
- Winter Candy Grams raised ~\$350
- \$6K still promised to staff for busing support of field trips, \$1K promised for performance for Grade 4 – 8 students to come from these funds

Chair Updates – Jenn

- WRAPSC Meeting minutes reviewed, with some highlights including
 - WRDSB is evaluating a communication app outside of School Day
 - Investigation of Year Round School programming is inconclusive, no decisions have been made to any changes impacting WRDSB
 - Government changes have impacted funding available for some programs; PRO grant (\$1000/council) is currently “paused”, PIC Grant was still distributed to schools and used by Silverheights to offset cost of planners this year
 - Full meeting minutes are available online
 - Next WRAPSC meeting is February 6th
- Tentative Movie night is postponed (had been scheduled for April 26) as projector is not fully functional. Be sure to check out SNA Family Movie day!
- Fundraising
 - Fundraising task teams are needed for
 - Valentines Candy Grams – selling February 5 – 7, Delivering February 14
 - Motion to approve \$60 to purchase lollipops;
 - Motion Jenn, Approve Renee Kennett, Second Treasure Kaippila
 - Easter Candy Grams – Selling April 9 – 11, Delivering April 13
 - Silver Celebration Front Row Seats
 - 20 Front Row Seats for Raffle
 - QSP Fundraising
 - Need to determine what will be sold, last year cookie dough and spring bulbs, both were quite successful, raising over \$2K profits
 - Will need a small group of 2 or 3 to get the word out and coordinate with QSP contact.
 - New Pizza session starts this week, additional volunteers are needed with new supplier (Dominoes) to sort pizza boxes for classes.
 - Motion to approve \$50 for printing supplies
 - Motion Jenn, Approve Jessica Chan, Second Megan Toth
 - PLEASE email Jenn if you can support fundraising activities.

Additional Items

- Immediately prior to the meeting Albert requested time to ask questions about recently released Fraser Institute rankings of Ontario Elementary school rankings based on EQAO results. Silverheights ranked quite low in the scores of elementary schools across the province, especially in math, there was an opportunity for discussion on how to interpret the results and how Silverheights staff are approaching the math curriculum.
- If further discussion is required, a request should be submitted for an agenda item on the next council meeting. In addition, Val, Lesley and any of the Silverheights teaching staff are always available (best to schedule a time!) to discuss results and Silverheights learning initiatives.

Jenn Motioned Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm

- Next meeting **April 24, 630 in the Silverheights Library.**
- Tentative February meeting cancelled unless deemed necessary; an email will be distributed to parent council members and communication posted on School Day to advise if February meeting will proceed.