

Vista Hills School Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Where: Vista Hills Public School Library

When: Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:30pm

Attendees: Melanie Roberts, Jill Pletsch, Milena Krstic, Diana Clipsham, Hajra Hafeez, Anne Plouffe, Sean Costigan, Raneem Al-Halimi, Sharon Han, Jerry H, Mrs. Sheriff, Mr. Fracas

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions –Shemira
January Hope

2. Presentation – Angela from Tokuno Sushi Ltd.

- Angela presented and provided samples from Tokuno Sushi as a lunch option for VH
- They specialize in school lunches and provides sushi lunches to other schools including Laurelwood Public School
- Goal is to make sure kids get the best, freshest and most nutritious lunch
- Cost would be around \$3/onigiri and \$6/roll (8-10 pieces)
- Ordering would take place through lunchboxorders.com
- Jill to follow-up with lunchboxorders.com to see if they can present to us at next meeting

3. Vice-Principal Report –Shemira

Staffing Update

Liz Hambleton LTO Grade 3/4

Martina Cervi LTO Grade 1/2

Secretarial 4hrs - TBD

School Activities Update

Jan 30 – School bus safety program

Jan 31 – Spirit Day superheroes

February – Black History Month

Feb 5 – Meningitis Grade 7

Feb 17 – Family Day

Feb 24 – Grade 8 Grad and kindergarten photos

Follow-up on the three Buddy Benches

- Looking into the best placement of these benches
- Checking with other schools
- Looking into anchors & finish

Technology (iPad cover)

- Requesting \$100 for 5 iPad covers

VH received the \$500 Parent Reaching Out Grant!

- VH applied to use the PRO grant for a Mental Health Speaker
 - o Student, teacher and parent presentations

Shemira would like to hold a Wellness Night on April 23rd

- Include parent evening presentation using PRO grant
- Grief therapy (to cover all types of loss)
- Story telling mental health books
- Will send an email to VHSC mailing list for volunteers

4. State of work-to-rule – Mr. Fracas

- Due to work-to-rule, no report cards will be generated this term, no specific marks are available
- Parents can speak to their child's teacher about progress, can make an appt with teacher
- This is happening across all school boards not unique to WRDSB
- The focus as always is on safety, well-being and learning of students
- Learning continues during strike
- Unions continue to meet with the govt but it is a process
- Potentially three days Tues Feb 4, Thurs Feb 6 & Fri Feb 7
- OSSTF includes Secretaries & Custodians
- When OSSTF is on strike, they can't open the school safely so also impacts public schools in region
- EFTO includes Support Staff & Teachers
- EAA Educational Assistants are in a separate union that has settled
- The union only has to give 5 days' notice of strike
- VH currently has 815 students

5. Approval of Minutes from December meeting – Jerry

Motion to approve Hajra Hafeez and second Anne Plouffe

6. Pizza Report – Jill

- Pizza going great
- Working well with volunteers and A/C club distributing pizzas
- If any strike days land on a Wednesday in February, they will be moved to March

7. Financial Report – Hajra

- End of Dec had \$13,745.12
- Around \$16,000 available

8. Feedback from office about discretionary fund for students in need – Hajra

Gave out \$500 for the discretionary fund

- Snack program run by the office
- Low sugar high protein snack including cheese strings, goldfish, granola bars with protein, apple sauce, fruit sensations
- They are handing out two items at a time and using the pizzas in the freezer
- Only spent \$77 so far

9. Vista Hills wish list – Shemira and school council

- Shemira to put together a wish list with priorities for spending school council funds for February meeting
- Possible consideration a donation for Sensory Room
 - o Put in a grant request to rotary club but if doesn't go through would ask school council
 - o less than \$2,000 (includes bubble machine), all students would enjoy

10. Spring Movie night?

- On hold due to current work-to-rule situation

11. Other Business

School Mental Health Ontario Resources – discussion for WRAPSC

- Reviewed draft resources and provided feedback on brochure & websites
- February 4th next WRAPSC meeting

Home Reading Update – Anne

- Home Reading Committee (HRC) has been established and met twice so far
- Going to hold off on RAZ kids, not used by all teachers

HRC would like to order 50 books through scholastic for each level (S, T, U) total of 150 books. This will give the 70 students who have reached level R, two books per student.

Motion to approve the above Raneem, second Diana Clipsham (money already approved)

Grand River Community Conservation Grant (\$750 – greening)

- Melanie to put together grant application, deadline Feb 28

Raneem suggested holding a parent-run potluck for staff and teachers in February

- Email to be sent out for contributions
- Could include free twice the deal pizzas as part of potluck

Next meeting Thursday February 27, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school library.

Ongoing school council fundraisers:



COBS Bread at The Boardwalk

Mention Vista Hills Public School when you order and Cobs will donate 10% of your order to our school

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser online at https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and search for Vista Hills
Thank you for your support!