

Vista Hills School Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Where: Vista Hills Public School Library

When: Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30pm

Attendees: Melanie Roberts, Meghana Kotwal, Jill Pletsch, Greg James, Diana Clipsham, Breanna Swanson, Jerry H, Hajra Hafeez, Anne Plouffe, Milena Krstic, Mrs. Sheriff, Mrs. Stark

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions –Shemira
2. Vice-Principal Report and Staff Introductions –Shemira

Mrs. Stark – Grade 2 & Media Literacy

Nov 11 Empathy Community Flagpole Gathering & Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45a

Nov 11 Progress Report Cards go home

Nov 14 Photo Retake

Nov 15 PD Day for parent teacher interviews

Nov 15, 18 & 19 Scholastic Book Sale

Nov 17-23 Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

Dec 4 Primary Holiday Concert

Book Sale

Thurs Nov 7 Scholastic books/displays will be dropped off

Fri Nov 8 Book Sale to be set-up in the library

Mon Nov 11 – Wed Nov13 Previews

Thurs Nov 14 Library closed for photo retake day

Book Sale Open:

PD Day Friday Nov 15 from 10am – 4pm

Monday Nov 18 from 9am – 7pm

Tuesday Nov 19 9am – 3pm

(these times are dependent on having enough volunteers to help out...more info to follow)

Thurs Nov 21 Book fair pick-up

New Staff

New evening custodian: Ben Willsteen

Head Secretary: TBD

Mrs. Touhey (leave): Laura Lawry

3. Approval of Minutes from September meeting – Breanna/Jerry

Motion to approve Anne Plouffe, second Melanie Roberts

4. Financial Report – Jill
For 2018/2019 School Year
VH School Council Funds

Opening Balance	\$2,325
Pizza sales	\$18,804
Mabel's labels	\$168
Cobs Bread	\$338
Movie Night	\$629
<u>Used clothes</u>	<u>\$41.75</u>
Total revenues	\$22,306

Expenditures:

Stand-up desks	\$1,500
Foam chairs	\$919
Breakfast bar	\$127
Home reading	\$2,426
<u>Green Hawks</u>	<u>\$315</u>
Total spent	\$5,288

Balance **\$17,018**

Less 2018/2019 approved requests not yet spent: \$5,388

VHSC Balance **\$11,630**

WEFI (Waterloo Education Foundation Inc.) Funds for outdoor play space

Opening balance	\$14,775
Treasures cards	\$420
<u>Tree grant</u>	<u>\$625</u>
Total	\$15,820

Expenditures

JCA Trees	\$4,441
Tarmac Paint	\$1,418
WEFI Balance	\$9,961

Still need to make repairs in kindergarten play area and add benches.

The WEFI funds were initially intended for outdoor play space but unable to go ahead with portables.

June 2019 Walkathon

Raised	\$12,000
<u>Cedarbrae donation</u>	<u>- \$2,000</u>
For VH Music Dept	\$10,000

Music Dept spent \$8,432 so far

Funding requests carried over from Sept 2019:

Mrs. Bumstead asked School Council for following math related items:

- Mathup license \$700
- Manipulative \$700
- Resources from Marian Small \$600
- Total \$2000

Ms. Jespersen request to School Council for one new crash mat and cover for gym

- Cost approx. \$1,500
- Not needed until April 2020

Motion to approve \$2,000 for math-related items and \$1,500 for new crash mat and cover for gym Anne Plouffe, second Jill Pletsch

Ms. Jespersen request to School Council for money to assist in the following costs:

- Bus for grade 7 (funding covers the cost of the swim to survive test & lifeguards)
- Bus, swim to survive test & lifeguards for grade 8
- \$150 round trip for bus
- Any amount will be helpful

School council supports helping with the costs but needs more details before approval can take place. Mrs. Sheriff to follow-up.

5. Other Business

- WRAPSC update – Anne
 - Oct 1st meeting covered how other school councils are run:
 - Territorial acknowledgement, provide child care with grade 6 students, collaborative agenda, 6-8 meetings a year, use sub committees, more social media, 11-15 members who are voting members Executive Group
 - Next meeting Nov 5th with John Bryant
- Home reading update – Anne
 - Using sign-up Genius for home reading volunteers
 - For English only up to level R, considering adding S, T, U levels
 - Anne to follow-up with Ms. Kristy Patten
 - Request for funds to purchase more French books and replace lost books

Motion to approve \$2,500 for home reading Jill Pletsch, second Diana Clipsham

- Scholastic Book Fair – Melanie
 - Need volunteers. Announcement to follow on school day.
 - 3 volunteers to listen to a one hour presentation for a \$25 scholastic gift card

Next meeting Thursday November 28th at 6:30pm in the school library.

Reminder of ongoing school council fundraisers:



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

COBS Bread at The Boardwalk

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