

**WT Townshend Parent Council Minutes**

Thursday December 17th, 2015

6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Rita Givlin, Barb Brown, Natalie Breau, Brenda Tyler, Denyse Schmidt, Danielle Reynolds, Erin Labour, Ali Hasan, Kristy Dryland, Pam Law, Tina Landry, Sharon Dunlop, Meredythe Hertz, Karen Madsen

**Fundraising**

- Cheque Presentation from Heffner Toyota to support our natural playground – welcome to Pieter van der Griend who presented two cheques – one from Evergreen for \$950 and one from Heffner Motors for \$950; the Heffner family is very supportive of community initiatives
- A private donation in the amount of \$500 from a family in our community has also been made to support our playground

**Barb Brown & Rita Givlin - Admin Report**

Around the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hour of Code was a huge success; staff and students were highly engaged; hearing from students and parents that coding is continuing at home; what next?</li><li>• Sing-along Assembly – many parents attended, students delighted to have the chance to perform; positive feedback about time over the lunch hour</li><li>• Kindergarten open houses were extremely well attended</li><li>• Very generous community support for our charitable campaigns</li><li>• Use of social media to open the window into our school is on the rise – parents are buying in</li><li>• Erica Keys begins her maternity leave in January; Trena Summers will be joining us in the new year to teach this class</li><li>• WTT buddies are beginning</li><li>• Move-a-thon and pajama day tomorrow</li></ul>
Around the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is possible? After an unsettled fall focus is on student learning and safety and ministry initiatives</li><li>• Site based days and central resources are available to us to assist in collaborating to improve student learning</li></ul>
Around the Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contracts are settled in our board</li><li>• WRDSB and province is getting ready to welcome Syrian refugees; Mrs. Bahkru, one of our ESL teachers, is involved at the board level to prepare resources</li></ul>

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### **February Fun Fest Update**

- Push for vendors will be next month
- Upcoming sub-committee meetings – Wed. January 6, Tim Hortons Ottawa and Fisher Hallman at 7:00 p.m.
- School day notice to go home - save the date, request for book donations for used book sale, will be looking for silent auction items
- Barb will touch base with Community Resource Officer to request involvement in event i.e., police car, fire truck
- Pegasus will participate with family photo booth

### **Any Other Business**

- Mr. Harper's work in after school sports is greatly appreciated
- Pegasus will attend later council meeting to seek parent feedback

### **Next meeting**

Thursday January 21, 2016

Motion to approve minutes: Danielle, Barb

Approved