

A.M. Cunningham
Parent Council
Minutes
Thursday November 5, 2015



In attendance:

Chris Upshall, Meghan Lloyd, Joanne Gibson, Rebekah Roy, Tammy Gruza, Shannon Kotecki, Lauren McLean, Kelly MacNeil, Yvette Cowe, Ms Penney, Amanda Rankin , Jodie Whitley.

Regrets:

Christy Cowan

1. Welcome & Bouquets

- ☐ Thank You to teachers – nice to be back to almost normal.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- ☐ Passed by Meghan, seconded by Yvette.

3. Principal's Report

- ☐ Monthly newsletters are electronically posted, available on the school page of the HWDSB website. Discussed the ongoing issue of getting people to read newsletters
- ☐ Commendation to teachers and staff members for focus on instruction in spite of labour issues
- ☐ Protocol for respectfully addressing concerns by parents regarding their children at school
 - Handout was distributed showing chain of communication for parents at each level (classroom, school, Board)
 - Ms Penney has open-door policy
 - we are all responsible for making sure our concerns are voiced in a respectful manner
- ☐ Swim Meet – rescheduled for 17 November
- ☐ Cross Country – working on rescheduling for spring
- ☐ Progress reports will be sent home 11 December
- ☐ PA Day 27 November – parent/teacher interviews will be conducted
Thurs 26th in the evening, Fri 27th in the morning

- ☐ Phys Ed (Health) – letter needs to be sent home informing parents what is in the curriculum for their child’s grade. Parental consent will be required.
- ☐ Field Trips are back on.
- ☐ Milk Program cannot continue unless there are enough consistent volunteers.

4. Future Meeting Dates

- ☐ 2 December
- ☐ 13 January
- ☐ 3 February
- ☐ 9 March
- ☐ 13 April
- ☐ 25 May
- ☐ if June meeting is deemed necessary, we will schedule that later

5. Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

- ☐ Chris is President
- ☐ took part in Ontario conference – symposium included parents & teachers
- ☐ AMC purchased a 3 year membership – currently in year 2
 - ☐ all teachers have access to resources as part of membership

6. Treasury Report

- ☐ current balance \$7869.88 with no expenses outstanding
- ☐ Cross Country busing not needed
- ☐ Swim team funding approved
- ☐ Soccer goals/Kindergarten play area
 - ☐ benches deemed unnecessary (in discussion with K teachers) but the play car and/or house would be well received and enjoyed
 - ☐ proposal brought forth for interactive play equipment that attaches to the fence, and is musical in nature
 - ☐ Funds available: \$2000 prev. allotted to school trip, \$2000 prev. allotted to K play area, for total of \$4000 in available funds
 - ☐ Pricing: Playhouses, different types – from \$6800 to \$10500
 - ☐ Metal goalposts for soccer field priced at \$1500 (not including nets or installation)
 - Motion to approve purchase of soccer nets passed by Lauren, seconded by Yvette and Meghan
 - Action: Ms Penney to look into the matter with the Board

- Tammy Gruza to check in with Purchasing for approved suppliers

7. Fundraiser

- ☐ Date: Saturday 27 February 2016
- ☐ Place: Holy Cross church, Rosedale (to be confirmed)
- ☐ capacity 400 people, well suited set up for this type of event
- ☐ time to collect prizes – distribute letters to local businesses for prize donation
- ☐ Everyone: spread the word!
- ☐ games
- ☐ tickets before Christmas break
- ☐ idea: assign themes (prize donation) to classes – each student brings in one item corresponding to class's theme
 - Resource: Shannon Weston (accomplished at Rosedale school)

8. This year's PRO grant ~ The Pursuit of Happiness

- ☐ brainstormed how to proceed with this years grant

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