



## **School Council Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday January 13, 2016**

**Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Learning Commons**

In attendance : Cindy Ramsay (Chair), Charmaine Underwood-Graham (Treasurer), Ms Lisa Neale (Principal), Julie Clapman, Karen Barasch, Al Boyan (Teacher representative)

Absent: Kelly Kimpton (Secretary), Leigh Vyn, Rhu Sherrard

**1. Chair Report:** Cindy Ramsay [cindy@cindyramsay.com](mailto:cindy@cindyramsay.com)

- Fessenden Free Parental Workshop is being held on Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. All neighbouring schools are invited to join them for this presentation.
- Cindy Ramsay will run a bake sale for the February dance
- Cindy Ramsay will organize the baskets for the May Open House

**2. Treasurer Report:** Charmaine Underwood-Graham

There have been no changes in the account to report since the November 25, 2015 meeting.

**3. Fundraising Committee:**

- The only fundraising is the Valentines Bake Sale and the baskets for the May Open House at this time.

**4. Graduation Committee:** Karen Barasch

- There was a discussion about how much tickets will be with the limited fundraising so far this year. We will need to make a decision at our February meeting in order to give the vendors deposits and secure the date.

**5. Principal Report:** Lisa Neale

-May 10, 2016 – Open House – date is noted on school website calendar

-Sharing of 2016 Educational Excursions; rationale for change to 4 excursions that vary in destination, length and dates; 50 students per excursion to ensure safety and supervision; blogpost on website will go live Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, Synervoic Jan. 14, Mr. Boyan and Mrs. Knauer presenting all options to each homeform class; Parent Information Night will be Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

-Pizza Day Service is moving to online ordering in 8 week block

-Valentine's Day Dance and Bake Sale happening on Feb. 12

- School Mental Health Leads – Mr. Greenway & Ms Srsan - Work with me to engage in assessment processes that will help determine the school's areas of strengths and needs in relation to HWDSB's Mental Health and Well Being Strategy Priorities for this academic year
- Develop an enhanced awareness of **internal and community based agencies, services and on-line** Mental Health and Well-Being resources
- Support the work of the Positive School Climate Team, Health Action Team/Teacher Advisor in schools where these structures exist
- Provide and/or facilitate the provision of a range of PD opportunities for staff regarding student mental health and well-being
- Participate with other school Mental Health Leads, in 2-3, half day, PD/Planning sessions led by the Mental Health & Well-Being Liaison Manager and other system staff

#### **6. Teacher's Report:** Al Boyan

-sharing of activities – ping pong, speedball intramurals, chess & checkers, band continues, choir

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**7. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016