



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

**MINUTES**

**Bellmoore School Council**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Co-Chairs:** Diana Schmuck, Liane Rogers

**Minutes:** Julia Penman

**Present:** Greg Moore, Vera Prpa, Diana Schmuck, Liane Rogers, Stacey Davis, Leanne Muir, Julia Penman, Devon Rowan, Melanie Lupton, Andria Malec, Rachel Small, Christy Wallingham, Melanie Bulbrook, Shannon Collerman, Brenda Markwich

**Regrets:** Michelle Houghton, Jenn Roberts, Stacey Henderson

**Absent:** Fadi Aoudi

Item No.	Time	Agenda	Person	Decisions Summary	Actions/Motions
1.1		Approval of Agenda	All		Approved
1.2		Approval of previous minutes	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulldogs game is now run by the school instead of Council</li> </ul>	Approved
<b>2.0 Correspondence</b>					
<b>3.0 Standing Items</b>					
3.1		Principal's Report	Mr. Moore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HWDSB conducted survey to "reimagine" HWDSB               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Available on the Board website</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Port-a-pack is now open               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All classes have moved in</li> <li>○ They are addressing safety issues as they arise and making changes as needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Book Fair to be held in early February</li> <li>• Student Council is now running</li> <li>• Wizard of Oz auditions have started</li> <li>• Transforming Learning Everywhere               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Learning about new technology coming in to schools</li> <li>○ Have started electronic attendance</li> <li>○ Apple TV is being installed to assist with using technology in the classroom</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Physical/Health Education</li> </ul>	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion re: holding a community meeting to educate families about the changes to the curriculum</li> <li>○ Plan will be to run this at the February School Council meeting</li> <li>• Discussion re: reducing the amount of paper coming home from the school.</li> </ul>	Mr. Moore to look into this.
3.2		Teacher's Report	Deferred		
3.3		Treasurer's Report	Leanne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed report.</li> <li>• Motion to close the teacher start up funds since the final submission date has passed.</li> </ul>	Passed.
3.4		Volunteer Coordinator's Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanie and Eva to meet re: Volunteer Tea planning</li> <li>• Looking at how to streamline volunteer list as many people on the list are not available to volunteer for many opportunities.</li> <li>• SNAC Program will be rolling out to the whole school next week.</li> </ul>	Melanie will request more volunteers for this.
3.5		Fundraising Report	Devon/Ang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Bazaar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Went well. Specific committees will be set up for next year's bazaar.</li> <li>○ Set date for next year: November 12, 2016</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mabel's Labels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current campaign has ended. We will extend the campaign.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fundraising committee to meet again soon to finalize plans.</li> </ul>	Passed.
<b>4.0 New Business</b>					
4.1		School Objectives and Goals	All		Diana to send out for further review
4.2		\$500 Parent Engagement Funds	Diana/Liane		Deferred to February meeting
4.3		Parent Survey	Stacey/Jenn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion re: editing questions and ways to reach more families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have people complete at school events – to begin at February book fair</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Stacey and Jenn to get survey ready to go out.
4.4		Parent Request – Crossing Guards for Valiant Circle and Binbrook Road	Brenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing guard leaves at 8:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Safety concerns with children who are still walking to school</li> <li>○ Would like to have the time extended that the crossing guard is there</li> <li>○ Look into linking it to Active and Sustainable Routes to School, which encourages more kids to walk to school (and would reduce the number of cars in the area)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Motion passed to support the parents' efforts to address this issue
4.5		Healthy Schools	Shannon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Action Team has been formed and the priority health topic is mental wellness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team would like to run a "Caring Carnival" which would be open to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funds required to create “Kindness Kits” as one of the stations at the Carnival – these are kits that remind students how to be a good friend</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hand washing sessions to be run for JK to Grade 2</li> <li>• Fun with Friends to be starting for grade 2 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A peer group that focuses on social problem solving and stress management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Motion passed for \$250 of SC funds to be put towards this initiative.</p>
<p>Next meeting: February 11, 2016 6:30pm</p>					