

## Hess Street Public School – Parent Council Meeting

Meeting Date: October 18, 2016

Time: 2:30pm-3:10pm

Attendance: Mrs. Estella Jones (Principal), Mr. David Heska (parent) + Mrs. Prabati (parent)

- Roles and Responsibilities:
  - o David Heska agreed to chair the meetings and to type up the minutes and email them to Mrs. Lesley Carriere (office administrator)
  - o David Heska agreed to continue to recruit new members to the council
- Chair Report:
  - o No report.
  - o Asked for Principal to provide update on Open House and ARC process
- Parent Members Report:
  - o No report
- Principal Report:
  - o Meet the Teacher / Open House on Thu Oct 6, 2016 had a good turn out. Goal for future could be to have 50% of students/parents attend. The clothing closet had received a lot of donations so it was great to open up and give away a lot of clothing on the Open House night.
  - o Accommodation Review (ARC). There are 11 elementary schools in our area included in the review. Review will be conducted in “West/Central Hamilton” and in “Ancaster”. The review is being done to be more “financially responsible” based on enrollment. There will likely be the closing of an elementary school as a result of the process. There will be a non-voting committee who report to the Trustees. It will consist of the Principal, usually the Parent Council chair (if willing). In mid-November more info will be coming out for ways to give input. There will be 6 working meetings. After Jan 9 will be “first public meeting”. After Mar 7 will be “last public meeting” and a final decision after May 10 but likely before end of school year in June.
  - o New Grade 2/3 class has been opened. Continuing with use of iPads, but don’t have enough iPads for 1 to 1 use.
- Student Report:
  - o Kye is student rep who is in Grade 8
  - o She indicated she’s been a student at Hess St since Grade 4.
  - o She’s involved in “Me2We”, Band, Go Girls and the Volleyball team.
  - o She enjoys extracurriculars and visiting the retirement home, organizing the food drive, and the Terry Fox run fundraiser.
  - o She thinks the days is longer with the new balanced school day and some kids are still confused as to what tie breaks start and end
  - o “Math is fun this year.”

Next Meeting will be: December 13, 2016 at 2:30pm