

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

Chair: Ms. Sandi Horton **Principal:** Mr. Ian Pellizzari

Attendance

Parent Reps: Sandi Horton, Melissa Noble, Paula Wardle, Michael Merifield, Jenny Bognar, Melissa Wagner-Wong, Stephanie Baschiera, Christine Wagner, Pamela Wilson, Elaine O'Donnell

Community Rep: Annette Mills

Staff Reps: Mr. Ian Pellizzari, Ms. Barbara Depew

Absent: Melissa McGinnis, Lincy Patel, Muhammad Bahaaddin, Jenilyn Santos, Tom Stewart, Erin McGinnis, Jodie Bocek, Sandra Askew, Caitlind McVey, Ann Pearce, Julia Zimmer, Amanda Knowles, Ashraf Al-ibraheem, Charissa Low, Elizabeth McCoy

Proceedings

Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Horton called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. All welcomed.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Ms. Baschiera made a motion to accept January's minutes at 6:18 p.m. Ms. Noble seconded the motion, all in favour.

Teacher's Report (Ms. Depew):

FDK and Gr. 1 continue to work and learn with Reading Specialist, Ms. Porterfield.

Grades 2 – 8 Team continue to focus their learning on identifying needs, and on math.

All staff continue to focus on climate/culture for all students.

Board Game Club for Grades 2 & 3 ongoing.

Important Dates:

February 1st - Family Literacy Day for Grade 1s

February 5th – Kindergarten registration began
February 7th – Grade 8 Grad Pictures
February 13th – Report cards sent home
February 15th – Dance Team Competition
February 22nd – School Council Chocolate Fundraiser kickoff assemblies
February 26th – Grade 8 option Sheet Entry at Highview with Sherwood staff
February 27th – Shelter in Place Drill
February 28th – After School Scholars Program for grade 3 and 6 students began
March 2nd – PA Day
March 6th – Grade 3s go to Westfield Heritage Village
March 7th – Brent and Sarah Anti-Bullying Magic Show
March 19th – Kindergarten excursion to Westfield Heritage Village

Junior Girls Basketball coming soon with Mr. McCabe and Ms. Kellner

Sr. Swim Team coming soon with meet in April (Ms. Toth)

Dance team is running (Ms. Green and Ms. DiBartolo)

Sr. Water Polo team coming soon.

Intramural Basketball for Junior Boys coming.

Yearbook is ongoing and well. Staff being asked to share photos.

Grade 8s helping with Kindergarten and deposit for Grade 8 trip paid (Camp Wanakita).

Principal's Report:

Renos are in Highview's future: accessibility and a gym expansion. Highview not planned for next summer though. Visual arts, learning commons, outdoor play area all earmarked for next five years.

Some students cannot navigate stairs, so the school needs to improve access.

Kindie Pathway – Superintendent Paul Dennome looked at it; goal is to connect one end to the other. Must keep pushing for it.

Water Fountain (Hydration Station) – Caretaking Area Supervisor wants to connect with us, needs to know who installed it.

Swipe entry at exterior doors, school expense. Will probably install one at the back entrance, hopefully this year, allowing for secure and easy access for staff.

Treasurer's Report:

We have spent a lot of money, but still have \$9,200.00 to spend.

Ms. Noble – list from teachers about equipment bags (mesh bags with sports equipment).

List from Ms. Depew: hula hoops, pylons, 10 scoops/balls, small and large balls, etc.

Ms. Baschiera made a motion at 6:31 to give \$100.00 to each class for equipment. Mr. Merifield amended to \$2,000.00 total. Motion seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour.

Ms. Porterfield is leading buying the books for all teachers.

iPad kits are being ordered.

Ms. Noble brought up that Green Team is wondering about the Greenhouse purchase; waiting on approval from the Board. Mr. Pellizzari mentioned that we need to try to spend money raised this year, this year, but this is a big project and may take time. Thank you cards from Green Team handed out to Council.

School Pictures:

Edge Imaging wants to book for next year. Time frame?

Ms. Horton asked if there were any issues. Late pictures: only arrived just before Christmas. If mailed home however, they come earlier. Mr. Pellizzari will book and ensure more timely orders.

PRO Grant Ideas:

Ms. Baschiera suggested a math night: common session, math curriculum, break into groups and do math work with teachers. Math apps recommended and classroom visits.

Perry Mason, Ron Morsch (previous guest speakers).

Ms. Depew suggested a Legoland Night (www.creativeclubinc.com) linked to math. Lego centre table, activities, all in one space. RSVP event and only 175 can attend. Parents and students both enjoyed it at her children's school. Mr. Merifield said we might need two nights.

Ms. Bognar reminded Council that Ms. Corbin-Harper had previously suggested a Games Night.

Mr. Merifield recommended a Movie Night, however Ms. Bognar brought up whether that would qualify for the grant.

Artists could be brought in, having a different artist in each room.

Inquiry Night

Ms. Bognar has already registered, deadline is in May for next year.

Mr. Pellizzari – Jump 2 Math Night for the younger ones, mats on floor, rolling to numbers, \$997.00 approx.

Ms. Horton asked if we can just call it a “Math Night” on the grant application, and streamline it later. Ms. Bognar to look into it.

Mr. Pellizzari asked parents how much work they want to do for this. Perhaps better to have an outside group come in, rather than have parents and teachers run it.

Wellness focus allowed: Zumba, dancing, etc.

Goal is to have people engaged in schools.

Playground Kits:

Already addressed earlier in meeting.

Update of By-laws:

Bumped to next meeting.

Fundraising Committee (Ms. Noble):

143 boxes of chocolate went out today. Ms. Noble to come in twice a week to collect money and send out new boxes (as requested).

Sherwood Update:

Climb for Cancer – May 11th

Fiddler on the Roof – Ms. Green wants to take students on a trip to see the production.

Option Sheets

Grade 10s – Literacy Test, must pass or take course to graduate (very difficult test).
Every Grade 10 student in Ontario writes test at the same time.

New Business:

Pizza Update - \$12,942.35 YTD profits, with \$1,294.24 to date allocated to Grade 8s.

Ms. Baschiera – Open House

Ms. Depew – Kindie Orientation – May 14th and 16th – Invitations going out. Encourage everyone to register now, not in the fall, as allocation is based on spring registration vs. September registration. Late registrations make re-orgs necessary.

Mr. Merifield asked if twins need to be separated or can they stay in the same class? Case by case, parent request, can be separated or stay together.

Open House date TBA, Mr. Pellizzari asked for a recommendation for the date. Education Week: May 7th – 11th. Ms. Baschiera would like it later in the day.

Ms. Bognar – Brent and Sarah Anti-Bullying Magic Show will be next Wednesday. Seven classes are participating in the Poster Contest.

Next Meeting/Motion to Adjourn:

Next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Bognar made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m., Ms. Mills seconded motion, all in favour.

Meeting adjourned.