

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 26th, 2018

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Elizabeth McCoy, Charissa Low, Julia Zimmer, David Speicher, Melissa McGinnis, Sandi Horton, Melissa Noble, Amanda Knowles, Stephanie Baschiera, Jenny Bognar, Ashley Murphy, Ruth Toskas, Elaine O'Donnell, Sandra Askew, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Mike Merifield, Jay Eddington, Stacy Krystal, Christine Wagner, Melissa Wagner-Wong

Community Rep: Annette Mills

Staff Reps: Mr. I. Pellizzari, Mr. J. McLean, Ms. B. Depew, Ms. C. Muller

Proceedings

Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Horton welcomed everyone and introduced herself. Any parent who wanted to be a voting member was invited to fill out a form and given time to do so.

Mr. Pellizzari clarified that there needed to be 14 voting members as per Highview By-Laws to meet the requirement of 8 members for quorum. Exactly 14 forms received, very positive for our school.

2018 – 2019 School Council Voting Members:

Ashley Murphy, Elaine O'Donnell, Julia Zimmer, Melissa Noble, Melissa Wagner-Wong, Elizabeth McCoy, Stephanie Baschiera, David Speicher, Charissa Low, Sandi Horton, Jenny Bognar, Sandra Askew, Annette Mills, Stacy Krystal.

Acceptance of Minutes:

At 6:30, Ms. Noble made a motion to accept the June minutes, motion seconded by Ms. Baschiera, all in favour. Minutes accepted.

Council decided to fill Executive Positions at this time.

2018 Executive Positions:

Chair: Sandi Horton, Treasurer: Jenny Bognar, Secretary: Melissa Wagner-Wong (can be a rotating position) – None Opposing

Principal's Report /Teacher's Report (see last page for printout):

Mr. Pellizzari asked for round table introductions, all present introduced themselves. Very positive start to the school year with staff supporting students and lots going on.

Ms. Depew informed Council that Highview has already held its first fire drill.

The only change made during re-org was the addition of a new 1/2 class which will come into effect on Oct. 4th. Picture Day will be held the day before.

Many teams have started (Green Team and Recycling Team for example).

Ms. Klaus is Highview's new Reading Specialist.

Terry Fox Run tomorrow.

Mr. McLean added that he has hit the ground running and was happy with his welcome, feels the community is "super supportive."

Adding ESL position (.6 position) 3 days/week as our ESL student numbers have increased and extra support is needed.

Mr. Pellizzari is calling parents whose children will be affected by the new 1/2 class. He and Mr. McLean will finish making all the calls by Friday. Parents positive about the new class and asking questions, advocating for their children.

Mr. McLean said the decision was not taken lightly and they did what was best for the kids. Mr. Pellizzari added that a lot of work goes into this process. Five teachers interviewed for the position, which will be awarded to an LTO teacher.

There will not be a fourth kindergarten class. Currently three Kindergarten classes with approx. 30 students in each. All staff has already been allocated within the Board, but if numbers go up, the Superintendent will be informed.

Ms. Baschiera asked what Highview's enrollment was this year and if the school is growing in primary. The school's current enrollment is 490 – 491 with most growth in primary (Mr. Pellizzari).

Prior to re-org, Ms. Muller received her own classroom, however the Ministry still views it as an open classroom. The 1/2 class will be going to the Junior Academic Support Room. The Sensory Room downstairs remains 1/3 sensory and 2/3 tables/desks and will be the Jr./Intermediate Support Room. The school is almost at full capacity.

Ms. Muller has been talking to teachers in her hall to see if during their prep times, Mr. McNeice can move into their rooms to support students.

The fourth kindergarten room will become a fitness room, due to limited gym space, for contained fitness activity, with possibly more equipment or yoga mats.

Ms. Edington asked what the surplus of space was. Mr. Pellizzari said that two full classrooms are available. There is a plan in place within the next four years for a potential gym expansion, library renovation, playground update, and art room.

Ms. McGinnis asked if the school could build up, connect the upstairs hallways, and install an elevator. Mr. Pellizzari responded that the school does need access, as students with mobility issues can only stay on the first floor. He has spoken to the Superintendent about it. Additionally spoke to the Area Supervisor re: the kindie pathway and water re-fill station (a new one will be going in).

Ms. Baschiera requested a water quality report as we are a school that requires a 20 minute flush. She will not allow her kids to drink the water, so what is the overall plan? Could this be a School Council initiative? Mr. Pellizzari will look into the situation and speak to Mr. Ivan as he is the first to school each morning.

Ms. Depew informed Council that six new iPads are now in use thanks to Council. 20 purchased by the school, four more kits of six, Mr. Moore is doing the numbers.

Ms. Edington asked about heating and cooling and what the capacity of the A/C is within the school. Mr. Pellizzari said that in the Library and Gym, the A/C works well; the playground side of the school has A/C but not all units work (caretaker places repair requests). Ms. Toskas asked if Council could fundraise for it, but Council is not allowed to raise funds for school maintenance.

Ms. Murphy asked if student vaccination is for grade 7s only. Yes.

Mr. Merifield asked for clarification about Meet the Teacher, is it outside only? Mr. Pellizzari answered that it will not be inside, it is an event for you to introduce yourself to the teacher, not visit the classroom. Ms. Askew asked how we will find the teachers. Students will know their teachers and be able to find them, this will be a positive community event. If the weather is bad, it will be moved into the gym.

Ms. McGinnis added that as a parent, she would prefer to come into the school, but Mr. Pellizzari said School Council can change this in the future. Ms. Askew asked why it was even changed, it was Mr. Pellizzari's decision.

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):

\$13,000.00 carried over from last year. \$5,500.00 set aside for benches and funnel. The plan was submitted (included 2 funnel nets, benches, kindie stage, and two bike racks). Must wait for approval before spending money.

Ms. Baschiera asked how many bikes will fit on a rack. Racks from bikerack.ca, bar with five triangles that fits 12 bikes. Mr. Merifield asked if there was an ETA, but at this point, there isn't (Mr. Pellizzari).

Update on Bike Racks (Ms. Zimmer):

Already covered.

Update on B-Ball Nets and Benches:

Already covered.

Update on Hydration Station(s):

Already covered.

PRO Update (Ms. Bognar):

The PRO Grant has been put on hold due to government change, no new approvals. Ms. Baschiera commented that we aren't tied to the grant and can spend our own money.

New Business:

Issues with food trucks.

Open House dates.

Ms. Zimmer inquired about switching food day purchases to online only. Mr. Pellizzari explained how School Cash Online works. Ms. Zimmer made a motion at 7:17 to make all School Council run fundraising payable online only, Ms. Noble seconded the motion, all in favour, motion passed.

Ms. Baschiera liked how funds were directed to each classroom fairly.

A fundraising schedule will be needed by October. Ms. Wagner-Wong inquired about having a fundraising sub-committee again.

Ms. Zimmer asked about the status of Highview pinnies (an issue discussed last year). Mr. Moore had found 30 good pinnies but said the greatest need is basketball jerseys, and Ms. Horton mentioned that the Three Pitch team had jerseys. Mr. Moore got a quote for 30 team sets (\$1,084.80 incl. tax).

Ms. Zimmer made a motion at 7:23 to buy Basketball jerseys at \$32.00 each. Ms. Bognar seconded the motion, all in favour, motion passed.


Ms. Noble asked what else this company could do: swimming team caps? Other jerseys?

Next Meeting/Motion to Adjourn:

Ms. Depew asked Council to set the meetings for the year. Ms. Horton suggested the third Wednesday of every month at 6:15. Ms. Bognar asked if Council would still like to spend the \$500.00 allotted to run Council, open to suggestions, monthly surprise.

Ms. Bognar made a motion at 7:30 to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Noble, all in favour, meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Melissa Wagner-Wong



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School Council: Teacher & Principal/Vice-Principal Report

September 26th, 2018

- Updated Staff Listing Forthcoming in October Newsletter...(Recently Added ESL Teacher, Grade ½ Teacher)
- Our FDK Team and Grade 1 Team are working & learning collaboratively with Ms. Clause (Reading Specialist @ Highview ½ days) to improve literacy skills with our youngest students.
- Our Grade 2-8 Team continue to focus their learning on identifying learning needs and on teaching Math.
- All staff continue to focus on improving School Climate/Culture for all of our students.
- Reorganization will include the addition of a Grade 1/2 Combined Class.
- Fall Fire Drills: We have completed 1 successfully, 2 more to go
- Lockdown Drill: A very successful lockdown drill took place on Sept. 25th with Constable Dinning present. One more in the New Year. Will also be doing 1 "Hold & Secure" Drill and 1 "Shelter in Place" Drill.
- 2 New Kits of 6 ipads with cases purchased by School Council are in classrooms being used. 4 more school purchased kits will be in classrooms hopefully this week.
- Jr. Swim Team Starting Soon
- Green Team/Recycling has begun

- September 5th-Welcome Back Assembly Grades 1-8
- September 13th-Fire Drill #1
- September 17th-Sr. Boys Baseball Tournament
- September 21st-PA Day (Health & Safety Training/Report Card Training/Continuous Learning & Improvement)
- September 25th-Lockdown Drill #1
- September 26th-Sr. Girls Baseball Tournament (Rescheduled from Sept. 19th)
- September 27th-Highview's Annual Terry Fox Run (1:55-2:25 p.m. Parents Welcomed)
- October 1st-Photo Day (Adjustments to be made regarding reorganized classes)
- October 2nd-Bomb Threat Drill with Constable Dinning
- October 3rd-"Brand of You" Presentations Gr. 7 & 8 from Constable Dinning
- October 3rd-Meet the Teacher Night/Food Trucks
- October 12th-School Bus Safety Presentations Gr. K-3/Gr.4-8
- October 16th-Grade 8 Camp Trip Information Night
- October 16th-Grade 7 Immunizations (Menactra, Hepatitis B and HPV 9 (Human Papilloma Virus))
- October 18th-Grade 7 & 8 Marijuana & Vaping Presentation from Constable Dinning
- October 19th-Kindergarten (Depew/Quinn) Excursion to Sherwood Library
- October 24th-Photo Retake Day

Photo Days 2018/2019:

- Individual and Class Photos October 1st, 2018
- Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 – Retake Day and Class Photos
- Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 – Grade 8 Grad Photos

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