



Lawfield ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lawfield School Council Minutes

September 20, 2017

7 p.m. in the Lawfield school library

Attendance:

Shelley, Tim, Meg, Sharlene, Brandy, Jason, Jeff, Tony, Chris, Meagan, Michael, Trish, Bill, Nicole, Karen, Lisa, Diana, Andrew, Brian, Rhonda, Shannon, Tammy, Lisa, Bridget, Janet, Dorothy, Melanie, Francine.

Minutes of June meeting to be accepted next meeting.

Principal's Report (Mr. Brian Patton) :

- Student population 2017 = 705 students;
- School Reorganization – only 6 students in grade 1 will be affected in both FI and grade 1 Eng.
- Adventure Works Leadership Program grades 7 and 8's teambuilding with a focus on positive culture and school climate both English and FI students participated in the free onsite activity.
- New Hope Bike Smart Ride Program: For all grade 4-6 students, the program will be coming to Lawfield
- Strategic Directions focus at Lawfield continue to be 75% grade 1 students reading by end of grade 1; improvement in math will be the focus for the PD day with Health and Safety in the afternoon.
- EQAO Results were released today.; continued update at Oct. meeting
- Discussed Lawfield busing: we have 3 large buses; concerns about challenges in the first couple of weeks; administration is working on resolving issues. Request to contact office if your child is NOT using their assigned bus placement.
- Pizza days returning in Oct.; Lawfield will be using Pizza Pizza to address all dietary requirements Lunch Lady will replace Pita Pit days on a trial basis.
- Fundraising 2017/18 – further discussion and updates to follow at October meeting.

Parent Involvement Cttee (PIC) Update (Shelley Stacey):

- Welcome – meet and greet. Everyone welcome to attend monthly meetings.

- School bus shortage is a province wide challenge.
- Parent Reaching Out Grant – pending notification

French As a Second Language Community Advisory Committee (Lisa Urban)

- Everyone welcome, including parents of core French students. Meeting schedule below.
- Parent voice is important. For example complimentary busing to end of grade 6 for FI students came about due to parent input.

Treasury Update (Mr. Brian Patton):

- No longer have frozen yogurt sales, these funds have been added to council funds to support students.
- Sept. 1 \$7,300.00
- Withdrawals made for Adventure Works \$2300 and New Hope Bike Smart Ride Program \$2300
- Current Balance \$4,600

Presentation: Role of School Council (Brian and Shelley)

- School council is to represent the parent voice; to advise Principal.
- The administration is responsible for making financial decisions, consult with council and to report back to council. The Council is to vote as a group on how to advise administration. Principal has the final say regarding all matters.

School Council Elections and Results:

Chair - Shelley Stacey

Vice-Chair - Melanie Roberts

Treasurer -Chris Denholm

Secretary - Bill Yates

Voting Members: Diana B., Nicole R., Meg S., Michael H., Tammy W., Jeff M., Tim W., Janet C., Karen N., Andrew C., Francine R., Dorothy S., Lisa U., Tony G., Sharlene O., Lisa E.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Meet the Teacher: Thursday, Sept. 28 5:00-6:30

Monthly Newsletters : on school website the 1st of the month.

Fundraising: Fresh from the Farm due October 10th (require volunteers for distribution upon delivery Nov. 6-30)

Halloween Dance: Friday October 27th (Chair Bill; subcommittee TBD)

FASLAC Meetings – Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Building @ 7 p.m.

Sept. 27, 2017; Nov. 29, 2017; Jan. 31, 2018; Mar. 28, 2018; May 30, 2018

TENTATIVE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES (7 p.m. in the Library)

October 25th; **November 22 (6:30 pm)**; January 17th; February 21st; March 28th April 25th; May 23