**Minutes: School Council**

**Date: November 17, 2015, 6:30pm @ RLES library**

**Attendees:**

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| Scott Dicker | Karen McPhee |
| Kevin Heer | Tyler McNeil |
| Angela Giardino | Niki Kargas |
| Kari Wright | Karen Johnston |
| Michelle Kell | Karen McPhee |

* October minutes reviewed and passed
* **Daycare Update**
  + Daycare reps not able to attend
  + Updates provided by Michelle Kell: no major updates; Christmas program is full
* **Principal/VP update:**
  + School sign is up and running and able to update for school activities
  + Labour update: OCTEU on sanctions affecting admin staff
  + No contract yet for EA's and ECE's
  + Interviews with teacher still proceeding; will focus on those students that have greater difficulties or that teachers believe show require a meeting, however teachers are open to meetings with parents regarding their child regardless.
  + Athletics and extracurriculars are happening as usual
  + Christmas concert scheduled for Dec. 3 – daytime and evening performances
  + School cleaning is back in process
  + Lots of classroom and gym rentals
  + Some local parents have requested a crossing guard for Upper Wentworth and Onyx cross-streets; council to support and work with school regarding any letters, support, etc. required to facilitate the process.
* **Teacher report:**
  + No major updates
  + Progress reports delayed but board facilitators are being used to help with progress report entries and class list entries
* **Fundraising:**
  + Movie night still being planned for Dec. 10 but need posters/notes to go out shortly
  + Planning on the Minions movie (available Dec. 8)
  + Doors open at 6pm, movie to start are 6:30pm
  + Email to be sent out for support on the night of
  + Could get student council members to help set up; caretaking staff have been very help in previous years with setup
  + Need to see if selling popcorn and drinks will be changed, ticketing process
* **Report from Dawn Danko, Ward 7 trustee:**
  + Regarding new Nora Henderson high school site:
    - Updates to the field layout made with feedback from community
    - Currently going through various approvals and plans
    - Strong community at Henderson
    - Site plans and school layout look very positive
    - Upcoming meeting on strategic directions; challenging getting feedback from the community for feedback and direction
    - Explored ideas to improved engagement for future parent surveys and feedback
    - Boundary reports expected on Sherwood and Westmount schools
    - HWDSB Foundation – 46k available for grants
    - TLE – rolling out class sets (6 Ipads) by end of December to grades 4 and 5
* **New business:** 
  + Tyler: received notice about 46 new houses and townhouses in nearby development; has the board been made aware and reviewed the numbers?
    - School and board is aware
* **Garden committee:**
  + Need a plan to maintain in the summer – summer sign up for weeding and maintenance with family/parent volunteers?
  + Need to plant hostas, grasses
  + Ideas: add fencing, and/or 4 to 5 benches and a flat rock in the middle section and turn it into a true 'outdoor classroom'; perhaps use portable umbrellas in sunny, hot weather?
  + Funding opportunities from Home Depot and TD Friends of the Environment?