**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?