**Ray Lewis Elementary Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2016**

**Present:**

Michelle Kell Tyler McNeil

Annie MacDonald Scott Dicker

Jason Harrison Dawn Danko

Rachael Dean Bryson Sherriff

Correna Caton Denise Campbell

Lindsay Schley Kim Slezak

Amy Norton Deb Claremont

Greg Moore Angela Giardino

**Regrets:**

Karen Johnston

Daphne Sampson

Meeting began at 6:32 pm.

**Approval of minutes from Tuesday September 20th, 2016**

Minutes have been accepted and approved as presented – correct the spelling of Rachael Dean and Angela Giardino

–Rachael Dean approved – Scott Dicker second

**Dawn Danko Update**

Spoke about the 5 priorities that the board is focusing on “HWDSB – Reimagined”

* Positive Culture and Well-being
* Student Learning and Achievement
* Effective Communication
* School Renewal
* Partnerships

Trustee’s role is to work together to ensure that there is a connection between the schools and board;

Invite parent council members to “Yammer” which connects parent council’s to communicate – there will be a meeting to discuss – Dawn will send out the date when she has it (early November)

High School delays – issues include – land trade agreement – waste water management – issues with previous councillor member – no sidewalks on Rymal is a large concern – new councillor has made it clear to her staff that this high school is a priority and must move forward – as soon as Dawn has more information she will feed it through the principal or council or she will come back to speak if we wish.

Hopefully by the end of this month we will have permits and then we can go forward

Will Sherwood issues affect Nora Henderson – no.....but the funding for Nora was based on 2012 when this was proposed and the board will not change that although the costs have likely gone up for a lot of things.

**Fundraising**

Kim had a meeting with Greg and Angela

Oct 21st – first sub date – needs to be approved by council – vetoed

A date will be decided on for November

Movie nights – 4 – what night is best – Thursday or Friday (maybe Thursdays before a PA Day)

Other fundraiser options – always looking for ideas (raffles, Little Monkey’s – costs nothing – worked last year – move it to a different season {winter}), selling things – kids helping – chocolates, poinsettias, MacMillans cookie dough, TCBY, Kernels

We need to establish a timeline (yearlong plan) and have ideas passed tonight.

Sub days – 1 sub day a month – Mr.Sub is willing to do it the same way that we did it last year – Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May – 2nd Friday of each month – Nov 11th will be the first one

Movie nights – start with 1 and then determine if it is worth doing a second – prep involves getting tickets pre-purchased, ordering popcorn, getting drinks, hitting up the community for raffle prizes – Dec 1st with a PA Day to follow – tentatively book for Dec 1st – school to confirm....if it is a Christmas movie we need to ensure that we include all demographics – licensing is a concern – Angela will check the license – we need to pick a movie

Do we schedule Little Monkey’s again? yes – options are a Monday or a Wednesday – it was decided that we like Wednesday – Kim will try to get this set up for March

Poinsettias – a go for December – Fundraising committee will organize this

**Budget**

Usually around $3000 – pick an area and donate specifically – need to determine where we want the funds to go – after the budget is established the fundraising committee will discuss what is best to do

Have a secondary goal to give the budget to...(ie. if we continue with the music programme getting our financial support this year (which they are excited about) could we have a secondary area where we can donate ie. school integration/technology.)

**At the next meeting** – we will decide on budget and approve it and then we can move forward with fundraising.....Tyler will have this sent out ahead of time for review and planning

Rachael Dean has offered her home as a location for a meeting with a smaller group if necessary.

Tyler and Kim will discuss a time for a meeting.

**Garden Area**

Henderson shop teacher is willing to help out – put the people power in place – designed for teachers to take their classes outdoors – looking to get the grade 7’s involved with design – in the spring the designs would be implemented – no updates with/from Nora – Greg will reach out again to Nora and the board to confirm approval

Do we/can we get a playground – there was a discussion a long time ago – might be zoning issues – most schools have it but are not allowed to use it at recess – would need to be inspected every year – repairs – liabilities – maintaining the surface that the park is sitting on – we do not want to consider this - this was an almost unanimous no

**Principal/VP report**

**Feedback**

**What about the web-site**

Calendar is a great addition

Email updates have increased – sometimes doubled up if the board sends out the same thing

Newsletters – no more copies – all electronic

Bolder – larger fonts – etc could be used to highlight certain important things

Use the “remind” app – how many spots should we be expected to use (how many tools)(ie. web-site, twitter, remind, etc.)

**PA Day review**

Morning session – strategic objectives - the two that Ray Lewis will be focusing on are Positive Well-being and Student Learning)

Discussions about the direction that the teachers/staff want to go, one group for each objective - they have not met yet, but that will be happening soon

Have met with all levels to discuss how management can help the teachers help their students

Might want to look at priorities where the School Council money might go – school priorities rather than just picking an area – lagging a little in the electronic learning area – staff has a few things that they think are priorities – Greg will send something to Tyler to bring to the committee...technology, library refresh, etc.....

PROGRANT - $1000 given for community/parent information (topics that would be beneficial) – no carrying forward money – spend it – need to think about what we want to do with the money this year – take it away and come back with ideas for the next meeting – some names have been tossed out – we will come up with lists – plan for April/May – money can be used for childcare, refreshments, etc.

Collaborative Proactive Solutions – no one wants to come to school to have a bad day

**Teacher Report**

Cross Country meet – Oct 18th

Many teams still up and running

Recycling team is running very smoothly

$800 made on Terry Fox run

Mrs. Jansons if very grateful for any funds that the music program will receive from school council – she wishes to send her thanks

**Umbrella Center**

No update

**Nora Henderson School Council**

Next meeting Nov. 1

Talked about the school – a lot of what Dawn talked about was discussed

Looking to get the feeder schools councils together to touch base and work towards a common goal

**Next Meeting Date:**

Nov. 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm