**Ray Lewis School Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 24, 2015 6:30pm RLES Library**

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| **Attendees:** | **Regrets:**  |
| Sandi Inglis | Daphne Sampson |
| Bryson Sherriff | Laura Wydysz |
| Scott Dicker | Kari Wright |
| Kevin Heer |  |
| Tyler McNeil |  |
| Karen Johnston |  |
| Denise Campbell |  |
| Stephanie Lagos |  |
| Angela Giardino |  |
| Karen McPhee |  |

**Minutes**:

* February minutes reviewed and approved, with minor updates to attendees
* Balance of bank account: **$2,491.63** after **$265.45** raised via last sub day and booked paid for Steve Chappelle
* Dawn Danko (trustee) confirmed to attend April meeting
* Daphne to send out movie night flyer for review
* School April newsletter to be sent out by April 2nd
	+ **ACTION**: Scott to provide input to newsletter regarding movie night, Steve Chappelle talk, and April school council meeting with Dawn Danko attending
* Movie Night flyer to be sent out week of March 30, posters from Karen Johnston going up around the school
* **ACTION**: Flyer for Steve Chappelle to be sent out with students by the school this week, with RSVP date of April 10, with reminder flyer to be sent out week of April 6th (after Easter)
* Steve Chappelle talk:
	+ Chairs to be set up by caretaking
	+ Breakdown of ProGrant funds reviewed which outlines how much can be spent on certain things
	+ Refreshments will be sweets platter and fruit trays from Costco (Tyler), coffee and tea from Tim Horton's (Scott); other possible beverages. Napkins, plates, cutlery as well.
	+ **ACTION**: Kevin to review child care options – whether HWDSB or Umbrella employees to be engaged, and also what the child-to-provider ratios are.
	+ Unused ProGrant can be carried over up to 3 years if needed
* **Umbrella Daycare update (Stephanie):**
	+ Two full school age groups
	+ Full preschool program
	+ Some availability in the toddler program; advertising going up
	+ ASCYY event taking place on Thursday in room 204
	+ Successful March break program (full)
* **Movie Night (Karen Johnston):**
	+ Assistance needed to help out night of
	+ **ACTION**: Scott to send updated contact list to Karen and Daphne
* **Principal/VP report:**
	+ School Cash online – just announced by the board, however still some setup and training to be completed at the school
		- Guidelines and ID's to be sent out to school community this week
		- To be phased in over time as there is additional administrative work to handle various scenarios (i.e. school-paid trips, money sent in vs. online payments for the same event, reporting of student payments)
		- Pilot event will be grade 4 trip to Medieval Times
	+ Class organization and teacher placements process starting for 2015/2016; April newsletter will have additional details
	+ Open House May 7 with food trucks planned to be in attendance
* **Teacher report (Sandi Inglis):**
	+ **Ray Lewis a winner of the Music Cares grant of $10,000 for new instruments and music supplies!**
	+ Bandfest at Sherwood High School March 31
	+ Spring concert April 30
	+ **McMaster Children's Hospital to place Ray Lewis School on its donor wall as it has raised over $12,000 via Dance-a-thon event over the past 2 years!**
	+ Bake sale in support of Creation of Hope at the May open house
	+ Curriculum support – first nations speakers as a possibility for Grades 3 and 6; additional ideas to be requested from teacher later this week. **ACTION**: Sandi/Angela to send out request to the teachers
* **Garden area:**
	+ Kevin to follow up with school's garden/grounds contact
	+ Staff support for planting and maintaining garden once cleaned up
	+ Karen McPhee: send out email/website asking for volunteers to weed over the summer
	+ Meeting in June to review with the daycare on where garden hose and supplies are and how they can help with watering
	+ **ACTION**: Sandi Inglis to fill out application for city tree planting program as school has received clearance from the board.
* **Next meeting confirmed for April 21st; meeting adjournment: 7:30pm**