

October 8, 2019 – School Council Minutes

Attendance: Naomi, Lauren, Gillian, Kristi, Kathy, Simon, Sara, Jessie, Katie, Karyn, Beck, Jayda, Natalie

Simon opened the meeting by reading the HWDSB Land Acknowledgement

Presentation by ASST team – Mary Lou, Callaway and Hilary.

- Presented Getting involved in Active School Travel's three components: what it is, school planning and parent engagement
- What is Active School Travel – significant decline over the years in the number of students who walk or wheel to school, want to shift this in support of the three pillars: increased safe travel for children around schools, health and wellness benefits, air quality and climate effects
- School Travel Planning – how we plan to get more students to bike/walk to school. Team came and assessed last February and are now in implementation stage of action plan.
- Parent Engagement Strategy – Dundana one of three schools piloting it this year. For sustainability, looking for parent and school champions to grown active school travel. Will also use daily announcements, keep as a discussion topic at monthly School Council meetings and notices in monthly school newsletter. Team is looking for feedback to improve the process before it is rolled out to all schools in the future.
- Simon questioned whether council could draft letter regarding safety of local roads for students walking/wheeling. Callaway welcomed that feedback.
- Announced there would be another hands-up survey of students this May to measure effect this year of project
- Jessie started a facebook group to communicate with families about the project in an on-going way
- Jessie is leading this committee. Karyn and Lauren are also willing to work on it.

September Minutes

- motioned by Sara to accept minutes for September meeting as provided. Seconded Simon. Carried unanimously.

October Agenda

- motioned by Sara to accept agenda for October meeting as written. Naomi second agenda. Carried unanimously.

Principal's Report (Kristi)

- EQAO results have come out. Discussed our overall scores: Reading 95% (up 20%), Writing 69% (down 1%), Mathematics 56% (up 4%). Discussed that we focus in our annual plan on continuing to support early reading and getting all students reading as well as a focus on junior math, particularly in the area of number sense and numeration. Discussion about what council can do to support the students (e.g. purchasing or supporting of math contests, online reading programs, snacks for EQAO students). Looking at a school level to enhance student ability to reach level 4 results, as this is a gap area within the school. Also discussed how our cohort data

shows that many students who are achieving at a level 2 in grade 3 are at level  $\frac{3}{4}$  by grade 6, 9, or 10.

- Labour dispute. Kristi provided a clarification around who in HWDSB were affected by CUPE – it was only caretakers and maintenance workers. We are all very happy they have struck a deal with the province and will be working on ratifying their agreement. However, there are several other union groups that affect schools and students that are still in various stages of negotiation (ETFO – elementary teachers and DECEs, COPE – Eas, OSSTF – secondary teachers and all office administrators). Continue to watch the board website for labour updates to see if schools are affected at various times through the year.
- Change in Celebration Assemblies – in order to find time to allow our students to work collaboratively in cross grade/cross language groupings in community building activities, we have reduced the number of celebration assemblies to every other month, beginning in October. Simon asked if teachers could ensure communication about these awards happen to parents with enough time to plan to attend. Kristi said that she has communicated that with staff in the past, but will do so again this year. Dates for the assemblies will be sent out via the website by next Monday.

#### Teacher's Report (Kathy)

- thank you Gillian and volunteers for the book fair. Great way to build the classroom library. Students so excited.
- cross country to be run on Thursday. Terry Fox run – great to see whole school out there participating together.
- Questions about math challenges. Beaver challenge for gr 4 and 5 students. (voluntary). A grade 3 teacher also interested in it. Waterloo math contest suggested for gr 5 and 6. Kathy to look into the Canoe math program. Council consider paying to support school wide. Kathy to look into it.

#### Treasurer's Report (Gillian)

- no exact numbers for last year because books closed.
- current balance \$2729

#### Fundraising Subcommittee update (Jessie)

Below is a list of fundraiser we want to do. Idea is that each voting member takes on an event to manage and to round up volunteers for.

1. Pizza (all year) – Katie A.
2. Lunch lady (all year) - Kristi
3. Movie night (Oct) - Adrienne
4. Movie night (March) - Adrienne
5. Meet the Teacher (Oct) – Beck and Katie
6. Open House (May) – try to make it a community event
7. Plant and bake Sale (April) –Or Northland nursery gift card - Natalie
8. Valentines danceathon (Feb) – Naomi, Gillian, Karen
9. Mabel's Labels – Jayda (time of year undetermined. Will look into it)

- Estimated funds to be raised for 2019-2020 \$12000
- Kristi to connect to Katie and Jessie for fundraising plan

#### Fundraising Plan – How to Use the Money Raised this Year

- Buckets – Health and Well Being – (active travel bike rally, paint mural panels) \$1500
- Academic support (raz kids, scientists in the schools, je lis je lis en literacie, math contest ) \$3500
- Community Building (\$1500)
- Arts Resources – 3 productions. Emphasis on diversity, bilingualism and indigenous learning or awareness. (\$2200)
- Agendas - \$2000 (2020-2021)
- Grade 5 Celebration \$1000
- Staff Thank You - \$100
- Play day Treat \$250
- Safety Patroller \$100
- Volunteer Patroller \$100
- Bus Driver, Crossing Guard, Diana, caretaking - \$300
- Take off bus trips for this year
- Suggestions for later:
  - Scientists in the Schools - \$3200 (suggested by staff)
  - More equipment for active recesses (suggested by parents)
  
- Motion: Gillian motions to commit \$1500 to h and wellbeing, arts \$3100, academics \$3500, community building \$1500, teacher appreciation \$100, agendas \$2000, playday \$250, Safety patrol and Student volunteer party \$100 each, gr 5 grad \$1000, bus driver crossing guard and admin gifts \$300. Total \$13450. Second by Simon. All in favour. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m. by Sara.