

School Council Meeting – January 7, 2020

Attendance: Karyn Bailey, Jayda Everton, Naomi Foster, Simon Carroll, Kristi Keery Bishop, Katie Appleton, Jessie Blake, Rebecca Pallister, Natalie Gunn

Regrets: Gillian Petersen, Kathy Eastwood, Sara Brown

- Simon opened meeting at 6:32 p.m. with the HWDSB Land Acknowledgement. Welcomed attendees.
- Approval of December minutes – will send out with January minutes and can approve both December and January as a slate
- Approval of January agenda – Naomi motioned, Beck seconded. Unanimous vote.
- Principal's report –
 - trees- update that facilities came after last month's request to get rid of the fallen tree limbs on the playground and on the grass near the sidewalk. Facilities also did an inspection of the other trees on the school property and did some work cleaning up the back wooded area. Simon and Jayda reported that they also called the city about the issue and city staff also responded. Still in question is any city inspection of the trees on the Rail trail that abuts the school playground and whether any upkeep of those trees is planned. Will continue to monitor. winter concert
 - Winter Concert – just before the break. Was very well attended and the students performed amazingly well. Kristi thanked parents and families for coming out to support and the school staff for putting together the concert.
 - Labour update – Kristi provided an update that ETFO staff (teachers and DECEs) have upped their work to rule restrictions. Currently they are unable to provide school/board paper communication (so we are using website instead to communicate with parents for school-wide information), unable to handle money, unable to plan or implement any new school trips, and will not be writing report cards if the conditions continue through early February. Work to rule restrictions could increase again and/or strike action is possible. Families are advised to watch the media reports for effects on students and families. Kristi also advised that Diana Bentley is part of the OSSTF union, who are currently in both work to rule restrictions and are engaging in rotating strikes. This does affect some day-to-day office operations. As with ETFO, watch media reports for updates/increases to restrictions or work stoppages for the OSSTF union members.
- Teacher's report – Mme Eastwood unable to attend meeting, so no teacher's report.
- Treasurer's report – Gillian unable to attend meeting, so no treasurer's report. Some financial information not up to date at this time due to slower processing at the board of finances.
- Fundraising subcommittee –
 - Beeswax wraps - \$1300 profit made. Easy fundraiser to run. Consider running again next year. Thanks to Jessie for spearheading.
 - Valentines dance athon – consider running as a non fundraiser considering work to rule restrictions. Kristi will work with teachers to organize and run just as a fun dance for the students. Current work-to-rule restrictions would allow this to occur; if restrictions increase, it may have to be cancelled or postponed.

- ASST report – send home a survey after work to rule restrictions lift. Will try an after school walking school bus on February 2nd (walk to go for tobogganing, from downtown and get a hot chocolate) – Jessie to co-ordinate and post poster on parent board and post on parent website.
- Any other business –
 - Simon thanked school staff for organizing and running the JungleSport activity in December. It was a big success with students.
 - Follow up to the December meeting – Simon and Jessie asked if anything that can be done to support school around bullying/conflict resolution/ by families? Kristi encouraged to help educate families more widely on what can be done and how families can help. Kristi will use the monthly newsletter forum to provide information and tips to families to promote better understanding of both bullying and other issues.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:13 by Simon.