

Helen Detwiler Elementary School

School Council Meeting
February 28, 2019 6pm
Helen Detwiler Library

Attending: Amanda, Nhu, Cara, Kim, Sukhi, Leanne, Karen and Nancy

Regrets: Allison, Annie, Christine and Heather

HWDSB Land Acknowledgement read by Sukhi.

Approval of January Minutes - distributed by email prior to meeting.
Motion to approve by Amanda
Seconded by Nhu

Principal's Report:

- * School Council Presentation: Understanding the Interim PE & Health Curriculum
 - * 2015 version being replaced with the 2010 version
 - * Hard copy parent guide available for each grade in the office
 - * **ACTION ITEM: Nancy** will send out revised curriculum for council members — **Karen** to put parent guide link in the newsletter
- * March 1st PA Day focus: mid-year check in
 - * All students reading by end of grade 1. Follow up on K-2 literacy
 - * Grade 308 working on math strategies and communication skills in math (how to defend answer and explain their computation)
 - * Afternoon is positive culture and well-being - specific praises - rather than say good job, build a relationship by valuing what they're doing
 - * Reading buddies - parent volunteers - reading specialist to assist the parents in how to teach - Mrs. Malcolmson is with us full-time support K- grade 2. Advocating how to teach reading
 - * May have parent literacy prep at drop-off time - how parents can support kids at home
- * Annual Plan — we will see Annual Plan after tomorrow
- * At PA Day, teachers will have a chance to share what they would like to see in the classroom - where council funds can be spent to help the teachers
- * ProGrant Planning - mental health and well-being - anxiety - test-taking
 - * Ron Joyce workshops ... however, we may want to hold on to those as they are offered free of charge.
 - * we are still looking for ideas for parent supports around mental health
 - * **ACTION ITEM: All** to send ideas for ProGrant funding via email. We will narrow down to two or three choices by March 22nd. We need to book for end of April.
- * Fundraising Plan - Caring Cookies and Veseys out before Easter Weekend. Handout April 8. **Amanda** to confirm timelines - 550 flyers to all staff and students
 - * Cookies - Terracotta Cookies out of Georgetown — looking for parent volunteers to help run cookies, etc.

Staff Representative Report:

- * Checkers Club was snowed out - they will be going Tuesday

- * Basketball is in full swing
- * Chocolate milk, cookies and popcorn doing well
- * pizza to maybe Tuesday or Wednesday next year? parents have expressed concern with not being able to get pizza Friday nights because it's Thursdays at school
 - * **Kim** to look into possibly changing the date
- * Pizza Pizza has a reading incentive?
- * Order online subway, Mucho Burrito and Pita Pit - order goes straight to company - an option for next year? Would save a lot of time on counting, etc.
 - * some council members expressed concern that we generate a lot of income in cash, rather than through cash online.
- * Looking for help selling cookies - **Leanne** to prepare blurb for newsletter

Treasurer's Report:

- * Heather emailed chair - no change to last month's report. Open item is still where money in the account will be spent this year.

General Information/New Business:

- * Grad photos for Grade 8s - Thursday March 7th
 - * Teacher have already told them what to wear, etc.
 - * If students miss the date, the photographer will be at a few other locations over the next while and they have always been able to work it out in the past.
- * Thursday April 24th is Kindergrad photos
- * Winter maintenance - roles/responsibilities
 - * sidewalk is city, contractors is parking lots, custodial is immediate walkway surrounding school - kinder sidewalk is custodial
 - * Kids will be redirected through kinder door if they are unable to walk across the playground
 - * **Nancy** to put out a little blurb regarding snow removal process
- * Leaky ceiling - Ruth takes care of it - roof is frozen right now so they can't do anything - it is dealt with through site supervisor. Ruth has put in work orders for it, but they are taking care of it each year. Maybe we can ask for a follow-up in the spring.
- * Communication regarding coyote - corporate communications letter gets posted on website. Parents are asking for more information. **Nancy** will do a synervice so it is further reaching
- * Voting on Fundraising Options - **Nancy** will bring socks next meeting
 - * We will work on getting ideas - or a fundraising plan - in place for next year so we are ready for September.
 - * Keychains - design of logo for Open House - **Leanne** to get contact from Food Basics.
 - * We will vote on next month
- * Playground Committee meeting March 5, 2019 6pm

Confirm next meeting: March 28, 2019 6pm

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Cara.
Seconded by Leanne.