

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, December 6th, 2017

Chair: Mrs. Sandi Horton **Principal:** Mr. Ian Pellizzari

Attendance

Parent Reps: Sandi Horton, Julia Zimmer, Melissa Noble, Paula Wardle, Sandra Askew, Elaine O'Donnell, Michael Merifield, Caitlind McVey, Jenny Bognar, Amanda Knowles, Ashraf Al-ibraheem, Melissa Wagner-Wong

Community Rep: Annette Mills

Staff Reps: Mr. Ian Pellizzari, Mrs. Barbara Depew

Absent: Melissa McGinnis, Lincy Patel, Muhammad Bahaaddin, Jenilyn Santos, Tom Stewart, Charissa Low, Erin McGinnis, Elizabeth McCoy, Stephanie Baschiera, Jodie Bocek, Pamela Wilson

Proceedings

Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions:

Mrs. Horton called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m., everyone welcomed. Introductions omitted.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to accept November's minutes called; minutes accepted by Mrs. Askew and seconded by Mrs. Noble at 6:14. All in favour.

Teacher's Report (Mrs. Depew):

Athletic events: Senior Boys Volleyball, Cross Country, Senior Girls Volleyball (made it to City semi-finals, coached by Ms. Maciel and Mme. Berrafati).

Grade 8s planning Winter/Holiday language and art lessons for K – Gr.4. Gr 8s very involved in school, want to leave a mark before graduating.

Craft Club run by Gr. 6 student.

Board Game Club has begun.

Dance Team is running.

Mrs. Kellner's class is running a classroom newsletter.

The Winter Coat Drive was a huge success, thank you to all the families who donated items. Leftover pieces were sent to another school (they were very grateful).

A music wall has been installed in the kindergarten yard.

Food Drive has begun.

December Events: Red, White and Green Day, Holiday Colouring Contest, Let's Talk Science, How to Use Twitter, Holiday Carolling, JSKC Walking Excursion to Dollarama, School Council Meeting, Pyjama Day, Excursion to "Children's International Learning Centre", Holiday Food Drive, Holiday Read-Alouds, Kindergarten Holiday Craft Day, Ugly Sweater/Crazy Hat/Crazy Hair Spirit Day, Holiday Concert, Kindergarten Excursion to "Playtown", Classroom Holiday Celebrations, Winter Wonderland Dance.

Letter from Ms. Mueller read.

Principal's Report:

What's Happening: This Friday, Pyjama Day, Dec. 15th Spirit Day.

PA Day – renewed math strategy (knowing students, improving skills). K – 1 Early Literacy, reading by Gr. 1 (K/1 Reading Specialist: Ms. Porterfield). Helping students engage in play, embed literacy, get creative, but write and read too.

Wellness Activities – staff made holiday centrepieces with Ms. Horton, Christmas crafts, games and yoga (first time together as a new team).

Mr. Pellizzari is looking at the morning arrival process, students expected at 8:15 a.m. Many students coming in late (15 mins after bell). First thing in the morning is prime time for learning.

School plan (targets, goals, and how to get there) presented in the New Year by Mr. Pellizzari and Mrs. Corbin-Harper.

Staff meeting – positives and negatives around school. What can we do to address issues? Playground conflict, etc. All staff and students feeling accepted.

Mrs. Bognar asked if attendance is taken at 10:00 a.m. Answer: Callout earlier than that.

Mrs. Wong spoke about the morning drop-off situation in the parking lot and how dangerous it is. By-law on Rendell, drop-off strategy. Mr. Pellizzari has spoken to our Community Officer about it. Encourage children not to walk in front of the parking lot, remove danger for students.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Bowman gave Mrs. Bognar the numbers, trying to sort out funds. Mr. Pellizzari went through everything (School Generated Funds Account – chocolate bars, eco initiative, general fundraising account, etc.). This money must be spent. October to December Pizza totals: \$6,494.85, Poinsettia totals: \$998.96, Eco total: \$1,700 approx.

There is a growing list from staff of items they would like. Kindergarten funds still available. Mr. Pellizzari will speak to staff about staff fundraisers (none have been approved yet).

Revisit Portable Stage:

Mr. Pellizzari followed through, but doesn't have all the answers yet. Health and Safety redirected to Facilities – a typical order includes 12 x 24 package (2 sets of stairs, 1 ramp, all guardrails, and accessory package, storage and skirt) - \$25,000.00.

Matthew Kwan – Health and Safety Manager, ramp access a must.

Invite trustee Kathy Archer to Holiday Assembly.

Waiting to hear from Sharon Stephanian about changing by-law to spend money. Can we do that?

Mrs. Depew suggested one AV teacher, new video camera projector and an iPad instead of stage. We already have equipment.

Is it possible to stream from home? Answer: The issue is with recording kids. What happens when a parent wants to record or take a picture of their child, but might include a student who cannot have picture taken?

We have lots of money to do other things. Wish list from teachers: listening centre, Apple TV (take an iPad, connect to projector wirelessly, share lessons, work), wobble seats, pencil grippers, DRA, RAZ Kids (PRO Grant?), literacy, MP3s, levelled reading books, calculators.

Brent and Sarah Magic Show:

Mrs. Bognar made a motion at 7:05 to bring the anti-bullying magic show to Highview. Motion seconded by Mrs. Askew, all in favour, motion passed.

Show scheduled for February 7th, 2018.

By-Laws:

The by-laws must be updated. New resources available from the Board.

New Sub-committee: Mrs. Bognar, Mrs. Wagner-Wong, and Mr. Merifield.

Fundraising Committee:

Mrs. Noble shared a Poinsettia sales update and raised the question of what fundraiser we will hold next (Easter? Chocolate Bars?). Mr. Pellizzari needs a Fundraising Plan.

Mrs. Askew suggested a Rummage Sale. Mrs. Noble will get more info and Mr. Pellizzari will get vendor info in January.

New Business:

Ms. Horton brought up the PRO Grant (\$500.00) can be used for snacks, door prizes, and expenses.

Larger grants available, however they need to be applied for towards the end of next year.

Activities for Recess – balls, toys, box of skipping ropes, hula hoops, etc.
Mr. Pellizzari – no hockey sticks or mini sticks. Mrs. Noble to get prices.

Mrs. Horton thanked all who sponsored kids and asked that all items be in by December 18th. Mr. Pellizzari amazed by the generosity of the Highview community and the huge response. 12 families (29 kids) were sponsored.

Screenagers – Sherwood's Principal thanks everyone who attended (80 – 100 in attendance).

Next Meeting/Motion to Adjourn:

Wednesday, January 4th, 2018 at 6:15.

Mrs. Noble motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:34, seconded by Mr. Merifield, all in favour. Meeting adjourned.