

## **Highview School Council Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

### **Attendance**

**Parent Reps:** Sandi Horton, Paula Wardle, Michael Merifield, Melissa Wagner-Wong (Secretary), Julia Zimmer, Jenny Bognar (Treasurer), Amanda Knowles, Stephanie Baschiera, Melissa Noble

**Community Rep:** Annette Mills

**Staff Reps:** Mr. Ian Pellizzari, Ms. Corbin-Harper, Ms. Barbara Depew

**Absent:** Melissa McGinnis, Lincy Patel, Muhammad Bahaaddin, Jenilyn Santos, Tom Stewart, Erin McGinnis, Jodie Bocek, Ann Pearce, Ashraf Al-ibraheem, Christine Wagner, Pamela Wilson, Caitlind McVey, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Elaine O'Donnell, Elizabeth McCoy, Charissa Low, Sandra Askew

### **Proceedings**

#### **Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions:**

Ms. Horton called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. All welcomed, introductions omitted.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Ms. Bognar made a motion to accept May's minutes at 6:23 p.m. Ms. Noble seconded the motion, all in favour, minutes accepted.

#### **Vice Principal's Report:**

Ms. Corbin-Harper announced to Council that she will not be returning to Highview in the fall; she will be moving on to Elizabeth Bagshaw School. Ms. Corbin-Harper expressed her thanks to Council and said how much she enjoyed working with them.

Mr. Pellizzari informed Council that Mr. Jamie McLean from R.A. Riddell will be replacing Ms. Corbin-Harper in September. He will split his time between Highview and Viscount Montgomery.

## **Teacher's Report (Ms. Depew):**

Recent/Coming staff changes: Ms. Hone in for Mr. McCabe, Ms. MacLean returns from mat leave, Ms. Nantais returns to FDK, Ms. Jones in for Mr. Riddell.

FDK and Grade 1 continue to work and learn collaboratively with Ms. Porterfield to improve literacy skills.

All staff continue to focus on improving school culture/climate for all students.

Kindergarten registration is ongoing (over 30 new students registered).

Intramural Junior Boys Basketball happening.

Grade 1 Soccer Club with Ms. Paul.

One spring fire drill has been completed successfully; two more to happen.

Intermediate band practices ongoing.

Outdoor recess equipment purchased through Council funding arrived (on display for Council to see).

The two new iPad kits (with cases) purchased by Council have arrived and are awaiting set-up.

Highview now has two additional swipe card access points (main parking lot doors and junior back playground doors).

Mr. Farkas' class doing Reader's Theatre and making their own sets.

Grade 5 students are learning about Residential Schools.

Grades 4 – 6 French classes with Mme. Muller have been learning how to access HUB, an online learning environment for accessing and submitting assignments.

SK/Gr. 1 Dance Club with Ms. Depew ongoing.

### **Important Dates:**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sr. Swim Meet: won two banners (first time in ten years), hanging in the front foyer.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open House: a great success despite the weather, thanks to Council for coordinating the food trucks.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten trip to Mohawk theatre production of "Red's in the Hood" (used the \$10.00 subsidy from Council).

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Last 'After School Scholars' session for Grade 3 and 6 students.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Toth, Ms. Martin, Ms. Depew attended an in-service about DPA.

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Orientation Sessions: great turnout! Thank you to Ms. Bognar for representing School Council.

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – "Green Team" Smoothie Bike at Highview was a great success.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Sr. Water Polo Tournament: team played really well.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Sherwood High “8s to Saints” Day for Grade 8s going to Sherwood in September.

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1 excursion to Sherwood Library.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> – EQAO for Grades 3 and 6.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Fiddler on the Roof” performance at Sherwood for Grades 1 – 8.

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Grades 4 and 5 Soccer Tournament with Ms. Kellner.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Neighbour to Neighbour Celebration: reading volunteers supporting primary students.

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Special Olympics: Ms. Hallford will be taking 3 students.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate co-ed Soccer Tournament with Ms. Maciel and Ms. Novogradac.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – FDK 3 and 4 Excursion to RBG (fully funded through outdoor education grant), looking for additional volunteer, could Council help?

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Highview will be a polling station for the Provincial election.

June 8<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day.

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2 excursion to Batter Zone.

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate Track & Field.

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1 excursion to Batter Zone.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show: Parent Performance at 8:30 a.m., Student Performance at 12:55 p.m.

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Play Day.

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Junior Track & Field Meet with Ms. Toth.

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Grades 7 and 8 Blue Jays excursion to Toronto.

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Class 6A excursion to McMaster Planetarium.

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Grades 3, 4, and 5 excursion to the Toronto Science Centre.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – FDK, Grades 2, 3, and 4 excursion to Sherwood Library.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony at Sherwood, reception at Carmen's.

June 25<sup>th</sup> – “Play Day” rain date.

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 excursion to Wild Waterworks (no wave day).

June 26<sup>th</sup> – FDK Family Picnic and Celebration.

June 29<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day.

#### Photo Days 2018 – 2019

October 1, 2018: Individual and class photos.

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Retakes and class photos.

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Grade 8 grad photos.

Ms. Martin will be running Play Day and asked if Council could support it by purchasing freezies. Ms. Bognar made a motion at 6:33 to purchase freezies for Play Day, Ms. Noble seconded the motion, all in favour, motion passed. Ms. Bognar made a second motion at 6:34 to purchase freezies for the Jump Rope for Heart event as well. Motion seconded by Ms. Noble, all in favour, motion passed. Ms. Bognar to purchase 8 boxes of freezies at Costco.

Year-end purge of Lost and Found, looking for Council's help with this.

### **Principal's Report:**

There are still some teachers unknown for the 2018/2019 school year, so no updates on staff organization.

Two new swipe card access points installed to help with security. Every teacher/employee has a swipe card. \$4,000.00 approx.

Ms. Baschiera asked about the Hydration Station. Mr. Pellizzari informed Council that we have a new Area Supervisor, the third one this year, and she will look into it. She is also looking into an outdoor theatre that Kindergarten is interested in, and basketball nets (no news on Kindergarten pathway).

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ms. Noble informed Council that the profit from Chocolate Sales was \$7,996.15. \$3,014.00 still left from last year as well. 15 boxes missing and/or still outstanding (\$1,500.00 approx.).

Council still has \$13,500.00 to spend.

Ms. Bowman sent Ms. Noble information on the bike racks, \$600.00 - \$700.00 each. Facilities people will install them on the grass or pavement, but won't build a new pad.

Active and Sustainable School Travel Initiative

- Committee/plan
- One free rack
- Get outer circle students on busses, inner circle students to walk or ride bikes

Must find out subsidy needed for yearbooks, Ms. Wong to follow-up with Mme. B.

Ms. Zimmer inquired about Food Truck money from Open House, \$240.00 collected.

Still need 'Bag to School' total.

Ms. Wong shared Food Day sales totals for the year (\$18,925.45 total profit) and asked Council if we should round up the grade 8s portion to an even \$2,000.00. Grade 8 grad will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (grad at Sherwood, reception at Carmen's).

Motion made at 6:51 by Ms. Noble to round up funds, Ms. Bognar seconded motion, motion then cancelled as more information is required. Ms. Wong to follow-up with Mme. B about Grade 8 costs and balances for grad.

Mr. Pellizzari suggested that Council might like to pay for a photo booth for the Grade 8 dinner. At Memorial, the Home and School Association would arrange, and pay for, a photo booth for their graduating students.

### **PRO Grant Submission:**

Ms. Bognar applied, but has yet to hear back. News won't come until summer.

### **By-Law Update:**

Reviewed main points, such as capping membership and how to make quorum.

Ward Councillor Tom Jackson was invited to the meeting, but could not attend. Ms. Bognar invited him and started a petition (80 signatures collected) to have by-laws changed to allow for a safe drop-off and pic-up zone.

The Queensdale Pedestrian Crossing should be in by September.

Ms. Baschiera to Chair Huntington Renovation Expansion Committee, if anyone would like to join.

Mr. Pellizzari invited By-Law Supervisor to walk around and observe morning drop-off.

Mr. Merifield asked how much grass is ours; Mr. Pellizzari said that school property extends to the path and that it was not the school that called By-Law the other week.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

n/a

### **New Business:**

Ms. Baschiera asked about School Priorities for next year. Could we motion to cover some purchases over the summer? For example, spend up to x amount of dollars on these items.

Ms. Wardle brought up that at the last meeting, we discussed more permanent equipment for outside, and asked whether bike racks could be installed on the south fence, but that is the students' play area.

Mr. Pellizzari talked about receiving a funded bike rack. Someone would come to assess the property to see where the best place to install one would be (Smart Commute Hamilton).

Ms. Zimmer asked if we could talk to Green Team about it. A six ring bike rack is \$714.00, bikes can come in from both sides.

Ms. Bognar asked about purchasing mini basketball nets. Would like to aim for two Buddy Benches and two funnel nets. Council to look at costs and make a motion at next meeting.

Mr. Pellizzari said that the nets installed are solid, with double rims, and are virtually indestructible. He did say though, that we can always use more iPads. Ms. Baschiera asked how many more are needed. Mr. Pellizzari would like to see two kits in each class. iPads must be purchased in kits (they are then numbered, which makes charging and keeping track of them easier).

Ms. Horton mentioned that all the kids at Sherwood have their own iPads and that all assignments have to be submitted from them to the HUB. Three kits have been purchased by Council this year, with the school to buy at least three more.

Mr. Pellizzari's vision is to move away from paper as the school goes through 50,000 sheets of paper per month. Ms. Baschiera proposed a "matching program" where Council buys one kit every time the school buys one. Do we know where the deficit is?

Ms. Horton asked if we should tell the school about Council's totals for the year and what we bought. Ms. Wong explained that by law we have to publicly declare it. Ms. Wong and Ms. Bognar to work on it.

### **Next Meeting/Motion to Adjourn:**

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:15. Council party with pitas and cake.

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for first fall meeting. Election Committee for next year: Mr. Pellizzari, Ms. Depew, and Mr. Merifield.

Mr. Pellizzari asked that at the next meeting we discuss dates for next year's fundraisers, Open House, Meet the Teacher, and suggested that we "pre-book" all Council Meetings.

Ms. Baschiera asked about Land Acknowledgment at formal assemblies and gatherings with the Wampum belt as it is a nice time to reflect. Mr. Pellizzari shared that it is done

at all system meetings and is being used by the Grade 5 teacher, sitting in circle formation.

Ms. Bognar mentioned looking into booking Lego Night for next year.

Ms. Baschiera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38, seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour, meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Melissa Wagner-Wong