

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Elaine O'Donnell, Melissa Wagner-Wong, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Mike Merifield, Ashley Murphy, Elizabeth McCoy, Sandra Askew, Jenny Bognar, Amanda Knowles, Julia Zimmer, Sandi Horton, Marcel Williams, Trena Williams, Melissa Noble, David Speicher

Absent: Stephanie Baschiera, Christine Wagner, Charissa Low, Stacy Krystal, Ruth Toskas

Community Rep: Annette Mills

Staff Reps: Mr. I. Pellizzari, Mr. J. McLean, Ms. B. Depew

Proceedings

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions:

The March meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. with round table introductions to welcome the Williams Family.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Ms. Mills made a motion at 6:17 p.m. to accept the previous meeting's minutes, motion was seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour, minutes accepted.

Principal's Report/Teacher's Report:

See attached handout.

Yearbook is almost done; Council asked to promote it online.

Students are getting excited for Camp Wanakita.

Pink Shirt Day went well.

Vision Testing has been cancelled as they are behind schedule and cannot accommodate all schools, so Highview has been cut. Hoping to be one of the first schools next year.

Basketball is now finished.

World Down Syndrome Day - \$370.00 cheque presented.

Kindie classes have grown. Highview has been granted a new ECE, will hire one soon to support all three kindergarten classrooms.

Kindergarten registration going well – 51 JK students registered, 48 or 49 SK students; fighting for fourth kindergarten class.

Safe Arrival goes live April 23rd.

Mr. McLean joined Positive Space with Ms. Depew. Students to make posters.

Fundraising Committee – Riccos Totals (Ms. Zimmer):

We had \$6,048.00 in sales, with a \$1,814.00 profit.

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):

We currently have \$7,131.00 available to spend.

Last month, we set aside money for pinnies, \$3,000.00 for literacy and \$3,000.00 for playground painting.

Ms. Noble asked if we have purchased new balls (many have been found).

Mr. Pellizzari suggested updating math manipulatives (cubes, counters, etc.), literacy and Bookroom resources, and technology, adding that all grades need resources as books get worn out and need replacing.

Smartboards are no longer installed, only Apple TVs.

Mr. Pellizzari also suggested desktop computers as they are always plugged in (always charged), have keyboards, and do not get moved around.

Mr. Merifield asked if there were computer programming classes offered. Mr. Pellizzari said there is a form of coding, "little pockets of it", but that a staff member who understands it is needed.

Mr. Pellizzari will come back with a list from staff (to present to Council).

PRO Follow Up and 2019/2020 Discussion (Ms. Bognar):

Ms. Bognar sent out a survey to get feedback on the Math Night; Mr. Speicher asked what sort of things came back. Ms. Bognar informed Council that parents thought it should have been more structured, that it was very busy and unorganized. Ms. Knowles

added that students were leaving the gym to go outside. Ms. Askew said that she appreciated the night and Ms. Depew added that she heard a lot of good things about it: arrival was very structured, lots of parents interacting with their kids. Mr. McLean added that he noticed lots of parent engagement.

Ms. Bognar wanted to know if families felt welcome. Ms. Wong asked how the survey was sent out. It was via email.

Mr. Speicher said that his wife and son loved it and that his wife believes that it would be worth doing again; Ms. Murphy said that the older kids enjoyed building and playing.

Ms. Bognar emailed the PRO Grant Program regarding next year, but it is uncertain if it will happen again.

Many parents are interested in Movie Nights at Highview (one license covers three to four movies – Mr. McLean); will look into it for the fall. Ms. Horton said that we would hold on for the PRO.

Playground Painting:

Ms. Bognar asked if painting can still happen this year; Mr. Pellizzari answered that it can. Council brainstormed about the games that could be painted such as Hopscotch, Four Square, Mazes, etc. Mr. Pellizzari added that anything with letters and numbers is a good idea.

Ms. Bognar asked if there were basketball court lines. Mr. McLean said that currently there are no lines.

Mr. Pellizzari said that the Facility Supervisor will provide the school with company names, as three quotes are required. Mr. Pellizzari added that the bike rack grant has been submitted and that the Facility Supervisor is trying to get the school a second rack.

New Business:

Ms. Horton informed Council that Sherwood and other secondary schools are pooling their PRO money together to get Dr. Jean Clinton to speak to the students. Dr. Clinton is a child psychologist who speaks about social media and teens (appropriate follow up to last year's viewing of Screenagers).

Mr. Pellizzari added that anything that deals with handling aggression is good education and Mr. Merifield mentioned that the anti-bullying presentation and posters last year were great.

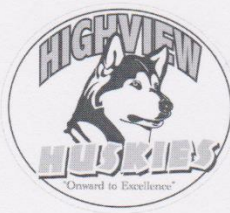
Ms. Bognar asked if there was a Play Day date set yet, and Mr. Pellizzari said that one has not yet been set.

Ms. Zimmer reminded Council that food trucks will be at Highview from 4:30 – 7:00 on May 16th for Open House. Council discussed other activities that could take place at Open House, such as face painting or a balloon artist.

Motion to Adjourn:

The May meeting will be bumped a week due to Open House, and will be held on May 22 instead. Online voting to take place re: Open House activities.

Ms. Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57, motion was seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour, meeting adjourned.



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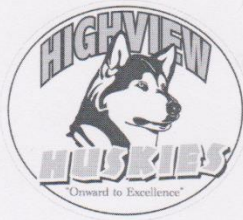
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School Council: Teacher & Principal/Vice-Principal Report

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- Ms. Zablocki has continued with her temporary HWDSB role as a System Itinerant English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher and Mr. Kore continues to be covering.
- Mr. Bodo and Ms. Roche, both student teachers from Redeemer University will be finishing their placements with Ms. Kellner and Ms. MacLean at the end of this week.
- Our FDK Team and Grade 1 Team are working & learning collaboratively with Ms. Clause (Reading Specialist @ Highview ½ days) to improve literacy skills with our youngest students.
- Our Grade 2-8 Team continue to focus their learning on identifying learning needs and on teaching Math.
- System Mental Health & Well Being Meetings ongoing (Ms. Wigood)
- All staff continue to focus on improving School Climate/Culture for all of our students.
- Grade 8 Teachers involved in ongoing Cross Panel Learning with other elementary schools and Sherwood Secondary (Ms. Maciel-Math Focus and Ms. Raspopov-Literacy Focus)
- Enhanced ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis) Training Course for supporting students diagnosed with ASD ongoing (Ms. DiBartolo and Mr. Preston)
- ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills) Ms. Brunaccioni and Mr. McLean both ASIST trained.
- Monthly Spirit Days are Continuing...."Jersey Day" will be May 10th
- Green Team/Recycling ongoing
- Green team started up again just before March break. The group started to germinate seeds to see if the seeds were still good. All seeds that started to sprout were planted in a small pot to get ready for planting outside when the weather is better.
- "Roots of Empathy" is ongoing in JSKB (Ms. Depew/Ms. Quinn)
- Nutrition Program is ongoing (Ms. Brunaccioni, Mme. Muller)
- Yearbook Club is ongoing (Mme. Berrafati)....April 26th deadline to purchase yearbooks
- Reading Intervention: Empower groups, Class Act, START, LLI ongoing. (Ms. Hallford/Ms. Douglas)
- Neighbour to Neighbour Reading Program is ongoing.
- Ms. Depew and Ms. Compton part of the "System Positive Space Committee" and have started a Positive Space Group at Highview which is ongoing.
- Sr. Band is ongoing (Ms. Raspopov)...Practices each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Jr. Girls (Ms. Kellner) & Boys (Mr. Eathorne) Basketball continues...girls to playoffs/boys season ended.
- Grade 7/8 Book Club ongoing (Mr. Moore)
- Junior/Intermediate "Girls Group" ongoing. Topics to include: bullying, social issues, self-esteem, self-image, healthy changing body, peer pressure.... (Ms. Brunaccioni)
- Highview acknowledged "World Down Syndrome Day" by wearing Blue & Yellow/donating a loonie/toonie if possible....Cheque for \$270 was presented on April 12th.
- Kindergarten Registration for September 2019 is ongoing (Please register early)....Currently approx. 51 registered!
- After School Scholars Programs ongoing for grade 3's (Ms. Harvie) and grade 6's (Ms. Clark). Each Tues. & Wed.
- Office Administrator (Ms. Bowman) and Office Assistant (Ms. Babb) attended/attending, "Safe Arrival" training.....A new way for parents & guardians to report student absences which will improve the efficiency of the safe arrival process and ensure calls are made promptly....Safe Arrival process to begin next week.



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- Ms. Nantais' Class doing pen pals with Winona School
- Grade 6,7,8 swim team and water polo team practices are starting up March 27 at Huntington Pool. Swim meet will be on May 2 at Jimmy Thompson Pool. Water polo tournament will be on May 15/16 depending on number of school entered. Only one day not both Highview will attend when the date is given. The water polo tournament will be held at Hill Park Pool. (Ms. Toth and Ms. Hallford)
- All Kindergarten classes and Ms. Toth's Gr. 1 class will be going to African Lion safari on Friday June 21st.
- Kindergarten classes will be going to Mountsberg Conservation Area in April.
- Kindergarten Orientation for Students New to Kindergarten-May 13th
- School Council Pizza Days ongoing each Thursday.
- In support of our current class sizes in JK/SK, we will be hiring an additional DECE to offer support to all 3 classes.
- Grade 8 Camp Wanakita Excursion is coming up quickly...students are excited!! (May 29-31)
- "Vision Works Clinic" that was scheduled for Highview in May has been canceled. Hopefully it will happen next school year.
- Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Testing is approaching quickly (May 21st-31st)
- Annual Open House will be on May 16th/Grade 8 Graduation will be on June 19th.
- Art classes are going strong. Some really impressive artwork is being produced. At Open House, Mme. Berrafati will turn her classroom into an art gallery to showcase these pieces! All should visit!!
- Ms. Nantais' Grade 2 class is working on their Google Slides presentations on Simple Machines! They also performed their reader's theatre skits this week and read with such expression, it was so neat to watch!
- Ms. Biggs and Ms. Clark have started an awards gathering for their classes to recognize positive character traits. These meetings take place monthly and 5 students from each class are recognized and given a certificate.
- April 2nd -Autism Awareness Day...Many wore blue to acknowledge this day
- April 2nd -Class 3A Excursion to ECO House (Ms. Harvie)
- April 4th-10th-School Council Food Orders through School Cash Online
- April 9th-Pita and Smoothie Day
- April 9th-Forestry Presentation in Class 3A
- April 10th-International Day of Pink
- April 10th-School Council PRO Grant Family Lego Night
- April 12th-Spirit Day-"Twin Day"
- April 12th-School Assembly to present cheque to the Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton (\$370.00)
- April 12th-School Assembly to acknowledge those supporting Twin Day
- April 16th-Grade 7 Inoculations Round 2
- April 17th-School Council Meeting
- April 19th/22nd-Good Friday/Easter Monday Holidays
- April 23rd-Sub Day

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