

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 20th, 2019

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Elaine O'Donnell, Melissa Wagner-Wong, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Sandi Horton, Julia Zimmer, Melissa Noble, Mike Merifield, Stacy Krystal, Ashley Murphy, David Speicher, Stephanie Baschiera, Christine Wagner

Absent: Elizabeth McCoy, Sandra Askew, Charissa Low, Jenny Bognar, Ruth Toskas

Community Rep: Annette Mills

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

Proceedings

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions:

The February meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m., introductions omitted.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Ms. Mills made a motion at 6:18 p.m. to accept the previous meeting's minutes, motion was seconded by Ms. Zimmer, all in favour, minutes accepted.

Principal's Report/Teacher's Report:

See handout at the end of minutes.

Kathy Archer sends her regrets, planned to attend. Mr. McLean also send his regrets. Ms. Clark has returned to Highview, while Ms. Richarz has moved on to her new school. Mr. Kore is filling in for Ms. Zablocki while she is filling another position within the Board.

Ms. Depew mentioned that Ms. Harvie would like to thank all parents who sent in Valentines and treats on February 14th.

Ms. Depew has asked staff about spending priorities. Phys Ed equipment needs replacing regularly. Ms. Harvie is thankful for the \$10.00 allotted to each student for field trips, balls, literacy games (indoor recess games), subscription to current events (Newsmatic, etc.)

Mr. Pellizzari does not recall ever having so many snow/ice days before and appreciates the challenges this presents to parents. Safety of students and bussing is the most important priority. The HWDSB's policy is that if buses need to be cancelled, then school is cancelled as well (unlike the Catholic School Board or even other Public Boards).

Ms. Baschiera asked if the closures will impact our provincial funding. Mr. Pellizzari will look into this and let Council know.

Even on days when school is open, parents have the final say as to whether or not they will send their kids in. Students stay inside when the temperature is -15 degrees, or -20 with the wind chill. Often students are not dressed appropriately for this weather. There has also been a lot of ice, and ice under the snow, so students are kept in as the school is concerned about injuries.

Thursday, March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day and Highview would like to do something in recognition, perhaps a blue and yellow day or crazy sock day, bring in a loonie and all funds will be donated to an appropriate organization in honour of one of our students (child's parents support this). Ms. Mills made a motion at 6:31, Ms. Murphy seconded the motion, all in favour, motion passed.

Ms. Baschiera brought up the Positive Space (Equity/Diversity) for the 5s, 6s, 7s and 8s. Ms. Depew is on the committee, she and Ms. Richarz started Positive Space and so far have had two meetings to talk about concerns students have (gender issues, racism, etc.). Will be making anti-bullying posters.

This coming PA Day, staff will be looking at how they are feeling, staff strategies, student voice will drive staff decisions. When students come into the school, do they think that there is an adult there who cares about them, make sure they feel welcome.

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):

Ms. Bognar is ill and cannot attend, sends regrets.

Fundraising Committee (Ms. Zimmer):

Spirit Wear raised \$582.85 and Poinsettias raised \$1,095.32. Riccos is in full swing until February 26th (pick up will be March 26th). The error on SCO has now been fixed.

Ms. Zimmer pitched the idea of a Battery Recycling Challenge to win a stay at Great Wolf Lodge, but Mr. Pellizzari doesn't believe we are able to accept batteries. Mme. B and Ms. Sakins collect used markers, etc. for the Staples Recycling Program.

Pizza Update (Ms. Wagner-Wong):

Pizza bags have not yet been ordered as there is uncertainty as to whether or not we can continue with food days in the new school year, due to legislation changes. Parent volunteers may be required to get a Food Handling Safety Certificate.

Ms. Wong sent a letter home to parents with the remaining dates for all school food days as well as ordering timelines on SCO. If everyone subscribes to the school calendar, they will also receive email prompts/reminders.

Ms. Baschiera asked what will happen to Ricco fundraising foods that do not get picked up, can they be donated? We must ensure that pickups happen.

Math Night:

Math Night will be on April 10, from 6:00 – 7:30. Open invite. Mr. Pellizzari put the rental request in, so that caretaking is aware. The gym, library and fourth Kindergarten room have been reserved.

Playground Painting:

Playground painting will take place when it is warmer outside.

Spirit Wear Funds:

Ms. Bognar went around the school to see what equipment is required. Classrooms are in good shape. Teachers have created a list of items. The school will be purchasing outdoor equipment for kindergarten within the next few days.

Ms. Horton asked Council if we should give the full amount instead of Spirit Wear profits only.

Ms. Zimmer made a motion to designate \$1,000.00 for gym equipment at 6:57. Ms. Baschiera seconded the motion, all in favour, motion passed. Ms. Baschiera mentioned that everyone should have accessibility to play sports.

Ms. Depew will send an email to teachers tomorrow regarding pinnies and if they would like Council to buy them.

Ms. Baschiera asked if parents can coach. Board Policy states that a teacher has to coach, but parents can help.

School Cash Online (Multiple Users):

Ms. Krystal asked Council is each student has only one SCO account or if there can be two for parents who are no longer together, so that each one has access. Ms. Krystal will follow up with SCO directly.

Mr. Pellizzari's hope is that over the next few years, everything will be on SCO and cash will no longer be accepted. That way, there is a record of every transaction.

New Business:

Ms. Depew told Council that Kindergarten registration is now open for next school year, while Mr. Pellizzari added that School Organization is beginning as well for next year. The 2019-2020 school year is closed to any new out of catchment students as Highview is at 90% capacity.

Ms. Horton mentioned the damaged classroom doors (break-in), the 6 week ETA has now passed.

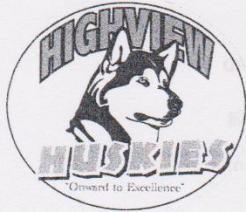
Ms. Zimmer informed Council that she does send the Minutes to Ms. Archer.

Mr. Merifield asked if we are still able to host the Disney movie night, but without Mr. McLean in attendance at the meeting, the answer was uncertain.

Motion to Adjourn:

Ms. Mills made a motion to adjourn at 7:13, Ms. Krystal seconded the motion, all in favour, meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Melissa Wagner-Wong, SCM Secretary



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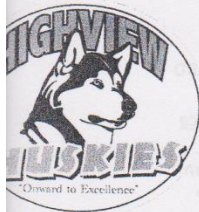
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School Council: Teacher & Principal/Vice-Principal Report

February 19th, 2019

- Ms. Clark has now returned from her leave and is teaching class 5A. Thanks to Ms. Richarz for all of her work in the classroom.
 - Ms. Zablocki has taken on a temporary HWDSB role as a System Itinerant English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher. Mr. Kore will be covering for Ms. Zablocki beginning February 25th.
 - At the end of February, we will be welcoming Mr. Bodo, a student teacher from Redeemer University to Highview. He will be doing his placement within Ms. Kellner's Gr. 4/5 classroom.
 - 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 is now ASIST trained.
 - Monthly Spirit Days are Continuing.... February 14th was Red, Pink, & White Day
 - Green Team/Recycling ongoing
 - "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)
 - Reading Intervention: We currently have 3 Empower groups (2 P/J, 1 Int), Class Act, START, LLI (Grade 2) up and running. (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.
 - Sr. Band is ongoing (Ms. Raspopov)...Practices each Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Jr. Girls & Boys Basketball tryouts have commenced...season starts on the Monday back after
 - March Break (Ms. Kellner, Mr. Eathorne)
 - Grade 7/8 Book Club ongoing (Mr. Moore)
 - "Dance Club" is ongoing....looking forward to competition/workshops @ Glendale rescheduled for February 21st. (Ms. MacLean, Ms. Zablocki)
 - Junior/Intermediate "Girls Group" happening through January. Topics to include: bullying, social issues, self-esteem, self-image, healthy changing body, peer pressure.... (Ms. Brunaccioni)
 - March 1st PA Day coming up...Staff will be focusing on Positive School Climate/Culture, Literacy & Numeracy.
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- February 1st-FDK PJ Day/Bring Your Favourite Book Day
 - February 4th-Kindergarten Registration Began (Please register early)
 - February 15th-Kindergarten to Grade 8 Report Cards Sent Home



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- February 15th-Red, White & Pink Spirit Day
- February 20th-School Council Meeting
- February 21st-Dance Fest @ Glendale for the Dance Team
- February 25th-Course Selection Visit from Sherwood Staff for Grade 8's
- February 27th-Secondary Course Selections Due
- February 28th-Suessical the Musical Excursion
- February 28th-School Council Food Orders for April Begin
- March 1st-PA Day

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