

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Melissa Wagner-Wong, Sandi Horton, Jenny Bognar, Julia Zimmer, Ruth Toskas, Charissa Low, Melissa Noble, Mike Merifield, Stacy Krystal, Ashley Murphy, David Speicher

Absent: Elaine O'Donnell, Elizabeth McCoy, Stephanie Baschiera, Sandra Askew

Community Rep: Annette Mills

Staff Reps: Mr. I. Pellizzari, Mr. J. McLean

Proceedings

Call to Order/ Welcome and Introductions:

The January meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m., introductions omitted.

Acceptance of Minutes:

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

Principal's Report/Teacher's Report:

See handout at the end of minutes.

Twelve Highview families were given holiday support by other families. We had a packed holiday concert, good to see so many come out for a great show,

iPad kits have arrived and ready to go into circulation by Friday.

Break-in: Mr. Pellizzari was not here, Mr. McLean came early to school on the 13th, and police were already at Highview. 36 iPads were taken, but they have been locked and are of no use to anyone. Put in a purchase for 20. Record now of every serial number (full inventory). Still working to replace technology; will not go through insurance as the deductible is too high. Students upset by the break-in. Parents asked to keep an eye out for any of the stolen technology. iPads must be connected to Wi-Fi for the Board to see them, no hits yet.

A new ceiling has been put in the music room, allowing for better acoustics.

Food days and fundraising making a big difference at Highview, all students enjoying newly installed ball funnels on blacktop.

Friday will be a Blue and White (Highview wear) Spirit Day.

Mr. Merifield asked about Suicide Intervention Training; Mr. McLean explained that it teaches staff how to speak to a potentially suicidal child and how to make an appropriate plan. It includes intense role playing for training purposes. Admin does one training course, while teachers do another.

Mr. Pellizzari spoke about appropriate language for students; not to say "I'm going to kill myself" lightly or jokingly because if a teacher overhears, it will result in a serious conversation.

Ms. Bognar asked if the handicap parking signs have been installed on the far side of the school. Mr. Pellizzari believes they have and will address parking issues in the spring.

Mr. Merifield asked if everyone has to be immunized unless for religious reasons. Public Health has sent letters to Highview for all students who need immunizations still. They must get them or be granted an exception from Public Health. After immunizations, parents must report them to Public Health, not the school.

Mr. Pellizzari added that Ms. Depew sends her regrets for not being able to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):

\$5,764.00 sitting in account, with \$580.00 from Spirit Wear sales being allotted for sports equipment or apparel.

\$1,095.32 raised from poinsettia sales allotted to a Math Night, but now we have the PRO Grant for that. Mr. Merifield asked if we can use the money to enhance the night, for example \$850.00 used to hold the event and \$150.00 for refreshments.

Down to two companies for the Math Night, approx. 150 max allowed.

School Council booth proposed for Open House or some other fun activity put on by Council. Ms. Zimmer suggested a cotton candy or popcorn machine.

Fundraising Committee (Ms. Zimmer):

Poinsettia and Spirit Wear sales went well. Ricco fundraising will start next (30% profit). Rolanda has SCO request already. Fundraiser will run from February 5 – 26, 2019.

Mr. Pellizzari noted that down the road, the school is looking to go strictly online for everything.

Mr. McLean spoke more regarding the break-in. The first alarm came at 2:45 a.m., however, police did not arrive until 4:30. At that time, they dusted and took pictures. Police left at 7:30 a.m. The Jr/Intermediate hallways were the main focus, with the wooden doors on one side of the hallway being kicked in (metal doors on other side), then they went into the other hallway.

Pizza Update (Ms. Wagner-Wong):

Ms. Wagner-Wong updated Council on Food Day sales and made a motion at 6:48 p.m. to purchase nine pizza bags at a total cost of \$305.00 for the school to use, so that we no longer have to borrow and return bags from Toppers. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour, motion passed.

Math Night (Ms. Bognar):

Waiting for more information still, Ms. Horton will add it to the February agenda. Ms. Krystal asked for an explanation as to what math night is. It is a Lego based math event run by either Brickworks or Creative Club.

Mr. Pellizzari also suggested Jump Math (interactive games).

Mr. Speicher asked which age group this event would include; it would be for all students with Duplo being provided to the younger ones. A representative from the company would be at each station.

Spirit Wear Funds:

To be discussed at next meeting.

Playground Painting:

Area Supervisor says to wait until warmer weather (Creative Playgrounds). Ms. Bognar has a list of prices from Playocracy. Mr. Pellizzari added that much of the sports equipment purchased by Council has gone missing or been lost. Lots of students play basketball, so perhaps we could add another net down the line. Ms. Noble asked if we should also buy more balls, but Mr. Pellizzari questioned how we can make sure that all balls that go out, come back in too. Mr. McLean suggested we diversify equipment and add skipping ropes, soft Frisbees and footballs.

School Pictures for 2019 – 2020:

Mr. Pellizzari asked if Council was happy with Edge Imaging as they emailed him today regarding next year's dates. Mr. Merifield noted how expensive Edge is.

Other companies include: Lifetouch, Pegasus and Creative Imaging.

Ms. Wagner-Wong asked the Principal and VP which companies they have used at their other schools. Mr. McLean said Lifetouch and will provide Council with more info, although Mr. Pellizzari added that prices and quality is comparable amongst the companies.

Last year, Highview had requested earlier dates for school pictures, but they ended up taking place before re-org. Mr. Pellizzari elaborated that re-take days are really only meant for students who missed original picture day.

Ms. Noble informed Council that Edge Imaging offers your third child's picture for free after buying for the first two and Mr. Pellizzari added that they provide the class pictures for free as well.

Ms. Horton says we will look into Lifetouch and then excused herself at 7:06 p.m. from the remainder of the meeting, Ms. Bognar took over as acting chair.

New Business:

Mr. Merifield asked what is involved in setting up an event. Mr. McLean told Council about the movie nights held at Riddell on Fridays, although a license is required. School receives two new releases that are family appropriate. Movie is free to watch, but popcorn and chip sales cover the license cost, then there is a raffle to win the movies. November to February are the biggest months. Once the weather warms up, the nights aren't as busy. Thursday night before December PA Day was a big night. Mr. McLean will look into a license for Highview.

Ms. Bognar asked if staff would have to be here? Mr. Merifield asked if we could just run it? Mr. McLean said that at Riddell, teachers often come and bring their own kids, but all students must attend with a guardian.

Ms. Bognar suggested that we seriously look into it.

Motion to Adjourn:

Ms. Noble made a motion to adjourn at 7:12. Ms. Zimmer seconded the motion, all in favour, meeting adjourned.

School Council: Teacher & Principal/Vice-Principal Report

January 16th, 2019

- Thanks to School Council Members, Parents, and Staff Members, and the coordination of this by Ms. Bowman, at least 12 Highview Families were provided with some extra support through the holiday season!! Thank-You!!
- Holiday Concert in December was a great success!! Thanks to: Ms. MacLean/Ms. Zablocki for coordinating, all Staff and Students for their support/presentations, and to the Highview Community for supporting this event!!
- New Kit of 6 iPads: The kit of ipads/chargers/cases/tech tub that was purchased by School Council is imaged and ready to go. It will be in circulation in classrooms this week.
- The school has also purchased 10 new ipads/cases/chargers/tech tubs which are also ready to go into circulation this week.
- Ms. Richarz is winding down her LTO in grade 5....Ms. Clark will be returning on February 14th.
- The school is replacing projectors in the Library and JSKB because of issues with these....on order.
- December 13th Break-In @ Highview: We are in the process of having stolen items replaced....System provided items (20 ipads/cases/chargers, 3 Apple TV Units) that were stolen have now been replaced and replacements for school purchased items (14 ipads/cases/chargers, 4 projectors) that were stolen have been ordered.
- 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.
- Grade 6 Teachers (Ms. Biggs, Ms. Zablocki) will be involved in 6 sessions of learning around teaching Math (Ongoing)
- 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) Training taking place in Mid-February (Ms. Compton, Ms. Brunaccioni)
- Monthly Spirit Days are Continuing.... January 18-Blue & White/Spirit Day (Ms. Sakins)
- 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.
- Water Bottle Filling Station is operational.
- Basketball Fun Hoops, Benches, and Bike Rack installed and being used regularly thanks to School Council.
- Parking lot signage has been updated including Handicap Signage.
- Ms. Depew and Ms. Compton part of the "System Positive Space Committee".
- Sr. Band is ongoing (Ms. Raspopov)...Practices each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Music Room Improvements: Facilities has added a new drop ceiling and new lighting in the Music Room to improve the sound conditions.
- Sr. Boys Basketball ongoing through January (Mr. Moore)
- Sr. Girls Basketball ongoing through January (Ms. Maciel)
- Jr. Girls Basketball coming soon

- Grade 7/8 Book Club ongoing (Mr. Moore)
- “Dance Club” is ongoing....looking forward to competition/workshops @ Glendale on Feb. 13th. (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)
- Public Health Immunization Letters: Letters are being sent home this week to students who are not showing as current on their immunizations with Public Health. Those receiving letters should address this with **Family Doctor/Public Health Department** to avoid being suspended from school.
- January 11-Sherwood Secondary Course Selection Presentation to Gr. 8 Students @ Highview
- January 17-Class 4/5 (Ms. Kellner) Walking Excursion to Sherwood Library
- January 18-Blue & White/Spirit Day....students wear blue & white or school spirit wear to show school spirit
- January 18th-Class 3A Walking Excursion to Sherwood Library (Ms. Harvie)
- January 18th – RBG Turtle Crossing Program in Library (Ms. Martin, Ms. MacLean, Ms. Pecuh, Ms. Nantais, Ms. Harvie)
- January 22-System Joint Health & Safety Committee Inspection (Rep. from system committee to inspect school)
- January 24th-Grade 8 Option Sheet Night @ Sherwood Secondary (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- January 25th-PA Day Assessment & Evaluation
- January 28th-FDK “Dress Like Your Favourite Book Character” Day
- January 29th-FDK Guest Readers Visit Classrooms
- January 30th-FDK/Gr.1 Family Literacy Day Events (1:00-2:00 p.m.)
- January 31st-FDK Guest Readers Visit Classrooms
- February 1st-FDK PJ Day/Bring Your Favourite Book Day
- February 4th-Kindergarten Registration Begins (Please register early)
- February 12th-**Kindergarten to Grade 8 Report Cards Sent Home**

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