

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 12th, 2019

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Ruth Toskas, Elizabeth McCoy, Sandi Horton, Jenny Bognar, Amanda Knowles, Melissa Noble, Charissa Low, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Stacey Krystal, David Speicher, Ashley Murphy, Sandra Askew, Melissa Wagner-Wong (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Absent: Christine Wagner, Barbara Depew, Annette Mills, Stephanie Baschiera, Michael Merrifield, Julia Zimmer

Community Rep: Annette Mills (Absent)

Staff Reps: Mr. I. Pellizzari, Mr. J. McLean (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

Proceedings

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions:

The June meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Acceptance of May Minutes:

Ms. Noble made a motion to accept the May Minutes, motion seconded by Jenny Bognar, all in favour, motion passed unanimously.

Principal/Teacher's Report:

*see handout at the end of minutes

Mr. Pellizzari thanked Council for a great year and acknowledged that Highview has an amazing, and dedicated, group of volunteers.

June is a busy month; they are finalizing staffing. Four FDK classes next year (so far) with 29, 28, 28, 27 students in each. School enrollment is projected at 515 students.

Next year's grad is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2020 (ceremony at Sherwood, dinner/dance at C Hotel).

Ms. Noble asked about doing trips earlier in the year, suggested maybe giving more money to subsidize school trips for next year.

An additional bike rack has been ordered that will be paid for by the City.

The Meet the Teacher event is scheduled for October 10th, from 5:00 - 6:30, and will be a blended indoor/outdoor event for students to show parents their locker, desk, etc.

Student pictures will be taken by Edge Imaging October 15th, with retakes on November 15th, and graduation pictures on February 7th.

Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):

There is \$6,900.00 in the account after setting aside \$3,000.00 for playground painting.

Playocrisy is charging \$1,900.00 for the ten stencils (Snail Hopscotch (Numbers), Snake Hopscotch (Letters), Active Living Board, Mirror Me, Bullseye Toss, Splash Hopscotch, Four Square, Basketball, etc.) on our wish list but it will cost an additional \$500.00 per stencil for them to paint.

Ms. Askew called a motion at 6:49 p.m. to order stencils and have parent volunteers paint. Mr. Pellizzari suggested we buy one stencil first before committing to all of them. Ms. Noble seconded the motion, all in favour.

Ms. Horton advised Council to leave the motion until we know the timeline.

Ms. Bognar asked if the math manipulatives happened, Mr. Pellizzari responded that they had not, and that they would be a priority in the fall. We will revisit math manipulatives in September.

Fundraising Committee:

Ms. Wong informed Council of Ms. Zimmer's plans for fundraising in the 2019-2020 school year, as well as her (Ms. Zimmer's) desire to head the sub-committee once again.

Fall Fundraising – Highview Spirit Wear

Christmas – Hoping for a change from the Poinsettias, perhaps wrapping paper/cards

Easter/Spring – Chocolate Sales

Finish Spending:

Council must decide whether to spend the money or carry it over. Mr. Pellizzari explained that if the money is carried over into the new school year, it must be spent first thing in September. Teachers have requested desktop computers and reading resources. Guided Reading Kits have arrived.

Ms. Krystal asked if Council still planned on hosting a Movie Night at Highview. Ms. Bognar suggested that Council pick a date and Ms. Askew suggested the Thursday night before the PA Day (Friday,

September 20th). Mr. Pellizzari advised Council to get RSVPs to see how many families would commit to attending.

Mr. McLean joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and Ms. Bognar asked if hosting the Movie Night was okay with administration, Mr. Pellizzari said that it was.

A motion was made at 7:06 by Mr. Speicher to purchase the movie license, motion was seconded by Ms. Toskas, all in favour, motion carried.

Mr. McLean informed Council that the cost is \$400.00 to purchase one movie to show and then own, and \$700.00 for several movies that must be returned after watching. Movie choices to be decided in September. Mr. Pellizzari encouraged Council to try it out and change it up if it doesn't work.

The event would be free for Highview families to attend, but Council would sell snacks to raise money. Ms. Askew added that for allergy reasons, no outside snacks should be permitted.

Ms. Horton recommended that Council carry over any remaining balance to next school year.

Playground Painting:

Already covered. See attached plan.

Signs for Kindergarten Pen:

Ms. Horton brought up the need for "No Dogs Allowed" signs in the kindergarten area and questioned whether we could ask the Board for them. Mr. Pellizzari said that he would ask Facilities.

Mr. Pellizzari does not allow dogs on the playground during school hours due to incidents that could potentially happen (a dog could react negatively to be confronted by multiple children). He stressed that dog owners should clean up after their pets, and he does not believe a sign will help.

Ms. Knowles asked if the pen had a lock, to which Mr. Pellizzari replied that caretaking can lock it on the weekend, however people just lift their dogs over the fence.

Ms. Wong asked if there could be a fine warning on the sign; Mr. Pellizzari answered that trespassing letters could be issued as it is private property.

Bike Racks:

Already Covered. Requisition to put a second bike rack in and encourage use.

PRO Grant Update/Ideas:

No Update from Government.



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School Council: Teacher & Principal/Vice-Principal Report

June 12nd, 2019

- Ms. MacLean's Gr. 3/4 Class and Ms. Harvie's Gr. 3 Class – Ongoing Swimming Program in June
- June 4 MADD Canada RV Visit Grades 4-6
- June 4 Special Olympics @ Saltfleet
- June 4 Matilda Play @ MacNab (Ms. Sakins, Ms. Wigood, Mr. Eathorne)
- June 4 School Council Pita and Smoothie Day
- June 5 Neighbour to Neighbour Reading Program Celebration
- June 5 Domino's Pizza Demo in Ms. Nantais' Gr. 2 Class
- June 6 School Council Pizza Day
- June 6 Matilda Play @ MacNab (Ms. Martin, Mr. Kaszas, Ms. Kellner, Ms. Clark, Ms. Biggs)
- June 6 Kiwanis Awards Dinner (2 Grade 8 Award Winners from Highview)
- June 7 PA Day-Assessment & Evaluation
- June 10 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
- June 10 "Creation Camp" Ms. Harvie's Class
- June 11 Sr. Track & Field @ Mohawk Sports Park
- June 11 School Council Sub Day
- June 12 Domino's Pizza Demo in Ms. Pecuh's Gr. 2 Class
- June 12 School Council Meeting
- June 13 "Focus on Nature" Program Ms. Biggs Class 5/6
- June 13 Spirit Day – Hawaiian Day
- June 13 School Council Hawaiian Pizza Day
- June 13 Pen Pal Visits to Ms. MacLean's Cl. 3/4 and Ms. Nantais' Cl. 2B
- June 14 "Focus on Nature" Program Ms. Harvie's Class 3A
- June 17 "Creation Camp" Ms. Biggs Class 5/6
- June 18 Junior Track & Field @ Mohawk Sports Park (Ms. Toth)
- June 18 Class Coding Presentation Ms. Martin's Class 3/4
- June 18 Excursion to Composting Facility – Ms. Biggs Class 5/6
- June 19 Grade 8 Graduation @ Sherwood Secondary/Carmen's C Hotel
- June 20 "Creation Camp" Class Coding Presentation Ms. Sakins Gr. 1/MacLean Gr. 3/4
- June 20 School Council Pizza Day
- June 21 Year End Excursion to Playdium (Grades 3 & 4)
- June 21 Year End Excursion to Safari Niagara (FDK, Class 1C-Toth, Class 2A-Pecuh, Class 2B-Nantais)
- June 21 Year End Excursion to Wild Waterworks (No Wave Day) (Grades 4-6)
- June 24 Talent Show @ Highview
- June 25 FDK Picnic
- June 26 Highview Play Day (Ms. Clark)

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