

## **Highview School Council Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

### **Attendance**

**Parent Reps:** Elaine O'Donnell, Melissa Wagner-Wong, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Mike Merifield, Stacy Krystal, Ashley Murphy, Elizabeth McCoy, Sandra Askew, Charissa Low, Jenny Bognar, Ruth Toskas, Amanda Knowles

**Absent:** Sandi Horton, Julia Zimmer, Melissa Noble, David Speicher, Stephanie Baschiera, Christine Wagner

**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 6:19 p.m., with Treasurer Jenny Bognar presiding. Introductions omitted.

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

Ms. Askew made a motion at 6:20 p.m. to accept the previous meeting's minutes, motion was seconded by Ms. Bognar, all in favour, minutes accepted.

Ms. Wong requested to resign as Secretary, no others accepted the position, so Ms. Wong remain Secretary (Ms. Mills offered to type minutes, but not record).

#### **Principal's Report/Teacher's Report:**

See handout at the end of minutes.

Still looking for more members for school swim team.

Ms. Depew asked staff about pinnies, staff in favour of 30 more pinnies in various sizes, with numbers on back, school crest on front. Quote: \$745.80.

At 6:25, Ms. Askew made a motion to purchase 30 pinnies, motion was seconded by Ms. O'Donnell, all in favour, motion passed.

Mr. Pellizzari announced to Council that yearbook sales are ongoing at a cost of \$15.00 each. Yearbooks include every grade and all class photos.

World Down Syndrome Day – acknowledging our student with Down Syndrome, bringing awareness, and collecting donations for the Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton (which supports both children and adults with Down Syndrome).

Safe Arrival Training – Office administrators to go. There will be a new app available for devices, or directly on the website, to report student absences. Calling the school will no longer be necessary as it will instead go straight into the system, with a PIN for each student. This will be a more streamlined process and, if a student is unaccounted for, a call will go home earlier. Program has been well received in other schools. Mr. McLean's children have it at their school and it works well.

After School Scholars for grade 3s and 6s running until EQAO.

Break-in Update: Two new steel doors have been installed upstairs. Most technology has been rolled out. Two projectors replaced, new speakers installed in the rooms. Mr. McLean now has a full inventory of all technology with all serial numbers. All leased equipment has been replaced, as well as school purchased equipment. School has received about half the money back as well.

Classroom furniture needs are being addressed. Already replaced some portable carpets.

### **Treasurer's Report (Ms. Bognar):**

Ms. Zimmer was not able to present the Riccos totals yet, due to a late order being added.

Currently \$10,180.00 available. Ms. Bognar asked Council if they would like to buy more iPads. Mr. Pellizzari said that Language and Reading Resources are needed and Mr. Merifield suggested subscriptions, as discussed previously by Council.

Ms. Toskas asked if money was still going to the grade 8s. Ms. Wong said that 10% of food sales are going to the graduates.

Ms. Bognar asked if Council would like to support literacy this time.

Mr. McLean discussed playground painting (hopscotch, four square, etc.), which would cost approximately \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. After measuring, crew would be in and out in a day.

Mr. Pellizzari said to keep an eye on getting a second bike rack. We received the grant approval, but have yet to receive the money. Ms. Bognar suggested that Ms. Zimmer follow up.

Ms. Askew made a motion at 6:42 p.m. to set aside \$3,000.00 for Literacy, Ms. Bognar seconded the motion. All in favour, motion passed.

### **Math Night (Ms. Bognar):**

Ms. Bognar said that to date, 76 kids and 70 adults have signed up for the April 10<sup>th</sup> STEM event. Notices will stop when we hit maximum allowed. It would cost an extra \$400.00 for another 50 students to attend. Mr. Pellizzari said that the school could cover the extra charges if necessary.

Ms. Bognar will have a sign in the night of the event.

### **New Business:**

Council acknowledged Mr. Merifield's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with a round of applause.

All Pizza Bags have now arrived.

Ms. Murphy asked about the dental screening and how it works, report given.

Mr. Merifield asked if the optometrist was coming to Highview this year. Mr. Pellizzari said the optometrist offers glasses for \$20.00 or free to those in need. Only students who don't get regular eye exams qualify as this is charged to their health card and children are only allowed one per year.

Mr. Merifield then asked about licencing for a Movie Night. Mr. McLean informed Council that it costs \$400.00 for licensing any movie already on DVD and \$800.00 for licensing any movie that is between theatres and DVD, allowed two per year. Mr. McLean will forward the information to Ms. Horton and Ms. Bognar. Hoping to still plan a Movie Night for this school year.

Mr. Pellizzari told Council that Kindergarten registration is going very well. There are around 46 or 47 new registrations, which brings the combined Kindergarten total to approximately 94 students. Certainly the sooner, the better when it comes to registering.

Ms. Depew added that May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation.

An order went in for new Kindergarten equipment.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Ms. Askew made a motion to adjourn at 6:57, Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion, all in favour, meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Pellizzari thanked Council for always coming to the meetings and supporting the school. Minutes recorded by: Melissa Wagner-Wong, SCM Secretary



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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 continue to be doing their placements with Ms. Kellner and Ms. MacLean respectively.
- 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 ½ (Mr. Eathorne), Grade 2 (Ms. Nantais), Grade 2 (Ms. Pecuh) engaged in a half day of learning around "What is a B in Reading" facilitated by our Reading Specialist (Ms. Clause).
- 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.... "Twin Day" will be April 12th
- 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 planning 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)
- 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 which is ongoing.
- Sr. Band is ongoing (Ms. Raspopov)...Practices each Tuesday and Thursday.
- Jr. Girls (Ms. Kellner) & Boys (Mr. Eathorne) Basketball season is ongoing
- Grade 7/8 Book Club ongoing (Mr. Moore)
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> PA Day....Staff focused on Positive School Climate/Culture, Literacy & Numeracy. Currently collecting some additional data around "caring adults" at Highview along with using MDI Data (Gr. 4-8) from 2017/2018 School Year.
- Highview will be acknowledging "World Down Syndrome Day" by wearing Blue & Yellow and donating a loonie/toonie if possible. All money collected will be donated to the, Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton.

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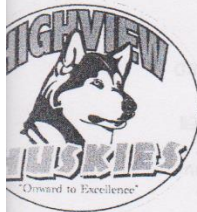
- Kindergarten Registration for September 2019 is ongoing (Please register early)....Currently approx. 46 registered!
- After School Scholars Programs underway for grade 3's (Ms. Harvie) and grade 6's (Ms. Clark).
- Office Administrator (Ms. Bowman) and Office Assistant (Ms. Babb) attended/attending, "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.
- Ms. Nantais' Class doing pen pals with Winona School
- Ms. Toth's class just made structures out of recycled materials before March break and now this week the students are giving an oral presentation about their structure.
- Grade 6,7,8 swim team and water polo team practices are starting up March 27 at Huntington Pool. Still looking for members on both teams if parents want to have their student join. 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. Halford)
- The play that the primary division went to before March break (Seussical the musical) went well. The play was entertaining and the students enjoyed it. Students were behaved. Small issue with late buses but overall a great trip.
- All Kindergarten classes and Ms. Toth's Gr. 1 class will be going to <sup>Safari Niagara</sup> African Lion safari on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Kindergarten classes will be going to Mountsberg Conservation Area in April.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>-PA Day
- March 4<sup>th</sup>-Student IEP's Sent Home
- March 5<sup>th</sup>-Band Practice
- March 5<sup>th</sup>-Pita & Smoothie Day (School Council)
- March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>-After School Scholars Gr. 3
- March 6<sup>th</sup>-All School Council Food Orders for April Due
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-Band Practice
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-Pizza Day (School Council)
- March 8<sup>th</sup>-Spirit Day (Beach Day)
- March 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>-March Break
- March 18<sup>th</sup>-Jr. Girls & Boys Basketball Games @ Lisgar
- March 19<sup>th</sup>-Sr. Band Practice
- March 19<sup>th</sup>-Sub Day
- March 19<sup>th</sup>&20<sup>th</sup>-Grade 3 & 6 After School Scholars
- March 20<sup>th</sup>-Jr. Girls Basketball @ Huntington/Jr. Boys @ Highview
- March 20<sup>th</sup>-School Council Meeting
- March 21<sup>st</sup>-Pizza Day
- March 21<sup>st</sup>-Band Practice
- March 21<sup>st</sup>&22<sup>nd</sup>-Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr. 2
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>-Wear Blue & Yellow Day for World Down Syndrome Day
- March 25<sup>th</sup>-Jr. Basketball
- March 26<sup>th</sup>-Band Practice
- March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>-After School Scholars Grade 3&6

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

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