

Highview School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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

Attendance

Parent Reps: Melissa Wagner-Wong, Elizabeth McCoy, Mike Merifield, Sandi Horton, Jenny Bognar, Amanda Knowles, Stephanie Baschiera, Melissa Noble, Charissa Low, Jackie Zip-Labreche, Stacey Krystal, David Speicher, Julia Zimmer

Absent: Christine Wagner, Ashley Murphy, Ruth Toskas, Sandra Askew,

Community Rep: Annette Mills

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

Proceedings

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions:

The May meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Introductions omitted.

Acceptance of April Minutes:

Ms. Bognar made a motion to accept the April Minutes at 6:20. Motion seconded by Ms. Mills. All in favour, minutes accepted.

Principal/Teacher’s Report:

*see handout at the end of minutes

Over 50 families were at the kindergarten registration.

Grad will be on June 19th.

The school will have the MADD trailer in June as well.

Mr. Pellizzari shared with Council the tentative school organization for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Some current staff may leave, some new ones may come in still.

Ms. Fortman – JK/SK	Ms. Seager – JK/SK	Ms. Stewart – JK/SK
TBD – JK/SK	Ms. Sakins – Grade 1	Ms. Wigood – Grade 1
Ms. Toth – Grade 2	Ms. Nantais – Grade 2	Mr. Eathorne – Grade 2
Ms. Pecuh – Grade 2/3	Ms. MacLean – Grade 3	Ms. Harvie – Grade 3/4
Ms. Martin – Grade 4	Ms. Kellner – Grade 4/5	Ms. Clark – Grade 5
Ms. Zablocki – Grade 5/6	Mr. Kaszas – Grade 6	TBD – Grade 7 – Ms. Lantagne on leave until 09/20
Ms. Raspopov – Grade 7 – Rotary	Mr. Moore – Grade 8 – Rotary	Ms. Maciel – Grade 8 – Rotary
Ms. Muller – Grades 4 – 6 French	Mme. B. – 7/8 French & Art	Mr. Cochrane – Phys Ed./Primary Prep
Ms. Little – Library	Ms. Douglas – ½ Prep, ½ LRT	Ms. Halford – LRT

This list could change by the next meeting.

Ms. Depew will be leaving Highview to go to Strathcona, while Ms. Quinn will be going to Chedoke. The new kindergarten teacher from Beverley Central.

No permanent staff being hired right now due to current political climate and budget restrictions/cuts. 106 kindergarten students.

Ms. Krystal asked if Ms. Depew's current students will go into the new teacher's classroom? Mr. Pellizzari stated that there will be many changes due to a fourth classroom being added.

We currently have six educational assistants, but that number could go up or down.

Mr. McLean to stay as of right now, no news yet about September.

Pizza Update:

Ms. Wong updated Council on food day numbers. Collections have ended for the year. Food days made a profit of \$14,985.00 with \$1,498.50 being donated to the grade 8s. May marked the two-year anniversary since Ms. Wong started parent-run food days. The total profit for the two years is \$35,158.95.

Food days are difficult with the lack of parent volunteers, and as such, they are considering having only one food day/week next year.

Fundraising Committee:

Ms. Zimmer informed Council that the food trucks at Open House were well received and raised \$200.00 for Highview's Nutrition Program. We will use these trucks again at our next events.

Ms. Baschiera asked when it was that we had the troubles with food trucks (it was two years ago).

Ms. Zimmer added that she has already booked the photobooth for grad and that last year it cost \$565.00.

Treasurer's Report:

Council has reserved \$3,000.00 for playground painting, leaving us with \$6,284.00 left to spend. \$1,498.50 reserved for the grade 8s. Ms. Bognar asked if we should leave the money in the account for now and check back in September.

Ms. Krystal asked if we had purchased books yet, and Ms. Bognar answered that Council had set aside \$3,000.00 in March for books. The reading specialist was to assist with the purchasing.

Ms. Noble asked if Play Day was happening. It is, but no further information available at the time.

In June, Highview will also be having the Talent Show, Kindergarten Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation Event.

Ms. Bognar made a motion at 6:47 p.m. to provide freebies for the Kindergarten Picnic as those students will not be participating in Play Day. Motion was seconded by Ms. McCoy, all in favour, motion passed.

Review of Open House:

Ms. Noble mentioned that the balloon artist at Open House was great, but Ms. Bognar suggested that perhaps Council hire two artists for next year. Mr. Pellizzari added that many kids cycled through more than once, and that some students got up to four balloons. He mentioned that it was nice to have something to offer the school community at no cost to them.

Ms. Knowles suggested giving students tickets next time to control how many each one gets.

Mr. Pellizzari asked if everyone was able to get to the art gallery and Ms. Depew asked if everyone saw the wings in the gym hallway.

Meet the Teacher:

Ms. Horton asked Mr. Pellizzari if the Meet the Teacher night for next school year has been booked yet, and he answered that it has not, and that it won't be until after re-org; possibly second week of October. She then asked if we will stick with Thursday.

Ms. Zimmer inquired if it will be an exclusively outside event like in fall 2018 or will it be an indoor one as in previous years. Mr. Pellizzari feels like parents would like to come in, but he will talk to staff to see what they would like. Meet the teacher is about introducing yourself to your child's teacher, but in this case, right after re-org, teachers may have even just met some students themselves. The tentative date will be Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 5:00 – 6:30. Mr. Pellizzari will double check the re-org dates.

Ms. Baschiera asked if the event can be held later to accommodate working parents. Ms. Knowles asked if families linger, but Mr. Pellizzari said not really.

Yearbooks:

Five grade 8 students did not purchase yearbooks due to financial reasons. Council made an online motion to purchase yearbooks for these students. The yearbooks came to \$15.80 each, with 216 sold. Ms. Horton to check if Council purchased any yearbooks for the library as we did last year. Council costs: \$262.92 – for overage plus three for the library. Ms. Bognar made a motion at 6:57 p.m. to cover these costs, motion seconded by Ms. Baschiera, all in favour, motion passed.

Mr. Pellizzari asked Council if Mme. B should continue next year with producing an annual yearbook, and Council unanimously agreed that she should.

Playground Painting:

Ms. Bognar and Ms. Depew led a focus group with 10 students to see what should be painted in the schoolyard. They came up with lists, and also requested a cafeteria! Some of the ideas included: snail, hopscotch, snake hopscotch with letters, snakes and ladders. Some of the painted activities come with games and equipment like bean bags, dice, etc. Older students would like to see 6 Square games, while kindergarten students would love a track.

Ms. McCoy asked who paid for the original paintings and why is it up to Council to have it re-done? It seems to have been done when the renovations occurred several years back.

Mr. Merifield added that any paintings on walls might encourage graffiti.

Ms. Bognar will get quotes for next meeting. Mr. Merifield added that the most creativity often comes with simple lines.

Mr. Pellizzari continually has to pick up dog poop left behind in the kindergarten pen. Ms. Knowles asked if there was a no dogs allowed sign, but there is not. Ms. Mills added that even when the gates are locked, she has seen people lift their dogs over the fence to let them run free in the pen.

Mme. B texted Ms. Horton during the meeting that only one school yearbook copy was purchased.

Mr. Pellizzari mentioned that the regular basketball hoops have been a big hit, and wondered if down the line, there would be room for more. It was suggested: perhaps facing each other, 2 and 2, but Ms. Baschiera worried that it eats up too much play space and Mr. Pellizzari reminded Council that the neighbours do not like full courts and that it didn't work at his other school.

Ms. Horton suggested that the only other place it would work would be along the side. Ms. Bognar added that four square works better along the edges. Ms. Knowles asked if we would include line-up lines, and Ms. Bognar responded saying they could be added with icons at top of the lines. All current painting could be pressure-washed off to allow for the new additions.

Hallway lines were brought up, but Ms. Depew heard that they don't last very long. Although they are good for self-regulation activities, the vinyl stickers typically only last three months.

Ms. Horton suggested that Council follow up at the next meeting.

Ms. Baschiera asked if the hallway clocks work now? A work order did go in, but it turned out to be more than just a simple fix. She also asked if a Hydration Station upstairs would be possible. Mr. Merifield mentioned how expensive they are to install and how much the filters cost.

PRO Grant:

No info yet whether it will be happening again.

New Business:

Mr. Pellizzari reminded Council that any of the remaining \$500.00 must be spent or it will be lost. Check status with Ms. Bowman.

Ms. Horton had the Sherwood Council meeting on May 21 and was excited to announce that Sherwood has started their own student-run newspaper that is free and in full colour, called the Sherwood Voice. The school lost 13 teachers due to cuts – mainly French Immersion teachers who Principal Ms. Woof, is hoping to get back. Current student population: 1100.

The school is currently on the 16th version of the new fall timetable.

On June 13th, Dr. Jean Clinton will be at Westdale for a free event. Six high schools pooled their PRO Grant Money to bring her.

Sherwood to get two new SHSMs, which are specialized high school programs that give students a different diploma. The two existing ones are: Health & Wellness and Transportation, the two new ones are Construction and Performing. These programs are ideal for students who know what they want to do after graduation. Different programs are offered at different schools. Check the Board's website for more info.

Mr. Merifield asked about bike racks. Mr. Pellizzari said that the Area Supervisor tried to get one for free and trying to get a quote on another one. Mr. Pellizzari doesn't want to enforce that students use bike racks in case one gets stolen.

The next meeting will be June 12, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Ms. Bognar made a motion at 7:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Ms. Low, all in favour, meeting adjourned.