

Holbrook School Council Meeting, Sept 28, 2011

In attendance: Heather Wilson, Ira Henderson, Marcia Yeo, Robert Accadia, Erin Accadia, Erica Read, Joanne Robar, Colleen Ball, Jen Harwood, Kayla Lahn, Raghda Abusultan, Shazia Shahid, Shahid Ahmed, Julie Beattie, Katherine Burch, Michelle Galbraith, Georgia Tomlinson

1. Welcome and call to order: 6:40pm

2. Elections:

- 1) Chair – nominations: Heather (by Colleen, seconded by Katherine) passed**
- 2) Vice Chair – nominations: Georgia (by herself, Katherine seconded) passed**
- 3) Secretary – nominations: Jennifer (by Heather, Colleen seconded) passed**
- 4) Treasurer – nominations: Marcia (by Rob, Erin seconded) passed**

3. Healthy Snack: Katherine – no funding till mid-Oct, 5 new bins purchased, apples and purchases increased due to number of students, Linda and Dorothy M-Th, Heather & Jen Fr. Rob likes the stamp in agenda, good idea. Program run from JK – 6, subsidized by the ministry, supplemented by donations, apples and yogurt, goldfish, granola bars, etc.

4. Principal's Report

Thank you to everyone, parents and staff. Increased enrollment, 35 new kids since school started. We're at 235 right now, a few are moving but have not yet moved. 230-235 should be our final number. Many in JK/SK, so aft JK/SK has been opened. ESL is 0.5 (2.5 days), same as last year. Also meant all students needs to be shuffled, either moved to a new class or class different due to shuffle. Many in gr 1, 2 and 6. Because of primary cap as explained in letter, it was started with grade 1, to make sure it's in compliance (max 22), permission to exceed cap in 3 classes. Staff have worked hard to make sure good moves were made, good groups. Letter has gone home, any questions please call office. This takes place on Friday. Teachers looking at it as a "do-over" for the beginning of school. EQAO – significant gain in reading in 3 and 6. Follows trend of last few years of improvement. LLI (levelled literacy intervention) will be run again in gr 1 for kids who are struggling. Mr. Lees running a pilot program as well for kids who need help. Swimming lessons starting today, Mrs M, Mr Knapp. Park safety and anti-bullying – continue to work on positive behaviour. Not a lot of bullying as defined by the ministry, but a lot of hurt feelings of late – working hard to help kids learn to be safe and kind. Have to make it clear that instances of bullying or suspected bullying are investigated and dealt with. Reports are made for each incident. Staff is skilled at handling minor misbehaviour. Parking safety – council has been supportive of this. Jennifer wrote letter to Wes Hicks, he's going to look into speed limits, paving parking lot, fence, safety path. He's been invited by Heather to the BBQ as well. Bike racks installed – price included in price of parking lot renovation. Small cost above the grant we received. Candy Cane Café – students are asking about this. Community craft sale, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Beattie has run it with students the past few years. If anyone would like to help please contact Mrs. Beattie – either 2nd last Sat in Nov or 1st in December. Some help before needed, but day of lots needed to. Last year kids donated to earthquake relief, tsunami relief in the spring of this year. Questions: schedule/calendar?

(Colleen) A: hasn't been sent out yet, waiting until classes are settled. Ms. Robar – also available online. First PA day is Oct 31st. Rob: Volunteers for Candy Cane Carnival? A: None yet, all are welcome! Baking appreciated. Mrs. Read: cost of table? A: \$25 or 2 for \$40. Normally same day as Idlewild, but Mrs. Beattie not available last Sat of November. What about advertising like too good to miss, Mountain News? Jennifer will email those once date is nailed down. Baked goods must be peanut free. Run from 9 – noon. Q: Many peanut allergies in the school? A: Yes, and some egg allergies too.

5. Treasurer's Report – no report available for this meeting, but will have for next meeting. Everything we had planned to purchase, we did. 8 laptops, 2 projectors, 1 smart board, new food toys and house center for JK/SK. IFTA subsidized, Zumba class. New gym equipment, "stage in a box".

6. Fundraising

Campbell's labels – note went home, points earned, can "buy" things from Campbell's. Winner for the class who collects the most,

TerraCycle – Koolaid, Delmonte juice bags, any size of yogurt containers collected, have grade 4 helpers, planning on adding grade 3 helpers. \$60.82 collected in 3 months last year. We don't pay for anything, just free money for us. We will just continue the program and continue counting with the new classes.

Samko – Toy warehouse sale, coming again Nov 30-Dec 4. Just the Hamilton one, made \$217 last year.

Mabel's Labels – www.holbrook.mabel.ca – buy through this and school earns a percentage

QSP – magazines – Marcia – going well, online purchases over \$2000, in school not sure. Marica's estimate is about \$1800 in profit. Some needed to go back home for corrections, hoping to close it Friday, last call Monday. No highest prize from QSP, we could offer one ourselves? Katherine motions that we buy a prize, Marcia seconds. Passed.

Entertainment Books – going well, so far over 200 books sold, profit over \$2400

Lamontagne – Assembly booked for Oct 4th – Jewelry, gourmet chocolate, calendars and gift wrap. Georgia is heading that up, Heather is helping her.

MacMillans – Erin, delivery Nov 24th. First orders due Nov 10th, then stragglers Nov 17th, send them home last week of October.

Milk – Colleen is happy to sell milk tix Monday mornings.

Pizza – we need more helpers to keep this going. Linda Drysdale, Tim, Heather so far. Manager at credit union offered to help, but can't do every Friday. Mrs. Read has offered to hand out the pizza to her class.

7. Other business

Metro Green Apple Grant – award a school \$1000 for an environmental project. City of Hamilton willing to partner with school for reusable water bottles, this could be a suitable project. 15 or 20 bottles left currently. Anyone willing to take on this project, look into the grant? Bottles need to be ordered by Oct 1 or Feb 1 from the city. Grant people want to know how we think this will improve the school, or the environment, with pictures and documentation afterwards. New company for recycling, single stream, all in one, many more things can now be recycled. Ms Robar – lots of food garbage,

possible to compost it? Paper towels too don't need to be thrown out. Ideas can be emailed around. Some schools have set up an outdoor classroom with the money. Anyone interested?

Meet the Teacher Night – Oct 6th, need volunteers to BBQ, hand out tix, hand out food. No raffle this fall. In the past, Harvey's did it, and we made \$50-\$100. We tried doing it ourselves, made between \$400-\$500. Need many helpers to run this, need 3 bbqs. Colleen – tickets, Dale & Marcia & their bbq, Erin & Rob, Jen, bring camping BBQ. Could we buy a bbq? Katherine motions, Erin seconded. What about propane? Could be stored where snowblower gas is stored, Rob will bring his propane. Passed. Georgia helping, 3:30. Pop – Rob & Erin bought, will buy ice, 4:30. Heather will buy condiments and chips and buns. Jen will do garbage/recycling station. Lysol, bleach needs to be purchased again.

Website for council – go to www.hwdsb.on.ca, click on our school, and there is a link for a website.

Candy Cane Café – see above

50 years in 2012 – brainstorm ideas, what do we want to do? Look to other schools for ideas. Open House, dinner at a hall, bbq?

School Reorg – see above

Anything else?

Any staff events/celebrations coming up? - none so far

Ancaster Fair – submissions are really teacher driven, or even parent led.

9. Adjournment: 8:20pm