

Holbrook School Council Meeting, January 9, 2013

In Attendance: Heather Wilson, Michelle Galbraith, Cathie Lemmond, Ira Henderson, Marcia Yeo, Wendy Workman, Jennifer Harwood, Sara Daniels, Colleen Ball, Mike Palma, Robin Meyer, Katherine Burch

1. Welcome and call to order from the Chair: 6:35pm
2. Healthy Action Committee
 - a. Met and spoke of special event days, came up with 7, have 3 left over. Halloween, Christmas parties, Valentines, Family Night, 50th Anniversary, Grade 6 farewell party, summer play day. Next meeting Friday Jan 18th – reviewing healthy snack or healthy snack
3. Principal's Report – see separate attachment from Cathie as well.
 - a. **Curriculum** - Shared Reading to teach literacy, then guided reading – this is the next focus – JK to 6. Classroom libraries – we had money from Scholastic Book Fairs, so Cathie had it spent. Each teacher given money for their classrooms, ordered through Scholastic. Then to purchase for the library and A/V materials. Math – manipulatives have been purchased for all classrooms. Technology is the next focus, and they are looking to us. Science equipment – going to be purchased through school funds. EQAO – Cathie is willing to host a parent information night if we feel interest is there. Term 1 report cards, Feb 14th.
 - b. **Environment** - A big thank you to council for the Santa Breakfast and the pointsettias. The Peace Tree – Canadian movie – shows 2 girls of different faiths sharing their traditions. All the kids watched it, well received. "Scrooge", put on my the Grade 5 and 6 classes – did very well, all the kids enjoyed it. Lockdown – practice done, teachers got feedback from the children, our school liason officer (Lori) came in to help out, also toured each classroom, discussed concerns about Interval House as well. Cathie would like bolts for the classroom doors. There is a question about the house next to the path on West 33rd, whether it is a halfway house. Cathie will email Office Lori about it, see if there is any information about it.
 - c. **Fundraising** - Technology – Cathie has asked staff about where they want money to go. They want to get rid of the sunset computers and put in a laptop lab. Are printers an option at all? Finding funds for technology is a challenge.
 - d. **Volunteering** - Reading Buddies – a parent volunteer program to read to children – should we try to get this up and running? Nutrition program – need more volunteers, looking at fresh chopped veggies.
 - e. **50th Anniversary** - Saturday May 4th is Anniversary Celebration.
4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Agendas have been paid, \$900 from Nevada, \$176.89 from council. Entertainment Books: \$1182.00, MacMillan's \$1065.25, Magazines: \$1189.89. Nevada account: \$192.01. Council account: \$4617.94.

5. Fundraising

- a. Terracycle – Ancaster Toyota is going to collect their Tassimo discs for us, we get 0.02 per disc. They collect between 100-150 per day.
- b. Barton Stone – still collecting Campbell's labels to us, Heather sent a Christmas card
- c. Mabel's Labels – our school still has a website, purchase through it and portion goes to school. www.holbrook.mabel.ca
- d. Where do we want to put our fundraising money? (numbers based on \$4500)
 - i. Technology – 75% (\$3375)
 - ii. Play Day – 10% (\$450 – Cathie suggested \$300)
 - iii. Angel Fund – 5% (\$225) (School trips, students in need)
 - iv. Teacher Appreciation – 3% (\$135)
 - v. Flex Money – 7% (\$315) (gifts, small items needed)
 - vi. Michelle motions that 2 art racks are purchased, Ira seconded. PASSED
- e. Booster Juice – Robin Meyer suggested this as a fundraiser – something we want to try? You make \$1 a cup, same cost as from the store - \$4-\$5?

6. 50th Anniversay Committee

- a. Silent auction? Raffle?
- b. Wendy, Mike, Jen, Sarah, Heather, Marcia, Cathie, possibly Katherine, Michelle, Robin
- c. Meeting Monday, January 14th, 6:00pm
- d. Graphic designer for the board will create a flyer for us once we have info ready
- e. Will be posted on Board website
- f. Food trucks should be okay
- g. Cathie has protocol information as well

7. Other Business

- a. Website for Council – www.hwdsb.on.ca
- b. Teacher Appreciation
- c. Pizza volunteers – could use more, let Colleen know
- d. Milk tickets being sold again
- e. PRO Grant (Ira)
 - i. Parent Reaching Out grant - \$1000. Art Appreciation night. Fun activity for the parents and kids to do together at night. Karen Wilkins heads the Board Art Committee, may be able to help.
- f. Administrative Assistant Day – April 24th
- g. Set up an email database for parents for the newsletter and upcoming events – Cathie would look at doing this in September

- h. Dance – Katherine makes a motion to look into a family dance in May/June. Michelle seconds. PASSED.
- 8. Date of next meeting: Feb 20th, March 27th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 12th
- 9. Adjournment: 8:05pm