

# Holbrook School Council Meeting Minutes

## Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019

Attending: Erin Birch-Jones, Susan Clarke, Barb Chapman, Leigh-Anne Chapman, Melanie Lupal (Teacher Rep.), Mike Palma, Rania Abelbody

Absent/Regrets: Monica Almas, Katherine Burch, Maricel Fair, Joseph Kazubek, Ava Mamkak, Emilie Michaluk, Lori Millar, Laura Redmond

Meeting Secretary: Susan Clarke

Call to Order: 6:11pm

Approval of January 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve by Barb Chapman
  - Seconded by Leigh-Anne Chapman
  - Carried

### **Principal's Report: As attached**

- Feb. 22 – Where's Waldo Spirit Day
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Cupcake Day for SPCA
  - Parents, staff students to bring cupcakes to sell and raise funds for HBSPCA
- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – Green Spirit Day
- Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Hawaiian Spirit Day
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Assembly 9:10am
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Shelter in Place Drill
- School Annual Plan
  - K-1 Strategy Continues
  - All gr. 1's reading at a B level
    - 57% at B or higher
    - 43% are approaching
  - SK's
    - Currently 50% are expected to be at DRA level 4 by June
    - Early years team is going to be brought in for support
  - Board Math Strategy Continues
  - Grade 6's
    - 75% are at a B level or higher
- March 1<sup>st</sup> PA Day
  - Assessment of where we are in the School Annual Plan
  - Positive Culture and well-Being
  - We Help Strategy
    - MDI Survey with Grade 4-6's last year showed that they had a hard time connecting with adults in the building
- After School Scholar's will be starting the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Focusing on 3s and numeracy
  - Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Wilkie-Smith
- EQAO
  - Dedicated week each for grade 3's & 6's
- Mr. Jason Mercury has started in Room 10.

- Year End Trip?
  - For the whole school
  - Blue Jay Game, Safari Niagara, Legoland, Aquarium, African Lion Safari, etc.
  - Will council support with finances?
    - TBD
- April 26<sup>th</sup> 10:45am Volunteer Appreciation
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Family Dance
  - Spring Fling Theme
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm Kindergarten Orientation

#### **Teacher's Report:**

- Board Wellness Presentation
  - Cathy Wever provided a booklet of information for ideas to bring wellness activities within the school or classrooms
    - Looking at ideas to bring to the school next year.
  - ECO Club (Mrs. Wilkie-Smith)
    - Grades 4-6
    - Meet to make posters
    - Making a video in hopes of winning a water filtration system for the school
    - Marker Recycling Program Box in the Library and the Staff room
    - Hopes to get presentations from Green Peace, Green Rangers
    - In the process of creating a trip for the older students to the Recycling Sorting Plant May 15
    - Water Plant Trip for students in Grade 4 in May

#### **Treasurer's Report: As attached**

- Accepted
- Balance as of January 1, 2018: \$6,737.25

#### **Pending Business**

1. Spirit Wear (Mike)
  - Pricing attached
2. Snuggle Up and Read/Read-a-thon (Melanie)
  - It is happening on a smaller scale
  - Prizes will happen in each classroom
  - Slow going this year, but have good plans in place for next year
2. Teachers Wish Lists (Susan & Katherine)
  - \$200 per teachers
3. Neighbour to Neighbour (Mike)
  - \$500 Donation to program?
  - How about \$250 to Neighbour to Neighbour and \$250 to our own school Library
    - Motion to Approve \$250 to be donated to Neighbour2Neighbour by Leigh-Anne Chapman
      - Seconded by Barb Chapman
      - Carried
    - Motion to Approve \$250 to be donated to the Holbrook School Library by Barb Chapman
      - Seconded by Sue
      - Carried
4. QSP Magazine Subscription (Mike)
  - Are we going to run it?
    - Agreed

- Sue to get it started, hopefully by March Break
  - Mike to send Sue information
- 5. Family Dance
  - Theme:
    - Spring Fling: Dress Your Best
- 6. Summer Carnival
  - Conversation postponed
- 7. Welcome Wagon
  - Need further details
- 8. Silent Auction for Family Meal on May?
  - Themes & Idea Examples
    - Automotive
    - Gardening
    - Baking
    - Sports
    - Coffee Break
    - Movie Night
    - Pets
    - Game Night
    - Reading
    - Art
    - Science
    - Beach
    - BBQ/Picnic
    - Laundry

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

**Next Meeting:**  
**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**Holbrook School Library**