

## MINUTES

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Hannah Poon, Co-Chair  
Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Treasurer  
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary  
Melissa McCormack, Principal  
Amanda Vernon, Teacher  
Jean Ino-Baptiste, Umbrella Program

Amanda Whalen  
Marsha Sharma  
Abby Robertson  
Laura Kentie  
Rachelle Hest  
Heather Talach  
Elyse Palmer  
Stephanie Hosking  
Asarwar Alam

### *Meeting called to order by H. Poon at 6:40 pm*

- Minutes approved from June 13, 2019 meeting & accepted by, S. Lostanaw Lavin, A. Robertson. All in favour.

### PRINCIPAL INTRODUCTION:

- Welcome Ms. McCormack by H. Poon

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Re-election of Council Executives for 2019/2020 School Calendar Year

- Chair/Co-Chair – H. Poon, S. Lostanaw Lavin
- Secretary – S. Hurley
- Treasurer – E. Palmer
- Voting Members – H. Poon, S. Lostanaw Lavin, S. Hurley, E. Palmer, A. Robertson, R. Hest, H. Talach, A. Whalen, L. Kentie, S. Hosking, S. Alam, K. Nishizaki

### LUNCH PROGRAMS

- Lunch lady program, milk and pizza have started, emails to be sent out next week for milk.
- Milk cost now \$1.00, previously \$0.80, to increase profit for school council. Will reassess if decline in sales.
- R. Hest will speak to local grocery stores to see if we can get donations for apples/bananas.
- Approval for apples as needed **VOTE: M. Sharma, A. Robertson.**

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Meetings once per month, S. Lostanaw Lavin parent representative for James MacDonald.
- PIC members act as liaisons between the school and board to discuss school and parent needs.
- School council startup meeting Wednesday, October 16, HWDSB Education Centre, School council committee member and administrator to attend.
- \$500 allotted to every school council to be used for various activities such as child minding, printing, guest speakers and translation.
- Will look into email access for parent council.

### TREASURER'S REPORT, S. Lostanaw Lavin

*See attached Financial Report for account balances*

- June council meeting – approved for each teacher (15 classrooms) to receive a start-up budget of \$200 to spend towards classroom startup/supplies. Teachers would like to extend their appreciation for this to school council. Motion to increase teacher approval to 16 classrooms. **VOTE: Approved E. Palmer, A. Robertson. All in favour. Passed.**
- Motion for \$10 subsidy per student to be used at teacher's discretion. **VOTE: Approved by S. Marsha, E. Palmer, All in favour. Passed.**
- Will discuss Jungle Sport pricing – to be put on October agenda. Ms. McCormack will provide information.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 2 raffle baskets unclaimed from Open House – will reassemble and raffle for Meet the Staff in October. L. Kentie will organize.
- Free presentation offered from YMCA. Offered to youth and parents: related to such topics as math, money education, language, physical education, parent information sessions – gambling, gaming (ie. online, Pokémon, trading cards).
- Lice – concerns raised with awareness and health teaching to students and families.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack**

- Current enrollment 330 students.
- Meet the Staff, Thursday, October 3, from 6:00 - 7:30pm.
- Orange Shirt Day: Monday, September 30. Is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.
- Emergency drills will be practiced over the next couple of weeks. 3 fire drills will occur in the fall and spring, hold and secure, bomb evacuation & lock down drills. Students will know of first drill but not subsequent drills.
- Due to high enrollment – the school is over cap in classes. Not gaining or losing teachers/staff. Classes may be shifted and balanced out. Families to be notified over the next couple of days if impacted by principal.

### **TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon**

- Mrs. Spence – Caregiver parent groups offered through HWDSB social groups – groups for parents that struggle with behaviour's.
- Junior boys 3 pitch teams played yesterday, had a great day.
- Library is looking for parent volunteers to read with grade 1 students and reshelv books in the morning. Contact Mrs. Spence if interested.
- Terry Fox Run – Thursday, September 26, 2-3pm, rain date Friday, September 27. Looking for parent volunteers. Looking for donations for 'Toonies for Terry.' Asking for students to bring a toonie for the day of the race, also online option to donate. Goal is to raise \$3000. Reward of pie in the face to Ms. McCormack and Mr. Susie.
- Cross country meet – Friday, October 4. Mrs. Pretch asking for \$316 for bus.  
**VOTE: A. Whalen, S. Hurley, all in favour. Passed.**
- Request for pop-up tent/ canopy shelter – on agenda for October. Mrs. Pretch/Mrs. Vernon will look into pricing and style of tent.

### **FUTURE COUNCIL DATES**

- Second Wednesday of the month, not met previously in December & March, approved by A. Robertson, E. Palmer.
- October 9, 2019
- November 13, 2019
- January 8, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- April 8, 2020
- May 13, 2020
- June 10, 2020

*Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 8:00pm. Approved by L. Kentie. All in favour.*

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm  
On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, in the James Macdonald Learning Commons**