

## MINUTES

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Co-Chair	Amanda Whalen
Hannah Poon, Co-Chair	Rachelle Hest
Stephanie Hurley, Secretary	Stephanie Hosking
Elyse Palmer, Treasurer	Abby Robertson
Melissa McCormack, Principal	Laura Kentie
Amanda Vernon, Teacher	Heather Talach
Becky Buck – School Trusty	

### *Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 6:32 pm*

- Agenda approved by E. Palmer, R. Hest. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from October 9, 2019 meeting & accepted by, L. Kentie, H. Poon. All in favour.

### BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING

#### PAINTING OF PLAYGROUND AND BLACKTOP GAMES

- Looked at pricing with local company: Creative Playgrounds.
- Looking at different games for blacktop and kindergarten area.
- Approximately \$1000 depending on what is requested & for different colours (yellow is standard).
- Company will do a site visit. Can paint at earliest in March. Needs 2 days to paint without rain or wetness.
- Will discuss at January council meeting and fundraiser.

#### CHILD MINDING BY LOCAL HIGHSCHOOL

- S. Lostanaw Lavin will reach out to J. Brinson for follow-up

#### MATH CLUB

- Last year, Math club put on by H. Poon and Mr. Sousie for junior level students.
- Club started in response to EQAO results from previous school years.
- Interest expressed to start club up again this year. Well received last year.
- Looking to restart club and possibly open up to primary students. Need teacher and parent volunteers.
- H. Poon will be lead contact for this club.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### FUNDRAISING

##### POINSETTA

- Council decision via email vote to not do this, this year as timeline to short.
- Will look into it for next year.

##### BIG BOX OF CARDS

- Box of 33 cards (Birthdays, Sympathy, Congratulations)
- \$33 to purchase box. School profit of \$11 per box.
- Need to register by February for specials. Fundraiser includes prize packs and incentives for students.
- Council looking at spring to roll out fundraiser (End of March/April)
- **VOTE: Motion to approve Big Box of Cards fundraiser. S. Lostanaw Lavin, R. Hest. All in favour.**

##### MOVIE NIGHT

- Thursday, March 5 (evening before PA Day)
- A. Robertson and R. Hest will organize.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Meeting November 12, 2019, attended by S. Lostanaw Lavin
- Presentation by local libraries. Discussed library resources, partnership and connecting within schools.
- Parents reaching out grant not available to councils this year due to uncertainty of funding. Instead board possibly will do a larger event, possibly around Bullying, which will be held at a large venue, open to all schools. Details to be determined.

**CONSTITUTION & GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE**

- Council needs to develop a constitution for School Council.
- Support/resources available through the board, HWDSB template.
- Council members – S. Lostanaw Lavin, A. Whalen, A. Robertson, L. Kentie volunteered to develop and write constitution

**TREASURER'S REPORT, E. Palmer**

*See attached Financial Report for account balances*

- Possible discrepancy among teachers for allotted classroom startup/supplies. Will look into this.

**HWDSB TRUSTY, B. Beck**

- Labour relations among teachers progressing well on local level, relationships good.
- Bullying panel being developed. Using a hybrid model. Board hoping panel will be complete by May. Purpose is to bring community partners together to look at issues of bullying.

**TEACHER REPORT, A. Vernon**

- Mrs. Pretch asking for donations of keyboards for music. Will put on Facebook group.
- Mrs. Pretch requesting 5 headphones for current keyboards. Unsure of price. Depends on size needed. Approx. \$30-\$50 each. Needs 5 headphones. Headphones need to be purchased through board approved vendors.  
**VOTE: Up to \$200 for headphones. R. Hest, A. Robertson, All in favour.**
- Joy Day in December for primary students, grad 1-3/4. Day spent doing winter crafts/activities. Primary teachers asking for \$10/teacher x6 teachers to a total of \$60  
**VOTE: S. Lostanaw Lavin, L. Hest, All in favour.**
- Mitten Drive – organized by Mrs. Monkhouse to support an inner-city school: Viscount Montgomery School. Each classroom has a box. Mitten drive will run until November 28.
- Remembrance Day Assembly: went well, gym decorated with students art work, many performances by students.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT, M. McCormack**

- Bullying prevention and awareness next week
- PA Day November 29 – theme: Positive School Culture
- Safety Drills complete
- Drum Fit: held in October, well received by students.
- Bus Driver Appreciation day: October 23. Thank you to council for gift cards. Presentation done for bus safety.
- Halloween parade: great success.

*Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:48pm. Approved by R. Hest, S. Hurley. All in favour.*

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm  
On Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in the James Macdonald Learning Commons**