

## **MINUTES**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Stephanie Lostanaw Lavin, Chair

Stephanie Hurley, Secretary

Melissa McCormack, Principal

Amanda Vernon, Teacher Representative

Nicola Giles, Teacher Representative

Rachelle Hest

Laura Kentie

Heather Talach

*Meeting called to order by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:10 pm*

### **LAND OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, M. McCormack**

- Agenda approved by S. Hurley, H. Talach. All in favour.
- Minutes approved from October 15, 2020 meeting & accepted by, L. Kentie, H. Talach. All in favour.

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

- Hydration station will hopefully be up and in running in the next two weeks. Station arrived in the school yesterday, will be installed next week.
- Students are following Covid-19 safety protocols well. New lines drawn on playground for class zones based on class reorganization. Four zones on primary side and four zones on junior side.
- HWDSB is hosting a four-part webinar series to support parents, guardians and caregivers in the area of mental health. Topics include: Anxiety, ADHD, low mood & mentally healthy homes. Webinar series posted on HWDSB website with registration details.
- Secure school drills:
  - Three fire drills completed for fall.
  - Hold & secure drill completed.
  - Shelter in place drill completed.
  - Bomb threat evacuation will happen within the next two weeks. Awaiting board direction based on pandemic plan to ensure safety. Reminders will be sent out before the drills happen.
- Next week is Bully Awareness and Prevention week. School will be having classroom activities, school wide announcements, possibly a pink shirt day will occur as a focus to bring the conversations into the classrooms.
- Celebration – Madame Giles has been successful to become a Vice Principal. She will be placed in a VP role as of December 7, 2020. Congratulations to Madame Giles!
- Funds approved for primary books for home reading program: order is in the process of being put together. Reading coach is working with suppliers to put order together.

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

- Currently working on equipment requests from teachers.

- Spirit day – went well. Had school wide BINGO for Halloween celebrations. Teachers looking at continuing spirit day celebrations. Two ideas for spirit day include Crazy sock day & Name that Tune day. Activities will include outdoor DPA activity at the end of the day, weather dependent.

**TREASURER REPORT, S. Lostanaw Lavin**

- *See attached Financial Report for account balances*

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Meeting focused on Covid-19 protocols, symptoms & return to school policies. Will share policies with council when they have them. Policies based on current public health recommendations.
- Online learning – 9,000 students in elementary doing remote learning. For the most recent reorganization: 300 students switched from in-person to online learning and 500 students switched from online to in-person learning.
- *Are you ready for school shut down*, survey was posted on HWDSB. Came from Minister of Education. Survey looks at technology aspect for remote learning.
- Fundraising on hold currently but is being reviewed monthly.

**Meeting Adjourned by S. Lostanaw Lavin at 7:39 pm. Approved by R. Hest, H. Talach.**

**The next School Council Meeting will be held at 7 pm  
On Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Microsoft Teams Online.**