

MINUTES

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Reid, Co-Secretary

PRESENT:

Shannon-Leigh Chandler, *Co-Chair*

Angela Larson, *Co-Chair*

Carolyn Reid, *Secretary*

Stevie Kenyon, *Treasurer*

Rhonda Moules, *Principal*

Heather Lambert-Hillen, *Home and School President*

Tricia Jacobs

Paula Masys-Pollock

Stephanie Smith

Susan Clarke

Laurie Schoole

Lisa Major

Jeanne Jno-Baptiste

Meeting called to order by at 6:15pm by S.L. Chandler

BULLYING PREVENTION PRESENTATION, R. Moules

- Viewing of HWDSB Presentation for School Council on Bullying Prevention; discussion held. See www.hwdsb.on.ca/safeschools for the complete presentation.
- *HWDSB Helps* is the anonymous text/web chat and smartphone app available to all HWDSB staff, students and families.
- Throughout 2019/20 all schools are implementing emotional coaching as part of their programming.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions around the room.
- Meeting agenda approved; C. Reid, S. Clarke, all in favour.
- Minutes from the 2019/10 Norwood Park School Council meeting approved by S. Clarke, H. Lambert-Hillen, all in favour.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, R. Moules:

- Principal's Corner is posted on the School website.
- Gr. 2s went to Children's Museum.
- Swim Team had a successful meet; proud that Norwood stayed through the end of the final heat when other schools left early.
- Volleyball team went into the playoffs.
- Basketball starts soon.
- Remembrance Day Assembly was led by Student Council over the PA, due to not having the Gym.
- Bullying prevention and Awareness week has just closed.
- Trips to the Steam Technology Museum, and Dundurn Castle, are coming up.
- Going bowling will replace holding a holiday Dance for Gr.8s, as the gym is still under renovations.
- Spirit-wear orders are due tomorrow.
- 500 schools across Ontario recently wrapped up the Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser; 700,000 lbs of fresh fruits and vegetables sold.
- Mme. Schilthuis and other teachers have been trying to find a location for the Holiday Sharing Assembly (December 18th). Considering the Church down the road (Southgate). If this does not fall into place, the school will hold a sharing assembly in January, 2020.
- Construction at the school is on track to be completed before school starts up after the Winter break.
- Water throughout the school was tested to determine lead content in the pipes. Last testing was held May 16th, 2019. 1st test was 0 detectable, and our second test was 0.0010 detectable levels (the cutoff is .01 detectable levels).

PIC UPDATE, H. Lambert-Hillen:

- Meeting will be held on December 10th.
- PIC is partnering with SpecEd Advisory Council.
- System-wide bell time study is taking place in January.

TREASURER'S REPORT, S. Kenyon:

- Opening balance was \$8,830.
- Current balance is \$11,767; funds raised though Fresh from the Farm, Pita and Subway lunches, as well as Holiday Lunch sales to-date.
- Spend to date: License to show movies, electrical bill for the new water fountain, and musical instruments spend correction.
- School plan has been submitted to Superintendent Denomme; is currently being revised to lower surplus.
- Funds have been set aside to furnish the new Learning Commons, Grade 8 Graduation, French Café startup, etc.

LABOUR UPDATE, R. Moules

***See Labour Update on the website for full details.**

- HWDSB achievement, safety and wellbeing will remain the main focus.

- School closures and disruptions are not expected at this time.
- Ministry of Education and school Board administration activities (only) will be affected.
- Bullying Prevention and Awareness will still take place for all teachers and caretakers on the PD Day on November 29th.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, P. Pollock:

- The first Kernals Popcorn fundraiser brought in \$235 profit (377 pre-orders, 90 day-of).
- December 19th is the next popcorn day.
- Request for TCBY might be accommodated by Home and School.
- A meeting will not be held in December.

CHAIR UPDATE

- Fresh from the Farm was a huge success; enthusiastic to do it again next year!
- Lisa Major volunteered to act as School Council's Secretary in the case that C. Reid is absent from a meeting.

HOLIDAY LUNCH

- Holiday Lunch will be held December 12th
- Volunteers are needed from 11am onwards day-of.
- An email will be sent out next week, requesting that outstanding items be donated.
- The staff room will not be used; "Home base" will be in the gym.
- Concern raised around Holiday Lunch, pertaining to allergens that it may be brought into the school (as the caterer does not guarantee allergen-free meals).
- R. Moules reached out to Lunch Lady to see if they can provide allergen-free meals for the students who require it; waiting for response.
- Discussion held around how Holiday Lunch will be served to the individual classes.
- Options for funds raised on top of the cost of the meals; Food for Kids?

ACTION ITEMS:

- Email requesting outstanding Holiday Lunch items to be sent by Chairs.
- Response from Lunch Lady re. Holiday Lunch meals to be shared with Council and concerned parents.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 by S.L. Chandler

The next School Council Meeting will be held January 14th, 2020, at 6:15pm