**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 19th, 2016**

**Time: 6:15 pm**

**Location:** Room 137

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**In Attendance** : Heather Taylor, Nancy Kish, Amy Townsend, Amanda MacLeod-Smith, Sheila Haylock, Alison Mace, Lisa Mullan, Aunika Hinks, Rachel Kostuk, Riann Kinniburgh, Dawn Danko, Jennifer Lockhart, Stefanie Sheils, Kelly Scott (Public Health)

Community Representative : Julie Jacobs

School Representative: Mr. R. Stringer

Principal: Mr. G. Carey

**1.****Call to Order** 6:22 pm

**2. Agenda and Minutes Review**

Last month's minutes missing Fun Fair budget.....$2000.00, Christmas Store budget....$2500.00

Agenda and Minutes approved by Mandy, Seconded by Sheila.

**3. Treasurer's Report** (See Report)

* Stefanie to look into supplementing the nutrition program.
* Play isn't shown in report yet ($4000.00 ticket revenue, $350.00 concession revenue. We should break even, within one or two hundred dollars.)
* $500.00 should be sufficient for hot dog day.

**4. Kelly Scott -- Public Health**

Kelly Scott from Public Health discussed ASST -- Active and Sustainable School Transportation; Wards 6,7 and 8 are involved in the healthy kids challenge.

An action plan for New Hope Community Bike, Bike rack installation (if needed), 20 helmets and a school travel plan.

There are 5 stages:

1. Convene a Committee ( can involve, for example, the ECO team and EA's to form a team)
2. Data collection; hands-up survey in class (teachers or grades 7/8 students could do the survey) as well as a walkabout where the committee and city representatives observe arrivals and dismissals.
3. Action Planning based on data collected.
4. Approximately 12 - 18 months later -- implementation of action items.
5. Re-evaluate with hands-up survey.

There will be a meeting in June at which we need parent representation.

This initiative may help with securing a crossing guard at Prince George and Queensdale. Kelly will send the survey to Mr. Carey to get things started.

**5. Principal's Report**

* 2016/2017 Staffing is in place. We'll need a 7/8 teacher and a French teacher. 3 K classes; currently filling ECE positions. Need EA's and LTO's. Medical placement, then posting goes out (permanent placement), teachers apply and interview until mid-June
* Staying with balanced day schedule.
* As we are growing we need to look at various resources, for example, technology, gymnasium requirements etc.
* EA moderation -- we have one support EA, Annella Sherry, dealing with school wide initiatives, safety, nutrition, extracurricular, social/behavioural issues etc.
* Class placements to be addressed soon, Mr. Carey stated that he CANNOT guarantee a child's placement. The plan is to know the placements at year-end.
* Coding group will be coming to Queensdale, headed up by Mr. Stringer.
* Approval for $50.00 per week for a 4 week trial to go towards the nutrition program; Stefanie will assist Annella with this.
* Scholar's Program -- April 27th parents are invited to join the class from 3:10 to 4:30, a meal will be provided. Trying to fit in a couple more sessions before the EQAO
* EQAO May 25-27th and May 31-June 2nd, June 3rd --catch up day.
* Strings Concert April 28th.
* Students voted on Queensdale Royals as our new team name -- Approved by Council.

Teachers Reports:

Teachers are working on developing new math and math "talk"; using open-ended questions to alleviate fear. Discussed learning by rote.

Kindergarten -- Goldirocks, spring words, earth day, graphing, manners, ocean inquiry, imaginary garden.

1-- Editing work, mental math, planting

1/2 Paragraphs, the 5 W's, math target questions, 2 digit addition and subtraction, butterfly kits (may fundraise for more kits), Science --Creepy Crawlies.

2/3 Multiplication and division, fractions, personal narratives.

3/4 2D and 3D shapes, Google slides, Ontario Science Center trip (Gr. 3, 4, 5 )

4/5 Seesaw app for science, volume, point of view

5/6 Health, Epic, Google drive.

6/7 Geometry, 2D, dancing, self-analyzing, 6 -- EQAO, flight, 7--Form and function, structures, inquiry based learning. Kid's crawl trip on Friday, May 13th.

Mr. Carey to look into getting Chrome Books for 7/8 for next year.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing using Google drive.

Gym Skipping, Jump rope for heart.

Track and field coming up, Our Basketball team won a game!, swim team.

Library -- Book Fair during open house May 5 - 7th; pizza, pop and chips will be available.

French --Unit on going to the movies, music, smart board to teach pitch and rhythm

May 2 -6, we may have a Career Day Assembly for Education Week.

**6. Dates to Remember:**

April 27th --Parents invited to Scholar's

 Administrative Professional's Day

April 28th -- Strings Concert 9:30 am, gymnasium

May 2nd-6th -- Staff Appreciation Week (lunch on Wednesday) (Note for future -- there is a separate day for

 EA's)

May 5th - 7th-- Open House and Book Fair (Have a Parent Council Table to promote participation, our

 website and fun fair volunteers).

May 6th -- Pizza Day -- volunteers needed for delivery and $ counting (on the 3rd)

May 17th -- Hot Dog Day/Book swap ($500.00 budget approved for hot dogs/snacks) (GT French has foil

 wrappers) Volunteers needed.

May 20th -- Sub Day -- volunteers needed for $ counting on the 17th

May 24th -- Next Council meeting

May 27th to June 3rd -- EQAO

June 2nd -- Fun Fair 4-7 pm Annella is getting a staff volunteer list together, notices to go out with kids this

 week, Volunteers are needed. Hot dogs/ pizza/ ice cream

**7. Other Business**

* PRO Grant -- Parent Reaching Out Grant -- Dawn to apply for grant, parental engagement focus.
* Stefanie to look for sale on a BBQ.
* Volunteers having to pay for Science Center field trip may be due to an extra bus.
* Fundraising Goal -- Outdoor classroom, still awaiting planning guide.
* Voted to use new agendas; Aunika to look into smaller format for older grades.
* Vote next month on new draft of the School Constitution.

**8. Meeting Adjourned** 8:34 pm