



School Council Minutes

Date: October 8, 2019

Call to order @ 6:34pm

Present:

Zendra Bell; Diana Rodgers; Susi Owen; Lil Kot; Michelle Timson; Cathy Abbott; Lescia Valentini; Alisha Rullo; Adele D'Antonio; Chris Perry; Andrea Cook; Mr. Berketa

Regrets: Raj Johal, Diane VandenHoven-King

Guests: Cam Galindo; Leah LaRiviere

Approval of minutes (as circulated)

_ Rene _ moved that they be accepted

_ Alisha _ seconded the motion

CARRIED

Guest Speakers

Cam Galindo:

Trustee for Tapleystown – represents the students & parents at the school board.

Loves our events – make sure we forward him invites!

Heritage Green grant – need to get the ball rolling – local expert in principal at Saltfleet if needed

Question from Rene: What is happening with the bus situation?

Every 4 years, contract is up for bids; consortium works with Catholic board. Board is subsidizing where possible with a third company. Hope to have a solution by the end of the calendar year. In January, a new solution will be with redesigned efficiencies. Combining with the Catholic schools was not a successful trial.

Brandon: previously suggested rotating routes. Drivers are not receptive to this solution. Needs to learn new routes will slow the transportation down.

Principal's Report

CuPE job action: caretakers and maintenance workers here at Tapleystown. (school boards are different – issue was province wide) Work to rule was last week – gyms, hallways, offices were cleaned by Mr. Berketa. Strike for this week was averted. Behind the scenes items that we don't see come to light. Items such as fire check, water check, etc. Other Unions will all need to renegotiate contracts this year. Any job action requires a 5 day notice.

Question from Diana: where does Hockey program fall – extra curricular? No – affected the same as any "normal" classroom is affected

Pita Pit lunches – students in need, transportation

Pizza days up and running – by teachers, support grade initiatives

Surveying intermediate students for salad option

Standing agenda item: Impact on student well being and academic achievement

EQAO website – type in Tapleystown – we fall approximately average. Lots of room for improvement.

Handout – School annual plan – improvement plan – we would like to review monthly

Progress reports in November – we will compare to how the students are progressing – reviewing EQAO data and report card data; i.e. Gr6 math – report cards 93%; EQAO 48% - data can be pulled from EQAO to see what types of



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math are causing troubles.

Student Vote Program for Federal Vote: Mr Lewis; Mr Levantis; Mr Laidman; Mr K

Question: Lil – split grades – how does this benefit students/teachers.

Range of abilities in class regardless of split or single. Provides more opportunities for grouping. Provides teachers with connections between grades, and visibility. Also provides flexibility to lower class sizes. Specific concerns can be addressed.

Lil: Students excelling are held back/not challenged, as teacher is busy with other grade.

“Equity does not mean equal” teachers are trained to support and work with students range of abilities

Alisha: challenging the advanced kids without overwhelming others and vice versa

Ministry of education presents curriculum with this in mind. Combined grades are reviewed when classrooms are set up

i.e. grade 2's - 9+4 – but cannot make this into one classroom due to funding and organization. Classes change throughout the year, but funding is based on actuals in September. Impossible to predict numbers throughout the year. Numbers in larger schools are still split, but tend to have some single grades as well.

Cathy: sometimes is beneficial as a child can pick up on higher learning, or brush up on weaker skills

Teacher's Report

Meet the teacher was a great success. French Café - \$108 – cookies are still being sold – great success! Donations from Mrs Abbott and Mrs Johal were very much appreciated.

Junior / intermediate cross country meet. Students did great! 28 students participated 3-5 – results to come. 6-8 had 18 participants!

Track and field will be in the spring

Music – Grade6-8 have chosen their instruments – learning to assemble and make notes!

Friday October 11 – last two periods for Terry Fox Run

Chair's Report

Fundraiser - Farm to fresh – well received – orders are due on Friday – will arrive end of November, beginning December – one week notice will be given – cynder voice on Friday reminder.

Fundraiser - Truso Ltd – samples out at meet the teacher – positive feedback

Motion presented to run this fundraiser – Rene motioned, Alisha seconded; all in favour - yes; against – none. motion moved

Need a name! – student participation? Tiger for artwork, student vote for names

Motion approved – Cathy motioned, Susi second – all in favour – moved : Mr. Berketa will assist with distribution

Mr. Perry to help with organizing design contest

Lil / Michelle will help with fundraiser

Permission granted to sell old scoreboard – funds to support audio equipment for gym

Minutes, Agendas, ect. are on Council facebook, School facebook, HWDSB web page

May meeting – May 5 - cancelled (education week 4-8) (potential open house may 5 or 6 – 5-7pm)

Close out meeting May 19th

Alisha motioned; Carrie second; all in favour – moved.



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Wednesday June 17th is Graduation – 6pm – Salvation Army – on Winterberry

Cathy: discussed issue with Gr2 students at cross country today.

Mr. Berketa: Gr3-5; Gr6-8 is a Board set event. If decided to extend beyond that, it should/would be presented to all students. Mr. Berketa will address asap.

Treasurers Report

Payout was made to subsidize transition event (from last year)

Wrong amounts from wrong lines – was corrected.

Invoice for sports shirts (from last year) still pending

Popcorn account will be rolled into General SC.

Carrie working on annual fundraising plan with Mr. Berketa

Community report:

Before care full. waitlisted

After care has a few spots remaining before waitlist

Mount Albion site offers PAday, winter break etc. programs – offered to program families first, then open to others

Adele was busy on Sunday to notify families that the program was open on Monday morning. Thank-you!

Old Business

Farm fresh update: provided above

Bylaws from 2018/19 were not available- sent copy of 2017/18 to Mr. Berketa

School Council handbook - provided

Heritage Green fund – discussed to start the ball rolling

Tshirts arrived (sports shirts ordered last year) – invoice to follow

New Business

Entripy setup – site / link posted in council facebook.

Samples to arrive in a couple weeks – possible coupons

Small cashback if over \$1000 in sales. Next week to bring ideas for any funds raised.

Next meeting: November 12th 6:30pm

Adjourned @ 8:04pm

Approved ON: November 12, 2019