

CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MINUTES

Captain R. Wilson Public School Council Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2017

In Attendance:

Council Representation: Kathy Fournier (Principal), Chris Row (Vice Principal), Susan Murphy, Michelle Edwards-Boldt, Mandip Bains, Bahy Salah, Andrea Bays

Council Representatives Absent: Kevin Bassett, Ilia Fischer

Members at Large: April Brown, Kathryn Fish

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Susan Murphy

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

- Susan moved that the March 6th Minutes be approved. Andrea and Mandip seconded the motion.
- Susan moved that the April 3rd Minutes be approved. Michelle and Mandip seconded the motion.

Principal's Report

- Grade 8 Grad – there is no Council contribution needed although Ms. D'Ellia suggested if the Council wanted to support, they could cover the \$400 for the DJ (Professor Jamz). Michelle – Susan and Bahy seconded.
- A work order for the Kindergarten playground mulch and sand has been submitted. Will look into the back playground maintenance that is required and who pays, the school or the town?
- Spirit Wear Orders: Jennifer Wilson is collating it and should submit by the end of the week. Volunteers will be needed for organizing and distribution when the order arrives. Kathryn Fish offered will assist.
- Staff is planning a school wide, whole day event to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday event June 21st (rain date of 23rd).
- HDSB is adding a survey this year, a *Have Your Say* survey will be launched for students and staff. Parents will be provided the same survey as in previous years, the *Tell Them from Me*.
- This week is Mental Health week – with a #get loud theme. The school has mural papers upstairs and in the bow where students can provide some ideas on how to stay healthy, and provide positive comments. There is also calming music after breaks to try to help the students refocus. The mental health week is being promoted in the school through daily announcements, daily themes, high five hallways. Working to promote that mental health is not illness, and that caring adults can enhance student mental health. Educators act as the eyes, ears and hearts for students and that mental wellbeing is a shared responsibility; we are all in it together.
- Ms. Elmer's BRC class sent a Thank you video and card for contributions to the Caring Cards by Kids program. They also provided a sample package of the cards. They quickly reached their goal of selling 100 packs, the support was more than expected and the project was very meaningful and impactful for the students.

- Susan asked about the email from HDSB regarding cashless? Kathy responded that the board is replacing it with another online system that will more easily tie with the new accounting system that HDSB has started using. The new online payment system will be rolled out in September; the existing will be in operation until end of school year. The new kindergarten families will get flyers for the new system for their intro night. Michelle suggested also at the Pirates Night the Council could do a promo for the new system with a raffle if you sign-up.
- Kathy inquired as to whether the Dance-a-thon money should all be spent on chrome books > Susan put forth the motion and Michelle and Bahy seconded.

Report from Chair and Treasurer

- Unable to present treasury report due to transition of accounting systems.

Fundraising and Events

- NUMERACY: tomorrow night!!! Susan wanted to know if we should send out another message? Decided not to as the teachers are promoting it through agenda notes home and the school is mentioning it in the announcements. The cookies are here, the bags are done, and Michelle will get water. Chris and Kathy will do the cookies in the morning and Bahy has all the volunteers he needs.
- FUN FAIR: Andrea has no updates as she is all set up with inflatables, food trucks, Professor Jamz, and Tae kwon do demonstration. Asked for any ideas for additional suppliers but Council felt it wasn't necessary. Kathy inquired about the licensing of the food trucks in Oakville regarding a recent communication from the town for a 2017 Refreshment Vehicle License to be able to operate at the Fun Fair. We will need to hold off on flyers until the status can be confirmed. Wristbands sales will be the same as last year. We will need to send out the communication by June 1 with the orders due in by June 9. Wristbands will be \$8 in advance and \$10 at event. They will be made an item on cashless.

Parental Involvement Committee

- Pro Grant Application is due May 25.
- Susan, Mandip, and Michelle Fung will write it. Confirmed that the focus for next year will be on health and mindfulness. Looking to complement schools board's efforts in this space.

New Business

- Susan asked if there was a way to capture the Grade 8 students as potential volunteers for next year before they leave. Susan to put together an email to the Grade 8 parents to collect contacts and the school will send it out

Meeting adjourned at 7:20. Next meeting is our last, on June 5th at 6:30. All are welcome!