

School Council Meeting

April 3, 2017

Attendance: T. Comish (Principal), L. Saunders (Vice Principal), H. Aspin (Staff Rep), L. Walters, E. Hollis, L. Jenkins, L. Fox, L. Guzzwell, T. Maher, M. Liotta, V. Palmer, M. McCullough

1. Approval of Minutes from Feb 6 Meeting - remember minutes are posted to the website for your review - approved by E. Hollis, seconded by L. Jenkins

2. [Principal's Report - T. Comish](#)

- Morning announcements - we are now online (google slides) with the staff and teachers can do them at any time of the day that works for them and their students ... mindful minute also included each day for the class to do ... feedback has been very positive with staff
- Tutor in the Classroom - working with Grade 3 and 6 as they prepare for EQAO (last week of May and first week of June)
- Renovation and Expansion Info to share - plan has been revised (tentative) with gym in the middle and a multi-purpose room to the left, 7 classrooms and then additional K room at the end ... rest is the same (staff room, library, office) ... sensory room ... portables (will be outfitted with smartboards) will move over the summer (to far baseball area on the right) and construction zone will be where our tarmac is currently ... 2 portables will remain after the renovation ... new gym will have sound system and mounted projector (fundraising goal for next year) and motorized screen (board approval for that in place)
- You're the Chef - run by HKCC and Healthy Muskoka District Unit (4-6 week program for Grade 4 and up) ... run here after school for this program ... training involved ... HKCC will provide supplies, etc. ... program is 1 day/week for 1-2 hours ... L. Guzzwell interested ... focus next year is nutrition for our school as well
- Marafun - running program we have been part of previously ... staff have chosen to run their own program due to cost as there is no sponsorship and this is something we can run ourselves (info shared)
- French Immersion After School Program beginning next week with students identified
- After School Math Club continues weekly after school
- Tara Eskra, our Clerk Steno, has gone to Byng. We are hiring a new Clerk Steno this week (update: welcome back Tricia Vermilyea!)
- Youth Reach program - funding of 250. Available to families making 50,000 or less combined ... flyer went home today with students

- Pro Grant for next year is out - up to 1000. For 2017/2018 ... application is due May 25th
 - School Climate Survey Data shared - 89% of students care about each other, 96% have positive outlook on their future, parents feel that it is a welcoming and caring place, good school spirit, 86% students feel that they are welcomed, 92% feel there are opportunities to be involved in school activities ... bullying perspectives shared also, conflict resolution (great feedback and input coming to Admin) ... 85% students/96% parents/100% staff feel students safe at school ... student and staff wellbeing a BIG focus and positive mental health
 - \$500 to parent involvement - put towards 50th celebration? DONE - to go towards food, etc. (Approved by Council and will be shared with Anniversary Committee)
 - Ottawa trip for Grade 7/8 - may be looking for support from Council \$ as we are subsidizing up to 10 students this year ... looking for other alternatives for next year and following - money from pizza and/or carnival (closer venue, smaller trip, big trip only in Grade 8, etc.)
3. Pink Day Report, Student Rep (absent tonight - regrets)
- Lisa report - Student Voice Team very excited about their event coming up on April 12th. Once again opening ceremonies at 9:30am at the Federal Building with the 4 local schools, followed by the banner march to the Curling Club. Minute-to-win-it challenges and a guest speaker - Get Real.
 - For the school, Camp Quality presenting two puppet shows and then a Play Day in the afternoon for Grade 1-4 organized by the Team and HKCC/Right to Play Team
 - Wear pink!
4. Community Events
- Tech Night in February - was awesome and thanks to Mrs. Shea for organizing and her leadership
 - Spring Cleanup - May 2 5-7pm (raindate May 3rd) ... Lisa to advertise on website and in newsletter ... L. Jenkins to ask Walmart or Home Depot for plants ... L. Guzzwell to bring trailer for green bin garbage
5. Fundraising Events
- Dance-A-Thon - just shy of \$7000 raised (classroom enhancements)
 - June Carnival - Heather L. lead ... committee has only had 1 meeting ... idea to spruce up Carnival (bouncy obstacle course, face painting, balloons, basket water dunk game) ... Ms. Irion has 4 adult movie passes for silent auction ... E. Hollis has reached out to some businesses for sponsorship but have not heard anything ... another committee meeting to occur ... 7 companies for the vendor market ... silent auction ... water station (Lisa to do) ... food is still being pursued

(not sure at this time where we stand - Pita Pit an option, Dominos option - need to look into options) ... snow cones and cotton candy also booked ... bracelet option for activities ... School Council agreed to spend some money to grow this community event ... fire truck to come ... HKCC to come (story walk, playground - Lisa confirmed) ... raffle license to do ... popcorn sales (intermediates) ... committee to update Council via email in the next few weeks

- 50th anniversary - Lorrie from Paint Bar to pay for the cake for this event (4-5 different cakes to feed 500; flavoured water station) ... anniversary event is Saturday May 13th 10-3pm ... entertainment booked (Lisa to send confirmation times to all**) - CCI Jazz Band, Collingwood Circus Club, TrebleMakers, Student talent, FleetWood ... invites going out this week ... 11:30=opening ceremonies (food out 12pm - cake, veggies and dip in cups, flavoured water station, fruit kabobs, cheese and crackers - ask parents for help/supplies) ... memorabilia rooms (each decade) ... student art in the halls ... Mrs. Hare supplying tablecloths ... volunteers (E. Hollis to be contacted via email) needed (put in April newsletter) and email out (E. Hollis to do) ... Troy and Lisa to send images to E. Hollis for the cakes - Cameron Cares, Cameron celtics, Cameron comet ... donation box (\$ for uniforms) ... food prep to occur on the Friday and Saturday (E. Hollis to ask for volunteers via email)

6. Parents reaching out grants - apply for \$1000. is recommended and apply by May 25th ... idea is a family event (ex. Arts/Talent Night) ... E. Hollis to look at application (Note: skating booked already for Feb 3/18)

7. Thanks to Lisa for updating school website.

8. New Business...

- Archery - this took place with our Grade 4-8 students (free workshop) last month ... idea to share set with other schools? ... cost 5700. ...other schools trying the program so we will see what their feedback is
- School Council buttons to be created (Ask Me Why I Love School Council) - make these with our button maker (Admin to have ready after the Easter Break)

9. Next meeting of the year is Monday June 5/17 at 7pm.

- Proposal - choose Chair for next year's Council, Howler Committee lead
- Can set up tentative committees but election for Chair, etc has to take place in September (T. Comish)

10. Meeting adjourned...