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Henry Larsen Elementary School Meeting Minutes Monday, November 11, 2013

Chair: Jennifer Pyne
Secretary: Signe Swainson
Attendance: Christine Camus-Shepley Jeremy Nowiski Susan Heckbert
Teresa Janz Joanne Lalonde Signe Swainson
Karina Budzinski Una McNeill Marcia O'Connor
Nikki Lee Lisa Anna Palmer Jennifer Pyne
Ryan Crampton Karen Stoddart Laura Ireland
Sarah Dooley Melody Currie Cathyn Peloso
Doreen Cummings Tracey Smith Julie Albert

Regrets* Dawn Scott

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Susan H. Jennifer Pyne has graciously stepped up for the position of Chair. Voted in.

2. Approval of November 11th, 2013 Agenda

Moved by Nikki, seconded by Una. Carried

3. Approval of September 30th, 2013 Minutes

Minutes were missing teacher information. Will be updated and voted on next meeting.

4. Chair's Report

- Jennifer Pyne has stepped up and was voted into the Chair position.

5. Principal's Action Items / Info. Update

- Remembrance Day Ceremony was very moving and the calibre of students and staff continue to move Mrs. Camus-Shepley. It was a long ceremony and all children were able to remain well behaved, even the little ones. This speaks to the quality of the service.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher interviews.
- The Library carpet will be replaced. The books all needed to be packed up and a big thank you to Jen and her husband.
- The rest of the blinds have been put up in the school.
- Parent Teacher interviews are upcoming and the progress reports have already gone home. The goal is to meet with all the parents. Michelle Giroux, from the OCDSB website has links and questions and tip sheets. One of them covers PT interviews.
- The Grade 8's always get to go and see what the high schools are all about. They go to Canterbury on the 14th of November and will hear the band. Colonel By will come in

December and the C Flats will perform. They are an award winning chorale ensemble. Cairine Wilson day is planned for the 3rd of December.

- Math is the focus for the SIP (School Improvement Plan). We have been identified as a SIM, School in the Middle. EQAO scores are stable or dropping and this entitles our teachers to have coaches come and help them.
- There will be another lock down practice before Christmas.
- Mr. Nowiski spoke about bringing in Kyle Grant to speak about smart goals and overcoming obstacles. on November 27th for the grades 6-8.
- The staff are always looking at ways to enrich the school and kids are involved in a great number of activities. There is a "scratch club" which is a computer program set up by MIT and it math based. Students do announcements and are door and lunch monitors. Several sports have wrapped up and new ones are starting up. There are scientists being brought to the school.
- "America's Got Talent" video was shown at the school. Andrew de Lion spoke about everyone having a talent and it's important that we allow everyone to feel safe and comfortable to share their talent. Students have written up some very lovely "What are you good at" cards.

6. Treasurer's Report

- The School Board will pay the insurance as part of their risk management policy this year.
- HCY funds that have been transferred to the school can only be accessed by contractors.

7. Fundraising

- We are looking for ideas for fundraising. Miko Simco toy sale is an idea for the spring. A percentage of the sales comes back to Henry Larsen. Need to get details.

8. Henry's Cool Yard

- Teresa is doing the evaluation for the trees. We need to empty the hoses so they don't freeze and burst the them. Do the bags need to come off the trees? We don't think so, but will check. Teresa has had a tree re-staked as it was leaning due to the people cutting grass and not being careful enough around the new trees. Christine will find out who is cutting the grass and perhaps speak to them.
- Teresa is trying to find out the status of the plan for the yard from Jeff Kastor.

9. Teaching Staff Liaison report

- Joanne Lalonde wanted to extend a big thank you to the Council for Monster Mash. Council has raised the bar very high and the teachers were really impressed. The older children worked really well with the younger ones.
- On November 28, Ottawa's Wind Ensemble will come to the school. Tickets are \$10 and half the money will stay with the band and half will go to the Wind Ensemble. They will be playing the music piece that was commissioned for the school. Previous students are more than welcome to join the band for this piece.
- Music teacher is looking at ways to raise money. Ideas included a coffee house, perhaps add art from the students for auction. The Entertainment Books are also available.
- Jersey Day is November 29th to support healthy and active living.
- Thursday is also Hat Day and if the students wish to wear a hat in the school, they can pay \$1 and the proceeds will go to United Way.

- M. St. Onge is looking for money for chips and beverages for the dances. A motion to give \$300 towards this purchase throughout the year was made by Jennifer. Vote carried.

10. Other Business

- Jennifer thanked all the people who helped with Monster Mash again. There were a lot of helpers this year and all went very smoothly.
- Supperworks is offering up a Christmas Dinner for raffle. Tickets will be sent home to all students and sales will draw to a close at the December 12th Christmas Concert. The draw will be done at the Concert.
- Newsletter is always looking for information to add.
- Cathryn Peloso wants the website up to date and dynamic. She needs content to add. Jennifer will look at the volunteer lists to ensure they are up to date. We discussed when we want to launch the website. Also, Fundraising is buried in "about us". Therefore some things need to be tweaked and Cathryn will work on them. The sooner we launch it the better and we want the Council Meeting dates to be on the front page.
- School Council day on October 5th was great. Signe attended and suggested that it is well worth a number of us attending next year. She will update us at the next meeting.
- Una and Teresa have worked on a teacher recognition award and are looking for some clarification before proceeding this year.
- Becoming your Child's Emotion Coach is a session offered by a couple of people that Teresa knows. She will get more information.
- We are looking into the deadline for the extra \$500 grand for Parent Involvement.

11. Next Meeting

- Monday, December 9th at 7:00pm.

12. Adjournment

- 8:40 pm.