



HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Henry Larsen Elementary School Meeting Minutes Monday, September 30, 2013

Co-Chairs:	Susan Heckbert	Teresa Janz	
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	
	Ryan Crampton	Dawn Scott	Laura Ireland
	Sarah Dooley	Melody Currie	Julia Dudley
	Cheri Maracle	Juniper Hayes	

Regrets* Jennifer Pyne

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Susan H.

2. Approval of September 30th, 2013 Agenda

Moved by Nikki, seconded by Lisa.

3. Approval of June 8th, 2013 Minutes

Moved by Nikki, seconded by Dawn.

4. Chair's Report

- Welcome to all returning members and special welcome to new members. Susan will be stepping down and if someone would like to step up to be chair or co-chair it can be discussed at the next meeting.
- We have a very exciting year ahead with Henry's Cool Yard proceeding forward and many exciting days for the kids.
- Meet the teacher night was a great success and we have a number of new emails for people wishing to stay informed about Council business.

5. Principal's Action Items / Info. Update

- Welcome back from Ms. Camus-Shepley and looking forward to the first full year at Henry Larsen.
- School Council Training Day event coming up on Saturday October 5th. Info will be left by Susan. It's a great day to go to and the break out sessions sound very interesting.
- Sarah Laird was an EA for 3 months last year and has been offered a contract. Brett Smith will be joining as well. Mrs. Peggy will teach half time at Henry Larsen for SK and Stephanie Ranger will join us for the 5/6 split EFI.

- There was a secure school event. It occurred at lunch as someone with a knife was seen approaching the school. All went well. There will be 2 lock down drills a year and 6 fire drills.
- Michael Baines has offered to speak on Mental Health and Well Being. Date chosen was October 22nd.
- Literacy and Numeracy Club has applied for funding and the focus will be math and language. It will run Monday and Wednesday from 3-4 starting in October and running through to the end of April.
- The tree watering is going well. Teachers and students have undertaken it for the fall. The trees are looking good.
- October 7-11 is International Walk to school Day. Our day will be Wednesday the 9th of October. We are focusing on a safe walk and have a Safe Travel Committee. There will be something organized for the children who take the bus. Ottawa Police will come in and be involved with traffic and pedestrian safety.
- There is a new gym floor and all the lines are accurate.
- Blinds have been installed over the summer and the site supervisor will grant money for all rooms to have the roller blinds.
- October 11th is a PD day and the focus will be on Math for the School Improvement Plan
- The fact that the school is locked creates some conversation. The locked doors may create a false sense of security as a replica weapon got in at D. Roy Kennedy. All in all it seems to be going well. Garneau is our evacuation site.
- Mr. Nowiski added that there is a lot going on at the school and there is a very positive school climate with many activities in academics, arts and athletics. The video shown at the Meet the Teacher night was also shown to all the kids. The message is to be awesome and find ways to do that. They are pushing the older students above and beyond and trying to give many leadership opportunities. A couple of the kids have been working on a Contest for an outside classroom worth \$20K. This is amazing and we are all very proud of them. Darin Kyle is a world champion tap dancer and uses that to talk about bullying. Bel Air Lexus Toyota sponsored the talk called "Do the Stomp".

6. Treasurer's Report

- Motion to give \$300 to Monster Mash was proposed by Marica, seconded by Teresa and carried.
- Motion to give \$700 to the Book Club for the library was proposed by Marcia, seconded by Ryan and carried.
- Motion to give \$1000 for M. St. Onge and the volleyball poles and equipment was proposed by Susan and seconded by Teresa and carried.

7. Fundraising

- Myers Chev Olds donated \$100 for Henry Larsen
- Fundscrip is ongoing.
- CCRP and World's Finest Chocolate/Norcard will be the main fundraiser this fall.
- Simply Giving is also being offered this year.
- Mabel's Labels raised some money. It has low time involvement but a good return and should be promoted at the Kindergarten Night and the Fun Fair.
- Tool's for Schools is another one that has been done in the past and we will consider sending info out in May.
- The Lunch Lady is going well.

- Synergy Spa offers 15% back to the school on people who go and say they are from Henry Larsen. Chapters and Boston Pizza do similar one day events. If we can link them to Fundscript, it's a double win.

8. Henry's Cool Yard

- Teresa gave a summary report for the new members. There is an evaluation report regarding the trees that were planted and the care plan for them due May. There is a steering committee with Teresa as the Chair and on the attendance sheet, the following people indicated interest in helping with Henry's Cool Yard, Nikki, Marcia, Ryan, Laura, Sarah, Signe and Lisa.
- The Fun Fair will be an important committee to be raised shortly.

9. Teaching Staff Liaison report

- Joanne Lalonde has brought forward some teacher requests. Michel St. Onge is looking for \$4500 for volleyball posts and various sporting equipment. He has \$1000 in reserve and will do BBQ's and the Larsen Wear sales. Funds are also requested for books for the library.
- There are other notes given by Joanne and these will be added to the minutes for the website.
- Sandra Tinney's grade 5/6 gifted students went on a fantastic trip to the Animation Festival at the Art Gallery on Sept 19th. They are also taking part in the PUMKINFERNO where they will be carving pumpkins donated from Upper Canada Village and will be on display Oct 4-6.
- The Jr. Girls and Boys soccer teams are taking part in our regional tournament on Oct 2nd at Millenium Fields.
- From Sally Spack: We had a great Terry Fox event and raised more than \$2200.

10. Other Business

- Newsletter can have loads of info added, thank you pictures, Fundscript info, election information, Chair report, request for volunteers for Monster Mash and publicity for the Mental Health night.
- Tax receipts for the Simply Giving Campaign need to be checked on.
- Catherine Peloso has volunteers to maintain the website which is in WordPress. Needs content. Send info to Susan or Teresa.

11. Next Meeting

- Monday, November 11th at 7:00pm.

12. Adjournment

- 9:00 pm.