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Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, September 29th, 2014

Chair: Jennifer Pyne
Secretary: Signe Swainson (for tonight's meeting)
Attendance:

Teresa Janz	Signe Swainson	Ryan Crampton
Caryn Suuronen	Cherie Maracle	Julie Bisnath
Melissa Britton	Melody Currie	Karen Stoddart
Susan Shapiro	Jeremy Nowiski	Christine Camus-Shepley
Una McNeill	Doreen Cummins	Tracy Smith
Marica O'Connor	Laura Ireland	Jennifer Pyne
Hilda Fussy	Nikki Lee	Lisa Anna Palmer
Dianne Morris	Sandra Schwartz	

Regrets* Dawn Scott

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 6:45pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved

3. Approval of June 9th, 2014 Minutes

Approved with a few minor correction. Jennifer to correct.

4. Chair's Report

- Tabled the School Council Constitution. Motion to accept the new Constitution by Teresa and seconded by Ryan. Carried.
- PRO Grant is \$950. Ideas included parenting skills or emotional coaching. School has already arranged to have Paul Davis come on December 8th for two sessions with students plus a parent information session in the evening. Topic is cyberbullying. Council can pay for the parent portion or we can choose something else. Decision is expected to be next meeting. If there are other ideas, please send them in to the gmail account.

5. Principal and Vice-Principal's Action Items / Info. Update

- There has been a very smooth start to the year. There was some confusion with the 11 mini vans used for transportation but that seems to have been settled. No issue with the yellow school buses. It is expected that all the applications under the empty seat rule will be approved by 1 October.

- The Walking School Bus is a pilot project we have until December 19th. Currently there have been 0 responses. Not sure if the route is an issue. It was pointed out that all students who have a spot on the yellow school buses will still have those spots if the walking bus does not work out or if it's too cold or wet. Not sure if that is a concern to parents. Will spread the word.
- All intersections are assessed separately. Des Epinettes and Sunview has the crossing guard and Des Epinettes and Jeanne D'Arc has a count down for crossing.
- There are 375 students this year. An ECE has resigned and that position will be posted.
- There have been 2 fire drills and there will be a lockdown drill in late October or early November.
- PD day is October 10th. The focus for the PD day is the school learning plan. TTFM (Tell Them From Me) survey results will be discussed.
- Grade 3 students will be participating in the "Swim to Survive" program.
- Ottawa Public Health nursing student wants to run a "Health Fair" or a Health Human Library and have the students from grades 4-8 participate and wants the students involved to become the teachers. This is scheduled for October 30th.
- Jeremy also indicated that there had been a great start to the year. There is an effort to balance between curriculum and school climate. He tried to pop into many classes to ask the kids what they are learning about. There are 5 ideas that are stressed. 1 is to get involved. 2 is to be nice. 3 is to be safe and feel safe. 4 is to always try their best. 5 is to have fun.
- The Twitter account is up to 100 followers and it is a great way to supplement communication. Messages are as proactive as possible and the parental support for Twitter is excellent.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Dianne thanked the parents for all the support that they have already given this year with the Terry Fox run and field trips.
- The school climate is wonderful this year and she is starting a "Wall of Awesome". Any student can participate. Her 7/8 class is actually making a book out of the ideas that go up on the Wall. This is based on a book called The Book of Awesome.
- Thanks for all the Terry Fox walkers. We raised approximately \$2900.
- Grades 5-8 went to the Animation Festival. The kids were able to participate in quite a wide variety of activities. They learned how to do voice overs. They learned how animation is used with voices, sound effects and music. They were able to play with 6 stop motion animation stations. They enjoyed a lunch outside as the weather was lovely and finally were able to tour the Art Gallery.
- Lots of activities are underway, like cross country, soccer, math club and many more.
- On October 9th, the Rolling Rampage which is a celebration of Para-Olympics will have a wheel chair relay race and it is quite the event.
- Hot lunches are underway with pizza, tyros, salad and BBQ. Last year the intermediates raised enough money to buy an iPad for each homeroom.
- Michel St. Onge asked if we can purchase the pop and chips for the dance. Voting to come under the Treasurer's Report section.
- On October 16th, the Red Blacks will be in the school.
- Rocks and Rings which is a way to teach kids about curling will be run once again for the younger students.

7. Website Update

- We have a Council site at www.henrylarsensc.com
- Cathryn has been taking care of it, but would like some help. Ryan offered to help as he would like to learn more about it. Thanks Ryan.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Marcia provided her report.
- Mabel's Labels have brought in \$60.94. Book sale from Meet the Teacher night was \$129.00 and Pampered Chef party hosted by Teresa has brought in \$186.00.
- Currently STP (School Travel Plan) has \$1960.50, School Council has \$450.01, Henry's Cool Yard has \$6503.58 on reserve and Henry Larsen, school budget is holding \$10,856.39 for Henry's Cool Yard.
- Motion by Marica to give \$300 for Monster Mash and \$300 to M. St. Onge for dances. (Signe assured Council that Norcard will be done by then and Council will have sufficient funds). Seconded by Lisa. Motion carried.
- Marcia is not sure if the Board is covering the School Council Insurance again this year. We are covered until November.

9. Fundraising

- Norcard and QSP (the magazines) had a launch assembly today and all the catalogues will go home with students tomorrow. Campaign runs from now until October 17th.
- Simply Giving info sheet will be done up by Jennifer and sent out.
- Signe will send out a new Fundscrip sheet to remind people to order by direct shipping.
- Fun Haven has cards that will give 10% off for the parents and 10% back to the school. This is ongoing and Signe will check to see what we have made this way.
- Other fundraising ideas include a Glass Turkey for Christmas, chocolates, an Art Evening/Coffee House and a Christmas store for the kids to shop for family members.
- Can we do a bake sale in conjunction with the Christmas concert? Dianne will check with Mr. Pretty.
- Boston Pizza offers a percentage of receipts back to the school for receipts on a given day. We have been offered November 17th from 5-9pm. Let's go ahead and book it.
- Jennifer and Signe got info regarding a fundraiser where the kids drew something that was then transferred to magnets or cards or coasters. Signe will get the sample package for next meeting.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- Teresa gave an overview of the project from the beginning. A group of parents have attended meetings put on by the Board regarding how to go about achieving a playground renovation. Surveys have been completed and a plan has been developed. We are moving forward in phases. Trees have been planted and watered for 2 years. 9 trees have been removed because of the emerald ash bore. A butterfly garden grant is underway.
- Current funds are approximately \$17,000 and the core committee will be seeking corporate sponsorship and grant money. The Fun Fair proceeds come to HCY. This planning needs to start early and many volunteers are required. The Lunch Lady funds also come to HCY.
- A cart for balls and outdoor stuff would be great. Perhaps like a lending library.

- The core committee will be meeting a couple of times before next Council meeting and will continue updates then.

11. Other Business

- Monster Mash. Mrs. Matthews-Cull will do the haunted house again. We are thrilled. The intermediate students will help. Monster Mash is for JK- grade 5 students. We need parent volunteers and there will be 6 stations.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, October 20th, 2014. This will be the 3rd Monday because the second is Thanksgiving. It will be held in the school library.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.