



HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Meeting
 Minutes
 Monday, June 9th, 2014**

Chair: Jennifer Pyne

Secretary: Signe Swainson (for tonight's meeting)

Attendance:	Jeremy Nowiski	Joanne Lalonde	Cathryn Peloso
	Christine Camus-Shepley	Lisa Anna Palmer	Sarah Dooley
	Karina Budzinski	Dawn Scott	Doreen Cummins
	Ryan Crampton	Nikki Lee	Teresa Janz
	Una McNeill	Julie Albert	Julie Bisnath
	Tracey Smith		

Regrets*

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 7:10pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved

3. Approval of February 10th, 2014 Minutes

Approved

4. Chair's Report

- Parent Involvement Talk (kids and money): We had a good evening with about 20 people. Thanks to the volunteers who brought coffee and goodies.
- The Constitution documents will be sent electronically for review and table for the AGM in the fall.

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

- Big Thank You for the staff lunch. They enjoyed it very much and it was wonderful to have it on a Professional Development day so that everyone could be together.
- The SIP (School Improvement Plan) has focused on math and next year the focus will be proportional reasoning, ie, what is the better buy?
- Staffing is moving forward well. This year we had 3 ECE's (Early Childhood Educators), 1 core, 1 am and 1 pm. Next year we will have 4, 2 am and 2 pm. EA (Education Assistants) will remain the same at 2.5. There will be two teaching vacancies which will need to be filled.
- New lighting has been installed in the gym and it has motion sensors. Also, the electric dividing wall in the gym which has been broken for 14 months has been fixed.

- There will be election in the School on June 12th.
- There will be a volunteer breakfast at 7:30 on the 10th of June.
- June 26th is the Grade 8 leaving ceremony at 11am.
- EQAO has been completed.
- Sgt. Hudson Relay was a big success. The intermediate track team qualified for the Board level and the Junior track will take place this Thursday.
- The Band trip was 2 nights and 3 days and a huge success. The Choir had a trip to Toronto and all was good.
- Jump Rope for Heart is coming up soon.
- The Talent Show will take place on the 17th of June.
- The Mini Marathon will be on the 23rd of June and is a fundraiser for the Education Foundation which helps families in need. The Mini-Marathon will be one lap of the school for each grade the child is in. Also to support the goal of 1 hour physical activity per day.
- The Awards Ceremony will take place on the 25th of June.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- The primary team sent out a parent survey and received 72/100 back. Very good rate of return. The survey was about how parents wanted to pay for student activities. 61 said they prefer to receive a detailed plan with the cost for the entire year. 9 said they wanted to pay for activities separately. 2 did not have a preference.
- The Me to We group has raised \$1300 for Free the Children Campaign. The car wash, which was a blast, raised \$300. It costs \$2000 to build a school, so they will continue next year to sell brick to build a school. For people who asked for a receipt for silent day, they will be for 2014 and will be issued as soon as the whole \$2000 is raised.
- Thank you from all the teachers for the lovely lunch. It was delicious, a nice variety of food and a great idea for a PD day.
- Thank you to Council (and all parents) for all your support over the year with the kids and volunteering for field trips, Monster Mash, the Fun Fair and Henry's Cool Yard and a reminder of the Volunteer Breakfast tomorrow morning.

7. Website Update

- Currently the School Council website is not linked to the Henry Larsen School site. Christine will ask Neil to link them.
- Some pictures will go up but will not have children in them.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Jennifer provided the report for Marcia.
- There was a request for a new speaker (like a megaphone) for \$169.99. Teresa motioned to pay for a portable system for \$169.99 plus tax on the condition that the current system was not mobile. Motion carried. Leftover Funds from the parent involvement fund were used.
- More money will be needed quickly in the fall for the Monster Mash.

9. Fundraising

- Fun Fair profit was \$4057.00 Thanks will go out in the newsletter and certificates will be given to all the sponsors or donators.

- There will be a summer fundraising letter go out to all the students to explain the Fundscrip direct mailing program, talk about the magazine fundraiser for the fall and how they can order online now, especially if they are renewing a subscription and finally a coupon for Fun Haven for 10% off for the parents and 10% back to the school.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- The watering schedule is proceeding online.
- The evaluation that was required for the trees has been completed, handed in and accepted.
- The HCY team will meet over the summer to look at grants.

11. Other Business

- There was some mix up with synervoice and how the messages got on. It's a new system and a little bit more complicated. More lead time is required. Send the messages to Christine and CC, Jeremy, Rose and Karla and give at least 4 days notice. The messages can be done at any time.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 29th, 2014 for the AGM at 6:30 with a regular Council meeting to follow in the school library.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm