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Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2014

Chair: Jennifer Pyne
Secretary: Jennifer Pyne
 (for tonight’s meeting)
Attendance: Jennifer Pyne Marcia O’Connor Laura Ireland
 Jeremy Nowiski Nikki Lee Melissa Britton
 Julie Bisnath Christine Camus-Shepley Dianne Morris
 Ryan Crampton Karina Budzinski Signe Swainson
 Sarah Dooley Teresa Janz
 Susan Heckbert

Regrets* Doreen Cummins Una McNeill

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Wrong agenda provided therefore no approval done

3. Approval of November 10, 2014 Minutes

Approved

4. Chair's Report

- Parent Involvement Grant (\$500) has arrived. Jennifer asked members to consider options for this money.
- Boston Pizza Night—Council agreed that we should have another BP night in the spring. Jennifer agreed to organize a date. In addition, BP is supporting an “earnback” program whereby anytime a family goes to BP and leaves their receipt in the box (with Henry Larsen written on it) it will be credited to our school. We will receive 10% back of all receipts left for the full year. (excluding taxes and alcohol) It is essential that the school name be written on the receipt and that it be placed in the box. BP is also authorized to provide hot lunches to schools so Margaux Wolfe is to be invited to a Council meeting to explain how their program works.

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

- Christine reported on the success of the holiday concert. The choirs and bands once again did a fabulous job. The teachers also performed a number at the morning show put on for the students.
- Christine reminded us of upcoming important registration dates:
 - Kindergarten registration week is January 26-30 (there will be an info night on January 22)
 - Middle French Immersion registration is February 17-23
 - Elementary School Transfer Period is February 9-20. It is important to note, that students must be registered at their “home” school prior to requesting a transfer. Students must meet certain criteria in order for a transfer to occur. Also to note, transportation is not provided for students not attending their local school.
- Christine provided Council with a manual from the Ministry called “Supporting Minds” . The pdf version of the manual is available on the Ministry website. The school social worker and psychologist did a presentation to staff based on this manual. It deals with moods, behaviours and strategies for recognizing and dealing with these behaviours. Christine and Kim Engelbrecht will be attending the ASSIST training program on suicide prevention.
- Jeremy reported on the Paul Davis social networking presentation to students and to parents. The sessions contained good messaging and were well-received and well-attended.
- A movie night was held for kids in Jk-Grade 4. About 50 students attended.
- The volleyball teams have had a successful season which is wrapping up this week.
- The Robotics Club for grades 7-8 is up and running. The students are programming robots for navigation. They currently have 3 kits that are in use at the club.
- Jeremy and Christine highlighted the success of the holiday store. It was very well received and a lot of fun. It was a great experience for the kids and creating a very positive community feeling. Jennifer thanked the school and school community for their support of this new initiative.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Mrs. Morris reported that the grades 6-8 will be having 3 activity days in January/February
- She also reported on the success of the holiday store.
- The Me to We club has started for students in grades 7-8. This is a social justice group who will raise funds for different causes throughout the year. They plan to attend the “We Day” at the Canadian Tire Centre.
- There were no requests for funds put forward.

7. Website Update

- Ryan reported that he is working with Jeremy to feed the HL Twitter account directly from the website.
- Site is updated as required.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Marcia provided her report.
- The holiday stored raised \$971 which was a great success. Although this was meant to be primarily for Council activities, a motion was put forward by Jennifer Pyne to transfer \$155 of this money to Henry's Cool Yard to cover the cost of a second Supperworks turkey dinner for a second raffle. This motion was seconded by Signe and all were in favour.
- The Council currently has over \$2000 which can be used for requests for support from teachers.

9. Fundraising

- Signe brought information about chocolate bar sales. This can be a lucrative fundraiser if successful. This fundraiser would go to Henry's Cool Yard funds. A letter of interest will be sent home in January to gauge how many boxes we may be able to sell. From that, a decision will be made as to whether we proceed or not. If we do, Mrs. Morris has offered up her class to assist with collecting funds and ensuring unsold stock is returned.
- Signed is working with the magazine folks to finalize what was raised through these sales.
- Melissa has volunteered to follow-up on the possibility of selling "stones" which would be engraved and then used in the school yard design. This was successfully done at another school.
- Julie B. has offered to follow-up with Meyers regarding their offer to test drive vehicles at our fun fair. She will determine, how many volunteers etc would be required.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- Teresa reported that a grant submission for \$25 000 was submitted to the Board. Along with this, Christine has offered to kick in \$5000 towards the yard development.
- A Honda grant for \$30 000 is almost ready for submission.
- Teresa reiterated that this is a slow, ongoing process. If we obtain at least one of the grants, we may be able to make changes as early as the spring.
- Jeremy will once again follow-up on a teacher rep to sponsor the butterfly garden.
- Fun Fair dates were proposed—looking at May 30 or June 6 (will verify with M and M for their availability)

11. Other Business

- Teresa reminded everyone to hold the date for February 19 for the Emotional Coaching Workshop. It will run from 6:30-9:30 pm.
- In order to avoid confusion, if someone needs to send a Synervoice message (phone call or email to all parents), please send the message to Jennifer who will send the request to Jeremy, Christine and Rose for processing.
- Any tweet requests can go directly to Jeremy and Christine.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.