



*HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*  
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## **Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, January 12, 2015**

**Chair:** Jennifer Pyne

**Secretary:** Julie Bisnath  
(for tonight's meeting)

<b>Attendance:</b>	Jennifer Pyne	Marcia O'Connor	Laura Ireland
	Jeremy Nowiski	Karina Budzinski	Melissa Britton
	Julie Bisnath	Una McNeill	Dianne Morris
	Ryan Crampton	Karen Stoddart	Signe Swainson
	Sarah Dooley	Tracey Smith	Hilda Yussy
		Dawn Scotts	Melody Currie

**Regrets\*** Nikki Lee, Teresa Janz,  
Christine Camus-Shepley  
Lisa Palmer

#### **1. Call to Order**

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

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved

#### **3. Approval of December 15, 2014 Minutes**

Approved

#### **4. Chair's Report**

- Boston Pizza Fundraising: Jennifer has sent out a school wide email---a second Boston Pizza Dinner Event will take place on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 5-9pm. Also, HL is now part of the Boston Pizza "earn back program". Receipts marked "Henry Larsen" and placed in the box at the hostess station will earn us 10% of each bill (excluding taxes and alcohol). All money raised will go towards School Council activities. Finally, a Hot Lunch Rep from Boston Pizza is scheduled to join us at the next council meeting to present hot lunch options. This should take about 10 minutes.

From Teresa:

- Potential Fun Fair dates were put forth; council members discussed the various options and decided on May 30th from 10-2pm. June 6th is the second choice. Jennifer will let Teresa know and will have her book M&M. Julie will contact Myers. Once the date has been confirmed by all, Jennifer will send out an email.
- HCY update: the Honda \$30 000 grant has been submitted, they will let us know whether it's been approved or not. The School Board \$25 000 grant has also been submitted and we should hear back at the end of January or early February. The next HCY meeting will be on Thursday, January 15th.
- The Emotional Coaching workshop is scheduled for Feb. 19th. So far, 12 participants have confirmed. Both email and paper reminders will be sent home.

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

- January 16th is report card writing day, reports go home Feb 4th (SK-grade 8). There are no scheduled interviews, if one is needed please contact the school.
- February 13th is a PD Day, no school for students.
- This Friday, MADD will present to grade 7 and 8 students on the effects of drinking and driving. The video "Aftermath" will be presented; parents can view the trailer online. The video is fairly graphic but realistic also, it is geared towards students in grades 7-12 and is shown across Canada.
- An EIP program for students in grade 7 will be starting up at HL. Jim Tapp will interview self- identified students to see if they would be a good fit for the program. Jeremy will be sitting in. It is an early intervention program for kids who have been exposed to various things at home or in the community. The discussion group will consist of 8-12 kids, and will focus on communication, problem solving etc. The group discussion is confidential--to within the limits. The goal is to empower students. Interviews will be held this week or next, the group should be up and running soon after. This program is run through the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Unit.
- On January 20th, Algonquin nursing students will be in to talk to the kids about healthy and active living. They will measure weight, height, hearing, and sight, as well as discuss nutrition and healthy eating. They were here last year, and will be in once a week to mid-February.

- The Concussion Management Policy is now on the board website for parents to review. At HL, several staff are trained in first aid and students are always brought to the office and dealt with by a trained first aider.
- Karla Szabo--(office administrator) has taken a promotion and is now at Queen Elizabeth. Donna O'Donnell, will fill in. Jeremy says Donna will be a great fit as she already has experience with our school.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> is Kindergarten Information Night. Jeremy and Christine will speak to parents. Feel free to send new families to this information session.

## 6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Grade 3 students along with Scott's class will be participating in the Swim to Survive program - three one hour sessions in a pool to learn how to survive an unexpected fall into deep water.
- The choirs are getting ready for the Kiwanis Music Festival. The Bands and choirs (4-8) are planning a trip to Toronto and on January 23<sup>rd</sup> the 4-8 choir students will be singing O Canada at the 67's game. We will be selling tickets for the low price of \$17. Choir members are free. We'd love to have a huge number of Henry Larsen Huskies to cheer us on and to watch the game with us. It's been loads of fun in the past.
- Winter activity days for grades 6/7/8 will be starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> and winter camp (overnight at MacSkimming) for all grade 7's is coming up. It's the start of basketball for all grade 5-8's. Rocks and Rings is coming to our school (teaching curling for all jk-6's) later in January. There will be dance workshops later in February
- Primary classes are having Scientist in School coming to Grade 1 to 3 in the upcoming weeks.

Topic: Ça bouge! Grade 2 (Simple Machines)

Topic: Les animaux : ruses et environnement Grade 1 (Animals)

Topic: Tours de force! Grade 3 (Movement)

- Crochet club will be taking place on Day 4 lunch hours and morning recesses for beginners and experienced "crocheters" in early February. The cost is \$5 for newbies: \$2.00 for ball of cotton yarn, and \$3.00 for #5 crochet hook. If a student already has a number 5 gauge crochet hook, then it will be only \$2.00 for the yarn. Our first project will be a facecloth. Students who are not beginners can come and work on

advanced patterns, and help new ones and each other. This will be open to 7 and 8s at first and then to grade 6 if there is room.

- Jr. Basketball try outs are beginning this week. Mr. C. is coaching the boys team and Mrs. Tinney is coaching the girls.
- Mrs. Ranger's grade 5's & Mrs. Tinney's grade 5 & 6's are going skating at Bob MacQuarrie next Tuesday.
- Mrs. Ranger's grade 5 and Mrs. Tinney's grade 5's are hoping to take part in the Junior Achievers 'Business Basics' workshop on the 27th - we are just waiting for it to be confirmed.
- Mrs. Tinney's gr. 5/6's and Mme Learned's grade 7/8's (and any other grades 3-8 Math Club members) will be taking part in the Caribou Math competition on this Wednesday.
- In my (Mrs. Morris) grade 7/8 Language class, we are doing some great critical thinking lessons from the Critical Thinking Consortium. We just finished one on raising doubts (we discussed the difference between being "cynical" and being "skeptical," and how to ask good questions about written and visual texts). These are great life skills in terms of their consumption of media, for example. Today, we started a lesson about honesty – particularly academic honesty. We started by doing an anonymous survey about what they think about certain scenarios that involve students cheating. It looks like it will be an interesting exercise!
- Mr. St. Onge submitted receipts of \$118.67 for the December school dance treats (pop and chips). Jennifer put forward a motion to reimburse Mr. St. Onge \$118.67, the motion was seconded by Signe. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.

## **7. Website Update**

- The December 2014 minutes still need to be put up. Jennifer will send Ryan the Emotional Coaching workshop info to post as well. There are no other updates.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

- Marcia provided her report.
- The December report shows 2 new income lines, \$762 total for the turkey raffle and \$28 for the Student Assist Fund (during the HL Holiday Gift Store , parents and teachers contributed to a fund for students who had not brought in spending money, \$28 is what remains.).

- \$952 is the total income from the HL Holiday Gift Store. A thank you poster or note is to be created to thank parents and also to indicate where money will go and how it will be spent.
- Jennifer reminded Mrs. Morris that teachers can submit funding requests.

## **9. Fundraising**

- Chocolate Sales: A letter to parents will be sent out to determine interest. Council members discussed various options and decided that the letter should have parents clearly indicate "yes/no" for interest and if "yes" then how many boxes would they like. A separate section will give parents the option to not sell chocolates but to make a direct donation to council instead. The letter will be sent out by the end of January.
- Stones: Melissa will follow up within the next couple of days and get back to council.

## **10. Henry's Cool Yard**

- The city grant will match up to \$7500. We can apply for this grant once we hear from the Board regarding the Board grant. The next step is to decide on a plan and then get quotes, etc.

## **11. Other Business**

- No other business.

## **12. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.

## **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.