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Henry Larsen Elementary School Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2015

Chair: Jennifer Pyne

Secretary: Teresa Janz
(for tonight's meeting)

Attendance:

Jennifer Pyne	Una McNeill	Melissa Britton
Jeremy Nowiski	Karen Stoddart	Signe Swainson
Julie Bisnath	Tracey Smith	
Ryan Crampton	Dawn Scott	
Christine Camus-Shepley	Lynne Pichette	
Teresa Janz	Doreen Cummins	

Regrets* Nikki Lee, Sarah
Dooley, Lisa Palmer,
Marcia O'Connor

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved

3. Approval of Jan. 20, 2015 Minutes

Approved

4. Chair's Report

- Presentation by Margaux Wolfe (Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Program)
 - Margaux brought samples of pizza
Hot Lunch Programme
 - Hot lunches could be 7 meal choices (pepperoni or cheese pizza, tomato penne, meat penne) and drink for 3.50; do not take care of distribution but are willing to package meals by class

- OR option 2: large 15' pizza cut into 8 to 12 pieces and cost is \$12.00, is a better option for larger groups or the whole school
- QUESTION: does it meet the healthy school lunch criteria? need to look into whether it is on the list.

Magic Dinners at BP

- Last Sunday of every month
- Next magic dinner Feb. 22, from 5 to 7pm at BP

March break programmes

- Crafts, food, 2 hrs
- Contact Margaux at BP

Superhero parties

- Spiderman and Cinderella Feb. 28
- March 21 batman and Snowwhite (march break)

- Boston Pizza Fundraising: ---a second Boston Pizza Dinner Event will take place on Monday, May 11th, 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. This activity is going very well and has been well received.
- Parent involvement Grant / Emotion coaching workshop
 - Voted and passed a motion to use \$100.00 for refreshments for the emotion coaching workshop evening from the Parent involvement grant
 - Doreen offered to supply Keurig coffee—people will bring coffee makers and the school has one
 - Type of food will be sweets/cheese/veggies/fruit
 - We have \$50.00 copy budget for handouts

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

Principal:

- Feb 9 to 20 is the student transfer period. Students wanting to transfer schools will apply to do so at this time.
- February 13th is a PD Day, no school for students.

- Family Day Monday the 16th
- Kindergarten registration: 10 JKs registered and 16 SKs
- March break is March 16 to 20
- Mrs. Ranger is leaving any day now on maternity leave. Plan is to hire a long-term occasional teacher –no teacher yet.
- A few handouts for the gifted class--it is going to be under review. All information will be posted on the web site. It will have FAQs to see if children's needs can be met with tiered interventions rather than in a special class. IEPs provide another area of support
- Feb. 17 is a board meeting where they will discuss this programme and any parent can go to that board meeting. If parents have questions they would need to register to be able to ask questions.
- Big increase in tech in school
 - We received: 7,000 tech funding for the school. There will be iPads and Google Chrome books for all grades purchased with this money

Vice Principal:

- Lots of things going on in the school
- Taking people on tours of the school and classes as they decide what school they want to send their children to
- MADD presented to grade 7 and 8 students on the effects of drinking and driving. The video "Aftermath" was 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. Kids listened, was an emotional presentation
- An Early Intervention Programme (EIP) for students in grade 7 will be starting up at HL. There were 11 students who identified. Jeremy said it has been a successful programme. Jim Tapp running programme and 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 focus on communication, problem solving etc. The group discussion is confidential-- within the limits. The goal is to empower students. This program is run through the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Unit.
- Jr and Senior boys and girls basketball is running now
- Winter activities happened last week and included camping, skiing, visit to Jacques Cartier park
- Hip Hop dance starts soon for the next two weeks
- Math competition soon

- Missoula coming soon (the acting group)
- Hydro presentation happened and was informative and interesting for students
- This week is kindness week—children are encouraged to do at least 3 random acts of kindness

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report –Mme Lynne Pichette (Grade 2)

- Movie night had 89 children. Rented a video through Montreal that cost about 60.00
- Was a lot of work for not a lot of \$\$ raised. Concerns over drinks (like water bottles) not being used. Children really enjoyed the movie and had a great time. Watched the movie because many had not seen it before
- Other ideas were provided to help with suggestions to make more money—pre order pizzas or slices of pizza, popcorn machine for later, pre order snacks or pay for snacks when there; raise the price of the tickets; invite families or give the option of individuals or families.
- Mme Pichette asked for \$372.00 in funding to be able to provide medals for the annual Marathon she organizes. This year it will be on June 19. Jen motion to approve, Teresa seconded it. Motion passed.

7. Website Update

- There are no other updates.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Jennifer provided the report for Marcia.

9. Fundraising

- Chocolate Sales: A letter to parents will be sent out today 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 provided an up date: 12 X 12 slabs cost about \$2.81 and engraving costs \$25 to \$30 each. The school charged \$115 for the stone. Convent Glen sold enough to do a small yard area. Not all have been installed yet.
- Rock Solid is the name of another company who may be able to get a better price. We will hear more from Melissa on this.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- The Honda \$30 000 grant was declined. The School Board \$25 000 grant was also declined. However, they said we will be considered for next year and we do not have to re-apply.
- 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.

Fun Fair May 30 from 10-2

- Fun Fair (FF) dates May 30th from 10-2pm
 - Community Use of School form (completed by Teresa and given to Bill Henderson at ocdsb) approved for Fri, May 29 from 6pm to 9pm; and for FF on May 30 from 8am to 4pm
 - M&M is booked.
 - Julie contacted Myers—to do the Drive for a Cause (through Laurie); will meet again in early April or before that to discuss details
 - Jeremy's parents will bring cotton candy again
 - Teresa has booked bubble bounce the bouncy castle and obstacle course (stropstacle, Atlantis bouncer, and people to run it, regulated by the [Technical Standards and Safety Authority](#) (TSSA), cost is 795.00\$ tax included
 - Teresa asked Alain to reserve military vehicles—he is looking into it
 - Una has asked for Tim Horton's community cruiser, Sparky (need to ensure a place for Sparky to get ready) from Ottawa Fire Services
 - Una also got confirmation that --Station #53 (500 Charlemagne Blvd.) to attend the Fun Fair at Henry Larsen School on Saturday, May 30th, 2015 at 1:00pm for a one hour truck visit.
 - Una also got the community cruiser (the fire safety house is a no go because they only do that during the week, not on weekends)
 - Lisa has agreed to make the map again.
 - Jen also got a signed senators jersey for the Fun Fair silent auction

- Fun Fair to do
 - Let Andy know about FF (custodians become available for that day)
 - Letter to parents to ask for donations for the silent auction—Teresa
 - Ask for permission from office to put a box to gather parent donations and send a letter to parents requesting donations
 - Create a letter for high school volunteers from Carine Wilson (suggested to put the notes on the cafeteria tables and encourage them to get their volunteer hours)

11. Other Business

- Computer lab is an issue: Concerns were raised and discussed about the computer lab. Computers take a long time to turn on and sometimes takes the entire period before they work
- The computer room is going to be dismantled eventually--phased out-- but will be kept until it is no longer working
- Board doesn't get \$\$ for tech but the previously mentioned \$7,000 will address this a bit
- Head phones also seem to be an issue

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, March 9th, 2015 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.
- There is also a meeting May 4 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned around 8pm.