



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

### **Minutes**

**Monday, April, 13 2015**

**Chair:** Jennifer Pyne

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

**Attendance:**

Jennifer Pyne	Marcia O'Connor	Laura Ireland
Jeremy Nowiski	Una McNeill	Signe Swainson
Julie Bisnath	Karen Stoddart	Hilda Yussy
Ryan Crampton	Tracey Smith	
Teresa Janz	Nikki Lee	

**Regrets\*** Christine Camus-Shepley

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

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 7:07pm.

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

Approved

#### **3. Approval of March 2015 Minutes**

Approved

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

##### **PRO Grant:**

- The follow up report for last year is underway. Jennifer is working with Christine to submit the application for next year; they still have a few weeks before the deadline. Preference goes to schools who did not receive a grant last year; also the preference is for a math theme. Jennifer has filled out the request for a math night, we can work with teachers to find a speaker, etc. We should know soon enough.

##### **Teacher Luncheon:**

- Friday, June 5th (PD day) has been booked. Last year we spent \$400. Jennifer suggests that we raise this to \$450 to allow for a little more room in the budget.

Jennifer proposes that we budget \$450, Teresa seconds, all in favour. Jennifer will put out a note and we can discuss ideas.

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

- The School Learning Plan focus is either literacy or numeracy--numeracy (problem solving) has been selected for our school, this year. Students will continue with problem solving (understand, plan, do, check) and posters have been put up around the school--one for primary and one for junior/intermediates to this effect. The goal is that students become more self-sufficient (problem solving is a life skill and used during lifelong learning). Division reps came up with specific problems for each group. There are many different ways to get to each answer. All students will be doing the same problems at the same time (similar to the gorilla example). Answers will be showcased around the school. Education week is coming up in May; parents will be invited to come in for a math lesson.
- A memo has gone out regarding a possible strike for secondary school teachers. The board has a number of provisions in place; no disruptions are anticipated at this point. Discussions and plans are being looked at....right now we need to wait and see.
- There have been many events and activities in and around school: the math club met at St. Pat's, the Honours band and choirs were at the Kiwanis music fest and did a great job; they came back with a few medals. Badminton tryouts are currently taking place.
- No funding requests, discussion regarding a possible request for chess boards.

### **Questions from council members:**

- Is there a dress code at the school? Jeremy says that he has spoken to grade 7 & 8 students. This is a provincial mandate. Most concerns are at the intermediate level. Shorts should be longer than half way up the thigh. No undergarments showing. A general rule is three fingers wide for tank tops (no spaghetti straps). This is for the child's best interest. Also, no flip flops.
- What is the school's policy regarding children who are not vaccinated? Upon enrolment, kids are asked to show their immunization cards.
- In the fall will we all have to show immunization cards? Jeremy will get back to us regarding what will happen in the fall. For illnesses that do come up, the school follows public health policies and closely monitors all situations.
- Who decides on transfer students? Both principals are involved in the final decision. Transfer periods are in February and June. The Student Transfer parent guide is on the board website.

Jeremy's understanding is that there are no other transfer times. Each case is highly specific and there are always many circumstances to consider.

-When school newsletters are posted to the website, could parents receive an email notification. Jeremy will follow up.

#### **6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report**

No report.

#### **7. Website Update**

No updates

Ryan will double check that Fun Fair date/time is posted on the website.

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

Marcia provided a detailed report.

- Parent involvement funds of \$413.22 remain in account, Jennifer put forward a motion to transfer this money to the Fun Fair, Ryan seconds, all agree.

#### **9. Fundraising**

##### **Chocolate Bar Campaign Update:**

- It has been a challenging campaign. Some boxes of chocolate bars will go back to the company, money remains to be counted. Signe will send an email to Jennifer when she knows more.
- Jeremy suggests that we re-think the process for next time...some wrinkles to iron out if we are to consider this again. The school received a flood of phone calls from unhappy parents..."we didn't know about this, what is this, how does this work?" Some kids did not take chocolates home, some chocolate bars were left in the bushes, kids handed them out freely, money was not brought back, money and bars do not match up. Signe reports that more volunteers would be needed for next year if we consider this again.

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

##### **Fun Fair Update:**

- The committee has selected games, and people/places to contact for the silent auction. We will try to get School of Rock and perhaps also contact Mr. Pretty for the school band. The fair will be held on **Saturday, May 30th 10-2pm rain or shine**. High school volunteers are needed, sign up genius will be up soon and flyers will be available.

- Myers update: They will provide a Camaro, Cruze, and two other vehicles. Test drives will last for five minutes and will follow a pre-determined route. The council will receive \$25 per test drive (up to \$3000). Council members are asked to spread the word and to recruit as many people as possible for test drives. Jeremy will provide white boards to help manage the wait list.
- Game suggestion: Nose picking game--Papier mache a huge nose, one nostril is slime, and one nostril is a little prize, kids have to reach into both. Nikki is going to make the nose.
- Pie in the face? Jeremy is considering!
- A brief Fun Fair meeting will take place immediately following tonight's council meeting.

### **11. Other Business**

Next meeting is May 4th, Jennifer will not be here. Meeting is cancelled.  
No other business.

### **12. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.

### **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.