



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

Principal:

- Christine brought samples of the medals and trophies to be presented at the HL “marathon” in the spring (Council sponsored)
- New Physical Education Curriculum: Staff did not have a preview of the new program. Two-day intense training will be available. There is a possibility that once this training has happened, a talk can be given to Council on the changes to the program.
- Projected enrollment for next year is 345 students (20 less than this year). This could translate into staffing changes depending on the true enrollment.
- School staffing is already being looked at for next year. Staffing allocation will be coming March 31. The school organization for next year will likely be presented to Council at the June meeting.
- Kindness presentations with Jennifer Snell and Honey (her dog) are ongoing. The presentations focus on empathy.
- The band and choir trips are being planned for the end of the year. A reminder was given that any parent that intends to participate on either of these trips needs to have a police check done. This can take up to 6 weeks so it is important to plan ahead if you want to supervise.
- Mrs. Ranger had her baby and Mr. Alvarez has been hired for her maternity leave. He has been an occasional teacher at HL so the kids were familiar with him.

Vice Principal:

- Many clubs are running right now including a newly formed crochet club. The chess and comic book club has also recently started up but due to the number of kids attending, extra chess sets are needed. If a family has a spare set they can donate to the school, please drop off in the office.
- Toonie Tuesday raised about \$400 to go towards helping kids in our board who are in need of support. To date this year, more than \$100 000 have been accessed from this fund to assist students across the board.
- Tell Them From Me Survey: The survey will once again be done at school by all students in grades 4-8. It will be done online and will be anonymous. The survey focuses on bullying and school safety in general. A letter will be sent home that can be returned if parents want their kids to opt out of the survey. The data is accessed quickly and trending will be done against previous surveys.
- The “Like a Girl” video was shown at an assembly for grades 4-8. It elicited a strong reaction from the students. The assembly also had a demonstration done by a girl in grade 6 who is a kickboxer. Additionally, a female “Ironman” triathlete spoke to the kids.

- There will be a bike safety presentation for all kids. Shanna Osbourne will be doing the presentation.

## **6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report –Dianne Morris**

- Junior Basketball teams (boys and girls) started their season this week.
- The next Caribou math competition is coming up. Mrs. Morris wanted to ensure that it was understood that grades 3 and 4 are also welcome to participate in these challenges.
- National “We Day” is being held at CT Centre. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 16000 students there to discuss social justice issues. Twenty students will be attending with Mrs. Morris. These students had to apply to attend.
- The Me to We club will be having 3 fundraisers in the coming months (hot dog days, spirit week (donate money or canned food to participate) and new Larsen wear). Money raised will go to help support the building of a school and to Henry’s Cool Yard. Food donations will go to the food cupboard.
- Math Olympics for grades 7-8 will be on Saturday April 11.
- English public speaking will be taking place in April.
- First Nations, Inuit and Metis network are holding an event to which 10 HL students will participate.
- Mrs Morris and Ms Engelbrecht are participating in a math network with other primary and secondary teachers. They are looking at how to facilitate the movement from primary to high school by using common language and the similar use of manipulatives. They have only attended one session to date.
- There were no requests for funding.

## **7. Website Update**

- There are no other updates.

## **8. Treasurer’s Report**

- Marcia provided her monthly report. We are currently running a balance of just over \$2800. We also have just over \$400 left from the Parent Involvement Grant which we will use before the end of the year.

## **9. Fundraising**

- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser: A letter was sent home asking for permission to send chocolates home to sell. Synervoice and 2 reminder emails were also sent home

reminding families that if they don't return the letter, chocolates will automatically be sent home. To date, we have received 150 forms back (about 2/3 of which declined the chocolate). Some people opted to make a donation instead of selling chocolates and over \$800 was raised in this way. Chocolate has been ordered and will be sent home on March 23.

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

- No update
- **Fun Fair**
  - Fun Fair (FF) dates May 30th from 10-2pm
  - No new updates since last meeting
  - A bin will be placed in the office starting on April 1 to collect donations of books and prizes.

#### **11. Other Business**

- None

#### **12. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7pm. It will be held in the school library.

#### **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.