



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

**Minutes**

**Monday, October 5, 2015**

**Chair:** Jennifer Pyne

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

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| <b>Attendance:</b> | Jennifer Pyne           | Natasha Theriault | Laura Ireland    |
|                    | Julie Bisnath           | Doreen Cummins    | Karina Budzinski |
|                    | Signe Swainson          | Tracey Smith      | Ryan Crampton    |
|                    | Christine Camus-Shepley | Dianne Morris     | Sarah Dooley     |
|                    | Mireille Filion         | Kathlene Allen    | Melissa Britton  |
|                    | Dawn Scott              |                   | Gillian Whichelo |

**Regrets\***

Una McNeill, Teresa Janz, Nikki Lee, Marcia O'Connor

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Approved

**3. Approval of September 2015 Minutes**

Motion to approve September 2015 meeting minutes by Ryan Crampton, seconded by Laura Ireland.

Approved

**4. Chair's Report**

- Jennifer reports that she has not been receiving Board Updates. Christine will contact Michèle Giroux and look into this.

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

Christine:

- Milk Program update: Thank you so much to parent council member Karina Budzinski who has volunteered to take over this program. It is scheduled to be starting up next week.
- Senior girls and boys touch football has begun, tournaments are booked for October 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Junior girls and boys soccer is also underway, teams will be selected tomorrow. Tournaments are booked for October 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Permission forms are ready to be distributed. Parent volunteer drivers will be required to transport the teams to the tournaments.
- Staff are willing to coach various teams and this time commitment is appreciated by all.
- Labour Relations Update: Educational support workers (library staff, office administration, custodians, EA, ECE, guidance, psychologists, and social workers) have been directed to withdraw certain services. Christine will forward the official update to Jennifer for distribution. Information can also be found on the OCDSB website.

Examples of struck work include the following:

- Office staff are not to call down students
- Office staff are not to unlock the main doors or buzz in visitors to the school- (doors will remain unlocked for now as it is not feasible for the Principal/Vice-Principal to be buzzing people in)

Christine reports that she is not stressed by these changes, that the atmosphere in the school is extremely positive.

- Follow up re: School Travel Planning Committee: Some time ago, a work order was submitted—unfortunately, the company selected has since gone bankrupt—thus the delay. Christine has contacted the Board rep and has also had Andy provide feedback. At no cost to us, the following work is to be done (hopefully in the next few weeks):
  - “No entry” sign to be relocated to increase visibility
  - 2 way entrance arrows to be repainted
  - Crosswalks to be repainted
  - New signs “No entry between 8-8:45am & 2:30-3:15pm” to be installed
  - Additional signage indicating visitor parking in the overflow lot

Next year, phase 2 of paving will also include having the overflow lot paved.

- Proposed Changes to FSL Program for the OCDSB: There is currently a consultation process underway—links (official OCDSB documents, parent survey, you tube video) can all be found on our school website.

- JK curriculum is currently 100% English (with 20 minutes of Core French per day). The proposed change is to have JK curriculum be 50% English and 50% French. This will hopefully increase awareness of the Early French Immersion program and make the transition easier for children.
  - A second proposed change is to have English Language Arts and English Math for all students in grades 1-12. Currently there is no English curriculum in grade 1. The change would see all grade 1 students having 1 hour/day of English Language Arts and 1 hour/day of English math. Currently, math is taught in French for grades 1-3, the proposed changes would have all students learn math in English from grades 1-12.
  - Council member question: What is the catalyst for these changes? Christine indicates that early identification of learning difficulties would be easier.
  - General discussion regarding the proposed changes took place. Christine states that even with these new changes, the number of instructional French hours still exceeds the provincial minimums for EFI.
  - Jennifer confirms that the links noted above will be sent to all parents.
- The school now has a new Twitter account: @henrylarsene. Please follow to receive updates on events and activities.

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

- Students had a fantastic day at the Cross Country meet, many thanks to Christine, Mireille, and all of the volunteers. Two intermediate students qualified for Board finals and several grade 6 students finished in the top 20.
- Choir and bands are up and running, the grade 6 band will perform during the Holiday Concert in December.
- Math club will start up this week. Caribou math competition begins next week. Christine has again agreed to pay for the school wide pass. Parents can google Caribou Math for more information and/or to see practice tests.
- Dianne has made a contact via Linkcrew for high school students to provide the music (DJ services and dance demonstration) for our school dances. Their services are anticipated to be free of charge for the first dance, but a donation would be required for subsequent events. (to be confirmed)
- Labour Relations Update: with regards to office staff being unable to call students down to the office, teachers remind parents to use the agenda and they will do their best to try and remember to send the student down.
- Show & Tell: Dianne has brought examples of a grade 7/8 math problem with student solutions and examples of a language activity. Parents are welcome to take a closer look following the council meeting.

## **7. Website Update**

- Ryan and Mireille will work towards linking the Twitter feed onto the school council website.

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

- Marcia is away, there's no report tonight.

## **9. Fundraising**

- Norcard and QSP Magazine orders have gone out. Number of Norcard orders placed thus far is to be determined. One large QSP order will be placed next week.
- Chapters event will take place on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9pm at the Silver City location. Volunteers will hand out promo codes to be used by patrons in the store. Council will either receive 10% of sales in cash back or 15% of sales in gift cards. Council will have a table set up. Council member suggestion that we try to book Chapters on Rideau for a Saturday event. Signe will look into this possibility.
- "Bag to School" collection of used clothing, shoes, purses, belts tentatively booked for pick up on November 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Council will receive \$200 per ton of clothes. Council will advertise in the neighbourhood. Bag drop off to take place Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm and Saturday morning starting at 9am.

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

- Teresa will call a meeting as soon as possible.
- Committee member question: What are the next steps? HCY has ~\$32000, enough to start a project.
- Christine notes that we will be receiving two new benches in the kinder yard—hopefully soon.
- Discussion regarding the "Friendship Bench"; when children sit on the bench others know to invite and include them in play.

## **11. Other Business**

- Monster Mash will take place Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for approximately 160 kids. Mr. Pretty will have the band play music. Currently there are 6 volunteers signed up, Jennifer is still looking for a few more. We will also require several student volunteers to help with games. Mme. Joanne will coordinate the groups. Most of the shopping/planning is done. Dawn will provide 200 cupcakes.
- Pizza forms are going home this Thursday, money will be collected until next Thursday. A team of parent volunteers will take over the pizza duties for now.

## **12. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, November 9th 2015 at 7pm.

### **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.