



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

### **Minutes**

**Monday, April 11, 2016**

**Chair:** Jennifer Pyne

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

**Attendance:** Jennifer Pyne Marcia O'Connor Ryan Crampton  
Julie Bisnath Doreen Cummins  
Signe Swainson Dianne Morris  
Christine Camus-Shepley Melissa Britton  
Mireille Filion Katy Gale  
Dawn Scott Tracy Smith

### **Regrets\***

Una Mcneil  
Teresa Janz  
Hilda Fussy

Laura Ireland  
Gillian Wichelo  
Katrina Budzinski

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

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 7:06pm

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

Approved

#### **3. Approval of March 2016 Minutes**

Approved

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

- PRO Grant: Jennifer has filled out the application form for Christine to review. The topic options for next year are Math Night or Safe & Inclusive Schools. The final application will be submitted in May.

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

Christine:

- Christine reports that she has nothing new to share at this point with regards to the staffing structure for next year. The school has only just received the teacher allocation report late last week. Information regarding Educational Assistants will only be available at a later date. Christine will be able to share more information with council during the May meeting.
- New changes to the French Immersion program will take effect this September. JK will now be 50% French and 50% English. Grades 1, 2, & 3 will now have an hour of math in English per day. These changes will have a ripple effect throughout the school. This will be one of the biggest years for impact. Christine and Mireille will work out the details and have more news at the next council meeting.
- A Secondary School Program Review is currently being done by the Board. Information is available on their website. Several in-person community consultations have been scheduled as well as an online meeting. A synervice will be sent out and a summary document will be circulated parents.
- The Board does a volunteer appreciation reception every year, this year it will be held on June 8th at Confederation HS from 6:30-8:30. Christine will put up the invitation posters.

Mireille:

- Mireille will be meeting with the web developer on May 3rd, she may be able to do updates after the next meeting.

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

- June 9th will be the Terry Fox run, more details to be announced
- English public speaking contest is this Wednesday
- Day of Pink is this Wednesday
- Kim Engelbrecht, Carrie Learned, and Dianne Morris are in a math club at CW with other local teachers to problem solve, discuss teaching strategies, and promote the use of common math language.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> is the MacSkimming outing for primary students, Symphony for Schools outing for juniors, and the school-wide Math Night.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon is a dance for grades 6, 7, and 8.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Bike Rodeo for primary students.
- Mini enrichment courses for grade 8 students are coming up in May

- The last Caribou Math contest will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>
- The University of Waterloo Gauss math contest is coming up as well on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A Bioblitz at MacSkimming (over night) is also coming up
- Badminton is taking place right now
- The Hudson-Sargent relay for grades 6, 7, and 8 is coming soon.
- Track and Field coming up.
- BBQ lunch is underway
- Microscopes have come in (4—purchased with council funds)
- Prior to the HL Marathon, a display will be made featuring last year's event, trophy and medals for this year have arrived. The HL Marathon will take place June 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers have two funding requests:

- Kim Engelbrecht would like to purchase fidgets for use by all students. She is requesting \$427.96 for 6 different sets.  
Question regarding how she would keep track of the fidgets: Kim will have a system in place to track them.
- Mme. Pichette has put forward a student request on behalf of grades 2, 3, & 4 to replace the hockey nets which are used every day. The current set is in need of replacement. A set of two would cost \$125.75 plus tax.

Math Night:

- We have had 45 families (147 individuals) respond. Dianne has emailed Gabriel's Pizza regarding the price. It will likely be a ticket system with cheese, pepperoni, and vegetarian pizza options and water to drink.
- A good cross section of grades will be in attendance:
  - 56 kinder to grade 2
  - 30 grade 3-5
  - 61 grade 6-8
- There have been four requests for babysitting--babysitters have been contacted and will be paid that evening.
- Mireille has a group of high school students who will be on hand to help with set up.

## 7. Website Update

No updates.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

Marcia provided a detailed report of existing funds.

Income:

- \$20.63 from QSP
- \$185.00 from the Broadway fundraiser
- \$7.50 from a HCY donation
- \$278.50 from Norcard

Expenditures:

- \$429.64 for HL marathon medals
  - \$987.90 for Chrome books, etc.
  - \$904.67 for the library arctic studies cart
  - \$586 for primary winter play
  - \$124 for primary outdoor play
  - \$116.50 for SK printer ink
- Reserve Funds: \$610 for school council and \$1593 for HCY.
- Vessey's profit is just over \$1000, bulbs should be available for spring planting.
- Another Broadway night is planned for tomorrow.
- Jennifer is waiting to hear from Boston Pizza regarding a possible second night.
- Purdy's profit is \$361.34. The rest of the chocolate has been covered anonymously and donated to The Mission.
- Signe has looked into doing a Chapter's event at the Rideau street location--at the request of a council member. This is an option, but not very feasible given the street closures, parking troubles, etc. Do we want to book another night? Council member asks about Coles in the mall. Signe will look into this. Council discusses that the main Chapters location (Silver City) is better, larger, more customers, toys and Starbucks. The week before Father's Day was suggested.
- The approximate school council funds are \$2200

The following items were voted on:

- Request by Kim Engelbrecht for 6 sets of fidget toys
  - \$427.96
  - Motion: Jennifer; Second: Signe; Passed

- Request by Mme. Pichette for hockey nets
  - \$142
  - Motion: Mary; Second: Ryan; Passed

## **9. Fundraising**

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

## **11. Other Business**

Council request to Christine: Can we remind parents to pay their fees? For example, the music program is maybe losing out? More parents are choosing to use the school's instruments rather than rent which puts a strain on the music budget. Christine says she will talk to Mr. Pretty.

Spring Concert: date tba

## **12. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7pm

## **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.