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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2016**

Chair: Jennifer Pyne

Secretary: Kate Smith

Attendance:	Jennifer Pyne	Karina Budzinski	Laura Ireland
	Melissa Britton	Teresa Janz	Karen Stoddart
	Kate Smith	Christine Millette	Dianne Morris
	Signe Swainson	Mireille Filion	Tracey Smith
	Ryan Crampton	Christine Camus-Shepley	
	Tara Previl	Hilda Fussy	

Regrets*

Una McNeil	Dawn Scott
Marcia O'Connor	Doreen Cummins
Julie Bisnath	

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

3. Approval of September 2016 Minutes

- Motion to approve by Melissa Britton, seconded by Tracey Smith. All in favour. Motion approved.

4. Chair's Report

- Parent Reaching Out Grant: The theme this year is “Inclusive Schools”. Jennifer spoke with Mark Hatfield, who is keen to do it. He charges \$500/hr. We will discuss this further during the November council meeting to see if there are any other suggestions. If not, we will schedule the “Safe and Inclusive Schools” for a time in the spring.
- There is an issue with cars parking in front of the school. Although Marcia O’Connor gave regrets for tonight’s meeting, Jennifer said Marcia would be happy to write a letter regarding parking and U-turns.
- Jennifer said Christine (Principal) looked into a lockbox in the office for the Parent Council. The school will not be liable for stolen money but we can have a lockbox. We can look into modifying a slot to have a lockbox put on.

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

Christine:

- Staffing update: A previous staff member, Heather Rickhart, who was working 43% on contract, got offered a full-time position in Kanata and has since left Henry Larsen. There is a new 43% staff named Kaitlin Hussey who will be teaching Grade 1 math and arts with BIP
- Monster Mash – Mr. Pretty has agreed to do the haunted house.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - a flier will be going out with timing and details.
- Progress Reports are coming out on Nov 10. Parent/Teacher interviews will be taking place on Nov 17 and the morning of Nov 18.
- Gifted Program Review – Committee of the whole plan to make changes to the gifted program. Christine will bring it forward once complete.
- OCDSB Director Jennifer Adams visited the school and visited most classrooms. She was impressed with the new play structure.

Mireille:

- On October 20th, the entire school participated in a presentation by John Dunn—Arctic Explorer (Jdunn@arcticlight.com). His focus is on the environment and climate change. He answered a lot of questions. It was very good. In 2017 he will be doing another expedition the way Henry Larsen did. He talked about a mistake they made not dressing appropriately and fixed this issue. The lesson being we all make mistakes but we can learn from them and fix them.

- All Grade 3 students participated in “Swim to Survive” which is a basic swim class.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report --Dianne Morris

- WE day is happening Nov 9 for Grade 7 & 8. There are 36 students attending at the Canadian Tire Centre. The line up has not been released yet.
- Rafiki (glass bead) bracelets fundraiser will be starting. We purchase the bracelets for a cost, and add a fundraiser fee
- Honey Fundraiser is being moved from the Fall to the Spring. In support of Produce/Buy Local, they will be getting the honey from there.

Activities:

- Volleyball has started in the gym.
- Football has finished. The boys won gold and the girls lost in the semis.
- Band and choir have started
- Mr. St. Onge will be taking Grade 6/7/8 to University of Ottawa on November 2 to meet the Olympians and Para-Olympians. They will participate in games and co-operation games.
- Mid November the presentations will start for high schools. Dec 8 Carine Wilson will be coming. Canterbury and Colonel By are also planning to come. It will be discussed at parent/teacher interviews.

Hot Lunch Programs:

- Wing C kids got new lunch forms. Blue is for pizza, green is for Shawarma.

7. Website Update

- Ryan has no updates to report. If anyone would like to contribute a post, Ryan would be happy to include it on the site.

8. Treasurer’s Report

- \$250 given for John Dunn presentation
- \$50 for donation to cool yard
- \$500 parent involvement
- We received \$400-500 from simply giving forms.
- Request from Mrs. Dunn for \$800 for Forrester Reading which is for Grade 4-8. It is a French/English fiction/non-fiction books. The children vote on their favourite books. The books are then put into circulation. Parent Council voted. Jennifer Pyne 1st/Signe Swainson 2nd. Vote passed.
- Grade 6/7/8 Dance – asked Parent Council for \$350 for the whole year. They will use the money to purchase pop and chips for the canteen. All the money raised will go towards

the physical education equipment. Parent Council voted. Jennifer Pyne 1st/Teresa Janz 2nd. Vote passed.

- The Student Council pays a lot in bank charges with TD due to the high volume of deposits. Kate will be looking into other banks with no fee options.

9. Fundraising

- \$188 was made at Boston Pizza Night.
- Catalogue fundraiser finishes this week.
- Bag 2 School: Signe will be November 18 and 19. Bags to go home right after Halloween
- Chapters: Scheduled for Nov 16.
- Broadway restaurant fundraiser scheduled for Nov 28.
- Samko & Miko toy sale fundraiser at Ernest Young Centre from Nov 9-13. Have the receipt stamped and Henry Larsen will receive 10% of sales.
- Purdy's fundraiser to take place in December.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- Kids like the new play structure. No other news.

11. Other Business

Monster Mash:

- A Halloween event for students in grades K-5. Mr. Pretty will be doing the haunted house this year. One craft will be bats on a silver moon, another will be thumb print spiders and webs. Melissa will be doing the Escape Room with 6 challenges with timers. Lots of volunteers doing cupcake donations and lots of volunteers for set-up and the event. We can not set up on Saturday due to Basketball in the gym.

Holiday Store – Doreen Cummins is setting up volunteers and wants us to pick a day. It will be done in the multipurpose room. Donations from parents. The kids get to buy stuff and have it wrapped. This will be happening the week of December 5-9.

Body Break Room – It is a sensory room that is timed. It teaches the children self-regulation. There are tents, trampolines, calm activities, moon sand, low lights, egg chair and puzzles.

Secure School Incident last week – Doors to the classroom were locked, blinds down. No one could leave the classroom or go to the washroom or get water.

Fire Drill – there was one fire drill done last week.

Lock Down Practice coming. A lock down is when all the lights are out and everything stops and the children must stop everything. If the student is in the washroom when a lock down

occurs, they are told to climb on the toilet or try to get to the closest classroom. Once doors are locked no one is allowed in.

Melissa asked if there was any feedback on the pizza. We have only heard positive feedback from the kids.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, November 14 2016 at 7pm

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.