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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2017**

Chair: Signe Swainson

Secretary: Kate Smith

Attendance: Signe Swainson Mireille Filion Dianne Morris
Kate Smith Marcia O'Connor Nikki Lee
Julie Bisnath Teresa Janz Ryan Crampton
Melissa Britton Hilda Fussy Karina Budzinski

Regrets* Christine Camus-Shepley
Jennifer Pyne

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Signe Swainson at 7:08pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Ryan/Teresa - Approved

3. Approval of March 20, 2017 Minutes

- Melissa/Ryan – Approved with the grammatical change of HR to HL (Henry Larsen) in 11. Other Business. “This spawned a larger discussion on how to bring the parents into the school to participate. **HL (Henry Larsen)** could host a multicultural night, with families bringing foods from their culture to share.”

4. Chair's Report

- Parent Reaching Out Grant: The theme this year is “Inclusive Schools”. Confirmed for May 29 with Betsy Mann who is an anxiety coach for a 2-hour workshop. Betsy is a certified Canadian Educator (www.parentsmatter.ca). Babysitting will be offered.
- Suggestions for PRO for next year – one of the favored themes is demonstrating the importance of art to students. Everyone liked the idea of Paint Night.

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

Christine was absent, so Mireille gave the report.

- Started staffing for September last week. Trying to figure out positions. It is a long process.
- School learning plan is on-going. DPA (Daily Physical Activity) for Kindergarten is focusing on the difference in secs/mins/hours. Older grades are focusing on averages of classes and gathering data.
- Thurs, March 23 – Grade 7/8 have a presentation with Rideauwood regarding the use of drugs and alcohol – MADD Presentation. What decision can I make about people who I am around, who are impaired? Grade 6's have a presentation about anxiety and influences going to high school. Talk to staff about mental health. 10 Grade 8 to communicate with them about social anxiety. Looking at bringing in Algonquin students and using fidget gadgets.
- Pink Day – Wednesday, April 12 – International Day of Pink. Antibullying and Gender Equality Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear Pink, Red or White.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report - Dianne Morris

- Thursday, April 13 – English Public Speaking Competition for Grade 4-8.
- Thursday, April 20 – Grade 4-8 – Junkyard Symphony (\$2/student)
- Badminton – teams have been picked for boys and girls
- Spring Concert is April 27
- May 1-5 is the Book Fair for Scholastic Readers
- Thurs, May 4 is Snuggle up & Read
- Trophies for Grade 1-8 for Marathon cost \$509.97. The parent council was asked to pay for the full amount. There was an in-depth conversation. The trophies have been purchased. 2 trophies/grade (boy/girl). 2nd & 3rd place get a medal. 4th-8th place get a ribbon. This is the 3rd year we paid for it. The first year it was \$372, the second year it was \$429. Unfortunately, the parent council was not given a heads up to request for payment, and they also did not have it in their annual budget. Parent Council has added a discussion about adding trophies to our reserve fund budget for next year. The council voted to pay 50% of the cost of the trophies for this year and to revisit at the end of the year to see if we can cover more.

7. Website Update

- No updates.

8. Treasurer's Report

- See excel for breakdown of money distribution.
- Parent Involvement Fund is at \$500. Marcia wanted to know where it was to be allocated to. The council believed it should be for the Fun Fair, but all were in agreement, Jen would verify when she is back, where it has gone in the past.

9. Fundraising

- Easter Purdy – \$427
- Vesey bulbs – due in May and will be approximately \$800
- Boston Pizza – Fundraiser night on May 31
- Bags 2 School – April 19 & 20 (3pm-8pm) and pick-up April 21 at 10am
- Fun Fair is scheduled for May 13.
 - Everything is coming along well. Teresa to set up sign-up genius for volunteers. Everyone to ask direct sales for donations.

10. Henry's Cool Yard Update

- Form 700 has been started
- Nikki and Ryan will get on them to get them finished.

11. Other Business

- Nikki suggested a class for parents to teach their children the value of credit.
- Diane had asked for “Dollars & Cuts” program to come in. Grade 8 – budgeting for the future and Grade 7 – Business (Entrepreneurial) oriented.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, May 8 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.