



HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2017**

Chair: Jennifer Pyne

Secretary: Kate Smith

Attendance: Jennifer Pyne Mireille Filion Dianne Morris
Kate Smith Marcia O'Connor Nikki Lee
Dawn Scott Signe Swainson Ryan Crampton
Julie Bisnath Una McNeil Christine Camus-
Melissa Britton Teresa Janz Shepley

Regrets* None

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Pyne at 7:08pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Nikki/Signe - Approved

3. Approval of January 16, 2017 Minutes

- Signe/Nikki - Approved

4. Chair's Report

- Parent Reaching Out Grant: The theme this year is "Inclusive Schools". Confirmed for May 4 with Betsy Mann who is an anxiety coach for a 2 hour workshop. ****UPDATE – the date has been changed to Monday, May 29**** Betsy is a certified Canadian Educator (www.parentsmatter.ca). There will be information coming out early April with request for sign-up and 1 week notice required if needed to cancel. Jennifer will ask Betsy about books she may have. Babysitting will be offered. Signe will volunteer her daughter to babysit. Kate to look into acquiring 50 cups of coffee (with cups/cream/sugar/stir sticks).

- March 2 – Internet Safety – 1 hour info night, which is free to attend. This did not happen. Going to ask to postpone for fall.

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

Christine

- 4th new hire (David Chalk) – 43% contract who will teach math and arts.
- School organization for April – intense time of year planning for this fall. The projection for Sept/17 is 360 students. There were 346 students enrolled in Sept 2016.
- Proposed elementary calendar is posted on the website. It still requires approval from the Ministry, but as of now – Christmas/New Year’s Dec 22-Jan 8, March break always includes March 14. Sept 5 is 1st day of school. June 28 is last day of school.
- SLP Math Initiative – 4 different math problems, designed for age levels (kindergarten, Gr 1&2, Gr 3-5, Gr 6-8). Observe the strategies used. Kids will have the opportunity to come back and look at how other students solved the same problem. There will be other problem solving initiatives – science, Phys-ed & Health.
- School agenda/parent info. Mireille has a draft copy. Any parent interested in giving feedback, is welcome to a copy.
- Thurs, March 23 – Grade 7/8 have a presentation with Rideauwood regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. Grade 6’s have a presentation about anxiety and influences going to high school.
- Fri, March 24 – Dental Hygienist coming to the school to look at kindergarten & Grade 2 kids.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report - Dianne Morris

- Badminton has begun.
- Wing C lunch orders for pizza and shawarma have gone home.
- Gr 4-8 are working on their speeches.
- March 28/29 is Kiwanis Choir

7. Website Update

- No updates.

8. Treasurer’s Report

- See excel for breakdown of money distribution.

9. Fundraising

- Easter Purdy – Slow sales
- Vesey bulbs - \$1377 in sales. HL receives 50% of sales.
- Fun Fair is scheduled for May 13.

- M&M has agreed to do the bar bq.
 - School of Rock is confirmed.
 - Ice Cream truck is confirmed.
 - Donations – Walt Disney tickets, Senators memorabilia, Furry memorabilia, Boston Pizza, Champions.
 - Bouncy castle, obstacle course
 - Kate to look into Drive for a Cause with Ford, Lincoln, Myers, BMW
 - Fun fair meeting on March 26 @ Teresa's house
- Boston Pizza – Fundraiser night on May 31

10. Henry's Cool Yard Update

- Forms have not gone in yet. There is ~\$21000 in the cool yard fund. There is a standing order with the company who did the play structure so they can have benches that match.
- Looking at Nature Outdoor Classroom with boulder seating. Looking at the location where the baseball diamond used to be.
- Form 800 for outdoor class room and form 700 for 2 benches needs to be completed.

11. Other Business

- Parent Outreach Program – discussion for possible grant applications for fall 2017
 - Kate proposed donating her time to teach kids how to cook ½ day/week. Christine pointed out many issues – needs to be after school. Insurance issues. Safety issues. Liability issues. 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. Different types of dances. Another suggestion is to hold a cooking school at Loblaws, although Loblaws cannot guarantee nut-free.
- Spring Concert is scheduled for April 27
- Teresa to contact FunScripts and Lunch Lady to request donation checks.
- Chair for next meeting, as Jennifer will not be here. Signe will do it.

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, April 10 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.