



*HENRY LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL*  
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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 8, 2017**

**Chair:** Jennifer Pyne

**Secretary:** Kate Smith

**Attendance:** Jennifer Pyne Mireille Filion Dianne Morris  
Signe Swainson Marcia O'Connor Laura Ireland  
Kate Smith Teresa Janz Ryan Crampton  
Melissa Britton Dawn Scott Karina Budzinski  
Christine Camus-Shepley

**Regrets\*** Julie Bisnath  
Hilda Fussy  
Una McNeil

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Approval of April 10, 2017 Minutes**

Christine clarified that the request for trophy reimbursement was simply a request for support and that the cost would have been paid for by the school if Council was not able to support it.

**4. Chair's Report**

- Parent Reaching Out Grant: The theme this year is "Inclusive Schools". Confirmed for May 29 with Betsy Mann for a 2-hour workshop. Betsy is a certified Canadian Educator ([www.parentsmatter.ca](http://www.parentsmatter.ca)). Babysitting will be offered. 22 or 23 confirmed. Dawn doing desserts. Kate getting coffee. Julie got list of books from Betsy. Ms. Dunn has the list and we will buy some of the books for library and some for give aways that night.

- 2017/2018 application is due this week. Jen put it in for “Paint Night” where they can do it with the family. Dawn will get the phone number for the woman who did paint night at Garlic King. In the application, Jen asked for \$1000 (\$750 for supplies, \$200 for speaker, \$50 for refreshments). We will try to do this in the fall. Talk to Ms. Pichette about where she got her paint supplies. Dollar store said they would maybe able to give discount on supplies.

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

Christine gave Principal’s report.

The school is moving to a Balanced School Day as of September 2017. We are 1 of 2 elementary schools remaining in the Board which are currently not on a Balanced School Day. The Time Allocation Model determines how many minutes have to be taught for each subject. We must be teaching Math in 60 minute blocks of Math every day in September 2017. Given the fact that the vast majority of schools in the OCDSB are currently already following the Balanced Day model and based on our current timetable of 50 minute periods, we would not be able to meet this Time Allocation Model criteria effectively therefore, moving to Balanced Day makes sense.

The model is structured around 2 nutrition breaks and 2 outdoor play times:

2 hour block of instructional time  
 25 minutes of outside recess  
 20 minutes nutrition break  
 2 hour block of instructional time  
 30 minutes outside recess  
 15 minutes of nutrition break  
 1 hour block of instructional time

Advantages: accommodates for two large blocks for sports, band, clubs, library helpers and choir practices. With more balanced outdoor time throughout the day, it makes it less problematic for productive and positive socializing and less potential for conflicts to arise. Less transitions for students, changing of clothing for outdoor time and less lost instructional time. Students are already in classrooms ready for instructional time right after recess.

Disadvantages: Outside time is reduced from 70 minutes to 55 minutes, however DPA and physical education are provided regularly throughout the schedule.

Our Grade 5/6 Congregated Gifted EFI class is being collapsed for September 2017, meaning that we will only have a Grade 7/8 Congregated Gifted EFI class at Henry Larsen in September. This change is due to there being more referrals for autism classes and behaviour intervention program system classes throughout the OCDSB. 4 Gifted classes were closed for September and 4 Autism and BIP classes are being opened for September throughout the Board.

The roof repair is ongoing.

Someone asked when the playground was going to open. Christine said she will check with the site supervisor. Wood damage by plowing over the winter. Christine will ask about getting this fixed.

Mireille gave VP report.

EQAO (Standardized testing) May 23-June 5 for Gr 3 and Gr 6. Supply teachers will sit in on classes. Due to the number of split classes, supply teachers will be called in to be with the part of the class not writing the test as whoever teaches the English or math must stay with the students writing the test. There is 4 hours block for language and 2 hour block for math. Announcements will not be made at 8:30am, they will be at 10:25am and the schedules will be moved around to accommodate.

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

- Jr. Choir and Glee Club – vocal workshop on Wed
- Goss Math Test this week
- Wed – Tier 1 Sr. Badminton tournament
- Thurs – Grade 8’s showing Arctic fair projects.
- Fri – Grade 8’s going to Cairine Wilson linking event. Relay for Life. The Relay runs from 12pm to 12am. The Gr. 8’s are going 11am to 2pm. The leaders do games with grade 8. \$2 donation requested from each kid...total \$100 donated.
- Primary to Grade 3 have Bike Rodeo on Friday.
- Honours Band Trip to Nationals in Niagara Falls.
- Thurs Gr 1-3 go to Agricultural Museum
- Gr 1-6 are looking at art May 24/25
- Kindergartens going to Agriculture Museum on May 24
- May 31 – Hudson Sergeant Relay
- Millennium Park – Gr1-3, June 2
- Gr 6/7/8 – June 7 – Regional Track Meet
- May 25 – Tentative Kindergarten Night

## **7. Website Update**

- No updates.

## **8. Treasurer’s Report**

- See excel for breakdown of money distribution.
- The last Bags to School netted \$200.
- Only outstanding fundraiser for Council is the Boston Pizza Night which usually brings in around \$100
- Only outstanding requests are the 10 stands @ \$60 each and to pay the outstanding amount on the medals and trophies. At June meeting we will decide what to do with the extra \$.
- Marcia confirmed remaining funds from the Lunch Lady that normally go to Henry’s cool yards will now go to council.

- Marcia reminded Council that at the February 13 meeting, it was agreed that the \$500 we received for parent involvement would be applied to the sound mixer which is used at events regularly attended by parents. (\$500 from Parent Involvement, \$1193.87 from Council)
- Fun Fair is scheduled for May 13.
  - We need to have more volunteers sign up
  - Confirmed that we need to use employees from the rental company to run the bouncy castle and the obstacle course.
  - McDonald's is providing ice.
  - Mme Joanne donating DQ cake for cake raffle.
  - Flying Squirrel donating stuff
  - Cake walk might be just a cake raffle.

### **9. Henry's Cool Yard Update**

- No updates

### **10. Other Business**

- June 9 is Staff Coffee Break (on PD Day). Potluck for food donations.

### **11. Next Meeting**

- The next council meeting will be Monday, June 12 @ 7pm.

### **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.