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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2018**

Chair: Melissa Britton

Secretary: Jennifer Pyne (for this meeting)

Attendance:

Kate Smith	Melissa Britton	Tara Previl
Dawn Scott	Mireille Filion	Jennifer Pyne
Ryan Crampton	Tracey Smith	Fatima Humayun
Dianne Morris	Julie Bisnath	Saalem Humayun
Christine Camus-Shepley		

Regrets* Marcia O'Connor

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of January 2018 Minutes – Kate/Tracey – approved with corrections to the dates.

4. Chair's Report

- A babysitter was brought in to care for 5 children during the meeting. This was a successful endeavor so will continue for other meetings in hopes that others will attend our meetings and take advantage of this service.
- Jennifer reported on the success of the Paint Night which was supported through the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant from the Ministry of Education. Approximately 22 families attended and positive feedback was received. The final report has been supported back to the Ministry.

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

- Report cards will be sent home on February 14.
- February 16 is a PD day. Staff will spend half the day on numeracy (the School Learning Plan has a focus on math) and half the day on health and safety.
- February 19 is Family Day so the school is closed.
- Tooney Tuesday is February 27—in exchange for a donation of a tooney, students can wear a crazy hat or have crazy hair. All funds raised go to the Education Foundation which provides extra funding to assist students. Assistance can be in many forms including things like paying for field trips, purchasing eye glasses and assisting with lunches. Christine indicated that she had never been refused funds when requested.
- Coffee House will be on February 22. A flyer was sent home with all students.
- Valentine's Day is formal dress day for the students if they wish to participate.
- Individual Education Plans have a new format. It is now an online system and staff had their training on the new system last week.
- Capital Region Music Fest and Jazz Fest are coming up.
- Kindness presentations took place last week with all grades. Teddy, the dog, attended.
- Rocks and Rings (gym floor curling) will be coming to the school next week
- Online Cash continues to present some challenges. If parents have any feedback they would like to share, they are invited to contact Mireille or Rose in the office. Any problems with using the system should also be reported.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Grade 7 students will be going to MacSkimming this week for an overnight trip. Due to the number of split classes, the grade 6 and 8 students will be combined into various classes and schedules for the affected days have been shared with them.
- The We Club will be participating in "We Are Silent" day where they will not speak to stand up for those that don't have a voice. The focus of their participation will be on child labour and child soldiers. Club members will participate for the full day and others can join them for part or all of the day.
- English public speaking is coming up soon. While it is not a requirement, some teachers use it as a part of the curriculum. In other classes, students have the option of participating or not.
- For this year, the use of funds raised through things like pizza lunches have been shifted away from technology and toward the class room. As a trial, a standing desk has been purchased for each of the grade 6/7/8 classrooms. If the experience is positive, more desks may be purchased in the future. Studies have shown that sitting at a desk all day can be detrimental to your health. "Ear Defenders" have also been purchased. (cuts out background noise so students can better focus on their work)

7. Website Update

- No update.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Tara presented her financial report.
- There have been no further requests for funds from staff.

9. Fundraising

- Synervoice message was sent out about Purdy's Easter chocolate and St-Albert's cheese. Orders for both can be made online. The deadline for ordering is March 8.

Future fundraisers will be decided on need at the time. Additionally, changes may be made to this depending on the success of the various fundraisers and on the needs of the school.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- No update—we continue to wait in the queue for the outdoor classroom planning

11. Other Business

- Fun Fair committee met after the meeting

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, March 5 @ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.