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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018**

Chair: Jennifer Pyne

Secretary: Jennifer Pyne (for this meeting)

Attendance: Kate Smith Mireille Filion Jennifer Pyne
Ryan Crampton Teresa Janz Christine Camus-Shepley
Dianne Morris Fatima Humayun
Tara Previl

Regrets* Melissa Britton
Dawn Scott
Julie Bisnath

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of March 2018 Minutes – Kate/Fatima

4. Chair's Report

- Jennifer reported that all the kids books that we had stored in the mezzanine were displayed for kids to choose from. All classes from JK to grade 6 were invited to take one or two books home. Staff was also invited to help themselves to books that may be useful in their classroom. The rest of the kids' books were donated to Value Village. Jennifer proposed that there be a table of novels at the fun fair for sale and that rather than re-storing them again, they could be directly donated to either the Ottawa Public Library or Value Village.

- Jennifer also reported that one of the staff members who do morning duty in the driveway in front of the school stated that some parents are still insisting to drop their children off in that laneway after school buses have arrived. They will trial using cones at the entryway from 815-830 to see if this deters drivers from coming into the laneway when they shouldn't.

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

- Christine reported that staffing process for next year is ongoing and she will update further at the next meeting in May.
- Christine reminded Council about the updated bouncy castles guidelines provided by the Board and the requirement that they be run by staff of the company.
- It was reported that Jennifer Pyne was nominated as Volunteer of the Year for the Board volunteer awards. Christine thanked Jennifer for her work at the school.
- Kindergarten information night will take place on May 24. Council is invited to include something in the package given to families. Jennifer will write something up.
- Mireille reported that Synervoice is no longer the system that will be used to send email and voicemail messages to families at the school. School Messenger is the replacement and has the advantage of being able to push out urgent messages rather than waiting for the end of the day which was the case with Synervoice. Rose and Mireille have had some training but are still learning the system.
- A message will go home to parents on April 10 inviting parents to participate in a School Climate Survey. Parents are asked every 2 years to complete this survey which covers a broad range of areas about the school.
- Wednesday April 11 is Pink Day. All students are asked to wear something pink in order to bring awareness to bullying.
- Flag was at half-mast in honour of those who died in the Humboldt bus accident. Students will be given the option of wearing hockey jerseys to school on Thursday in their honour.
- The "Zones of Regulation" colour visuals are now available and will be placed in all classrooms. They contain both pictures and words so that they are understandable by all. A copy will be attached to the school newsletter as well as available on the school website. Strategies for coping with emotions in each area will be taught to the kids.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Dianne reported on the success of the choirs at the Kiwanis Music Festival. The primary choir (grades 1-4) placed 2nd; the glee club (grades 6-8) placed 1st; the junior choir (grades 4-6) placed 1st and brought home the John Sutherland trophy.
- Dianne also reported that "We Are Silent Day" was successful with many participants who attempted to remain silent for the whole or part of the day in order to bring awareness to the children in the world who do not have a voice (with emphasis on those working in child labour).
- School public speaking contest is Wednesday morning. Students in grades 6-8 from each class will compete to represent the school at the next level.

- April 12 is the day that Terry Fox started his run across Canada. Students will be invited to wear a Terry Fox t-shirt if they have one.
- Badminton has started for both junior and intermediate students.
- Mme. Pichette and some other teachers have started open-gym times at recess. Students in grades 4-8 are allowed to come in the gym and play badminton during recess time.
- Grade 8s are working on their Arctic Fair projects. They will be available for viewing on May 4 in the gym.
- Stand-up desks discussed at the last meeting have been placed in the intermediate classrooms. They are a success and the students enjoy the option of standing for a bit of time during class. They will consider adding more desks and expanding the program to other grades.
- Scratch Club with M. Leblanc is still meeting regularly.
- Rideauwood will be coming on Friday April 13 to present to the Grade 7 and 8 students (depending on the grade, the topics will include drug/alcohol addiction or mental health). On the same day, the public health nurse will do a presentation to Grade 6 students on anxiety.

7. Website Update

- No update.

8. Treasurer's Report

- We have approximately \$1100 in the Council account
- Remaining fundraisers include Boston Pizza Night in May, Bags2School in May and the Fun Fair in June.
- Awaiting cheques from the last Purdy's and St-Albert cheese sales
- Mireille will follow-up with Rose to see if we still owe any money for chips/drinks for the school dances.
- A cheque was given to Jennifer for cones purchased for use at the Fun Fair (to block off the front driveway.). This money was taken from the HCY account.

9. Fundraising

- Boston Pizza Night is scheduled for May 7.
- Bags2School is scheduled for the May 11 drop-offs with pick up the morning of May 14.

10. Henry's Cool Yard

- No update on the outdoor classroom or the long jump pit from Dan Fournier at the Board Office.

11. Other Business

- Fun Fair committee met after the meeting

12. Next Meeting

- The next council meeting will be Monday, May 14@ 7pm.

13. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.