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**Henry Larsen Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2018**

Chairs: Melissa Britton &
Fatima Humayun

Secretary: Tara Previl

Treasurer: Billie Sabovitch

Attendance:

Fatima Humayun	Melissa Britton	Tara Previl
Dianne Morris	Ryan Crampton	Billie Sabovitch
Teresa Janz	Kate Smith	Sarah Richards
Rachel Scherzer Green	Sandra Schwartz	Angela Robinson
Laura Ireland	Christine Camus-Shepley	
Sheri Williams	Sana Hasan	

1. Meeting

- The meeting was called to order by Melissa at 7:04pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved with no additional items.

3. Approval of minutes from meeting on October 1, 2018

- Motioned by Ryan and seconded by Kate; minutes approved.

4. Chair's Report:

- **Board update** provided by School Board Trustee Sandra Schwartz:
 - 5 million dollars greenhouse gas reduction funding (used to work on the repair backlog for new windows, lighting etc) is no longer provided by the new government . Funded projects in the queue will be funded.
 - New government also announced the changes to the new sex education curriculum over the summer. Board did write a letter stating that they were not in agreement with the plan to use an older sex ed. curriculum but stated that they would support the teachers.
 - Christine Boothby is advocating for the gifted program, and there is a meeting tomorrow night debating whether to integrate the gifted children in mainstream classes. Board wants to examine how to offer the gifted programs in an equitable way. This meeting is open to the public and an update will be available through board website.
 - Sandra raised a concern with the board regarding the lack of air conditioning in some of the EDP summer program sites. Portable air conditioning (AC) units were brought in to deal with the high indoor temperatures, but this was not effective at resolving the issue. Sandra did bring forward a motion to not run summer programs in schools without AC.

- The last board meeting discussed recent progress reports on various strategic objectives. More information can be found here : <https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=202963>
- Board did pass an almost 1 billion budget investing back in classroom resources, support, personnel, social workers, etc. The province has indicated that they will be looking for efficiencies in the future and the trustees will be a strong advocate for additional resources.
- New Director of Education will be starting in January to replace a retiring Jennifer Adams. Camille Williams-Taylor comes by way of the Durham school board.
- School council member inquired about the new stance on math. Board has no position on math curriculum, and teachers have leeway to teach discovery and fundamentals using various strategies
- Advisory group will be put together to look at whether the school council money will be kept accessible through the school council or managed by the school. More info to follow
- The province has started its board consultation from parents regarding educational matters. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>
- **PRO Grant Update** Provided by Melissa:
- No word as of yet. Melissa has sent an email to find out when we would hear if we were successful with the grant.

5. Principal and Vice-Principal Action Items/Information Update

- Enrollment is around 339. The new hires are settling in with their classrooms.
- There has been one new support person (Rayana) added to the EDP program in the pm as numbers are high. Rayana is an Early Learning Assistant (ELA) and is tasked with student supervision and program support. An extra adult was needed in order to maintain proper ratios of adults to children.
- Henry Larsen will be an elections site- student pick up at the end of the day on Oct 22 might be congested due to increased traffic flow. Extra personnel will be provided to help guide the public
- Monster Mash's haunted house will be supported by Mrs. Van Herten and Mr. Pretty. The teachers are asking for council to cover a purchasing budget of \$50 for supplies (face paint etc).
- Dianne Morris reported that Mr. Leblanc's Garden Club has been very busy with creating leaf and flower arraignments.
- Thursday K-5 students will be participating in pedestrian safety presentation.
- Bus safety presentation will occur later in the week and children will have an opportunity to practice a bus evacuation drill on Friday.
- Grades 7-8 will be having a MADD presentation later in the month. A letter will be going home with a link to the video that the kids will be watching for parents to review in advance.
- Canterbury H.S. will be visiting the school on Nov 9th to review their arts program.

6. Teaching Staff Liaison Report

- Angela Robinson reported that Henry Larsen has a new green initiative- to be a plastic water bottle free zone. Students are encouraged to bring in re-useable water bottles for refilling
- On Oct 22, Me to We club will be doing a food drive for non-perishable items as well as cash donations. Donations will be given to the local food bank. An angle tree will also be set up in the front of the school to help sponsor families in need later next month.
- Sports Updates: Touch football and jr soccer tourneys are this week. Cross country meet was last week- one H.L student placed first and with approximately 10 other students, will go on to the board wide meet. True Sport was a very enjoyable event and teachers would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents for their support and for driving and picking up students!

7. Council Website

- Ryan updated the council website and listed the new council positions.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Current budget reviewed. New budget spreadsheets were developed by Billie, grouping items by activity. This will be used to help track money made and spent on various activities.
- Cheque presented to Christine for Forest of Reading program.

9. Fundraising Update

- Boston Pizza Night- HL night at Boston Pizza was tonight. Kate will follow up Boston Pizza manger to collect fundraising money
- Samko and Miko (November 7-11). New link to be sent out closer to the event.
- QSP Magazine Fundraiser (October 30 deadline)
- QSP Cookie Dough: October 30 deadline for orders with a delivery date of Nov 27. Since cookie dough is heavy, families will have to come in to the school to pick up the purchases.
- Purdy's (November 28 deadline)
- St. Albert's Cheese (November 30 deadline)
- Bag2School (November 14 and 15)
- Indigo (Mer Bleu & Innes)- either Nov 20, 13 or 6. Date to be confirmed.
- Kate brought up the idea of Subway fundraising as a lunch option. Kate will report back to council with more info.

10. Other Business

- Monster Mash: Motion for \$50 for teacher budget for haunted house was brought forward by Teresa seconded by Billie. Council approved \$50 for monster mash haunted house supplies. Cheque was presented to Christine.
- Older students are available to assist on Oct 31. Teachers (Mme. Lynne) to arrange student groupings and revised schedule. Parent volunteers were asked to volunteer from 8:15- 11:15. Monster Mash will run from 8:45-10:55. The Monster Mash Sub Committee will meet afterward the general council meeting.

12. Board run Cannabis Parent Info Night

- There is one held in the east end on Nov 1 at St. Pete's. Please see the board website for more information.

13. Next meeting

- Next Council Meeting – Monday, November 12, 2018 7:00pm

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Melissa at 8:05 pm
- Monster Mash committee meeting held immediately afterwards to discuss Monster Mash details and division of duties