

Highland Heights Public School

Minutes

October 26, 2020.

Present: Drew Beaton (Principal), Angela Bolton (Council Chair), Laurie Marshall (Treasurer), Angela Caban (Secretary), Caroline Tees (Teacher Rep), Jeanna and Ryan Tindale, Krystyna Husbands, Lori Scarsella, Jen Hilborn

Aaron Johnson from Edge Imaging spoke to group about class composites. We discussed having names included on composites versus no names. Group agreed to including names on the composite.

Approval of Minutes: All members approve the September minutes – Full consensus.

Matters Under Consideration:

Resuming Lunchbox Orders: Full discussion by council members in regard to resuming Lunchbox, if it is possible. All members in agreement that this is a good source of fundraising for the school, and it also gives healthy lunch options to families. Council has had very positive feedback from families.

All our vendors offered many options such as vegan/vegetarian, gluten free. Our vendors have been very willing to work with our school around dietary restrictions. Our vendors offer a variety of price points and are PPM150 compliant. Council unanimously approves of resuming Lunchbox Orders as soon as possible. Angela Caban will look into this. We will follow all COVID safety guidelines for delivery, as will our vendors.

FlipGive Fundraising: Council had a full discussion about FlipGive. Nobody has any negative feedback about this fundraiser. It is a very straight forward fundraiser. Families use a unique code for the school to be linked to our account. Simply make any online purchases through the FlipGive app and a percent of sale is returned to the school. We agree it is a passive stream of income for the school once set up. Ryan Tindale will look into setting up this again for us and providing school with the code and information for families to set up their account. We will promote this through school newsletter, possibly a flyer going home, and council may promote on their social media feeds. We will discuss further next month.

Jackson Park Walking Trips: Council very happy to hear that walking trips to Jackson Park are able to resume. There were some complications over having a blanket trip form instead of forms sent home each time. Permission was given for the school to use a blanket form. Council agrees that it is much nicer than numerous forms coming home. We all agree that the Park is a great space for our students to use.

Business:

Forest of Reading-Blue Spruce and Silver Birch (funding request): Mr. McBride had requested funding for Forest of Reading last month. Council asked to resume talks at current meeting. Discussion was had over whether the books would be used for groups as in the past. Drew informs us that there would be no way for students from different cohorts to meet as a reading club, nor would the school be able to distribute books currently. Unfortunately, this might mean that books would just remain in library for the immediate future. Laurie brings up that if they cannot use the books, we would be better off to use the funds in other areas this year. A suggestion of a possible virtual book club of some sort. Caroline Tees will speak with Mr. McBride about options for Forest of Reading to be done online and get back to council with information as soon as possible.

Online Fundraising Ideas:

Under One Sun: After discussion, Council fully agrees that this is a great way to help raise funds for our school, and give back at the same time. Under One Sun is running their fundraiser fully online this year, which is a fantastic idea, everyone agrees that having sales online is going to help save some time counting money. Angela Caban will contact Under One Sun to get on the list. Campaign will start before our next meeting.

PRO application: Angela Bolton asks about ideas for PRO application. Nobody has seen information yet online. We will look at again next meeting

Reports:

Treasurers Report: Playground account \$1000.00

S. Council account \$2309.37

Lunchbox account \$0.00

Kernels account \$2.25

Teacher Report: Caroline Tees shares that daily routines are going well. Students and staff are adjusting well to all changes presented this year around COVID. Grade 5-8 may choose to eat their lunch outside allowing for more options for physical distance amongst students. There have been a few changes to the dismissal procedure which seem to be working well.

Principal Report: Drew reiterates that routines are going well and everyone is adjusting. Always working to make things better and smoother. Virtual class switch over cutoff date is November 4. At this time, we have a handful of students leaving for virtual and returning from virtual. Question was asked about students in the younger grades wearing masks, Drew responds that almost all students including younger ones from K-3 are wearing masks. Question was asked about maybe moving the bike rack to the front of the school, so the students

exiting by the front doors don't have to cross back into yard. Drew likes having the rack in the back area, feels like they are more secure there. The purpose of having students exit the front of the building was to reduce congestion at the side of the school. Students who have bikes can still exit through the side doors, as needed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Next meeting: November 30th, 6:30pm