

Highland Heights
School Council Meeting
February 22, 2021

Call to order: 6:37 pm

Present: Drew Beaton (Principal), Angela Bolton (Chair), Angela Caban (Secretary), Laurie Marshall (Treasurer), Jeanna & Ryan Tindale, Caroline Tees (Teacher Rep), Krystyna Husbands

Regrets: Lori Scarsella, Dan Murphy

Fundraising Updates:

Flipgive: www.flipgive.com

- Some new members have joined our school team.
- Currently earned \$40.00, last year \$79.00 earned/how can we increase our earnings. Caroline Tees will talk with the staff about including Flipgive information in class newsletters/emails to remind families to use App before making online purchases

Lunchbox Orders: www.lunchboxorders.com

- Council is responsive to any parent concerns about hot lunch and have been looking into the Lunchbox program for PPM 150 compatibility.
- Drew has been in contact with Peterborough Public Health to look over our menu options to ensure that they are in compliance with both PPM 150 and the Canada Food Guide.
- Subway menu was already approved by the Health Unit so there has been some discussion about going ahead with the approved menu from Subway or waiting until the fall for the full menu if Board allows.
- Very few parent complaints about the program, as there are lots of options and variety. With all vendors offered there are lots of options and price points. With a smaller menu option our price points are limited as there are not a lot of different menu choices.

- In our efforts to try to accommodate all student dietary needs, Council has already included gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan and Halal options.
- Council discussed whether or not there were options available to offer better pricing for families with multiple children.
- It was brought up that it can be difficult for kids who cannot afford to get hot lunch. Council discussed the challenges related to this, and wondered what we could do to be more inclusive of students who do not get hot lunch.
- In order to run a potentially more inclusive Friday pizza day, we would need on-site volunteers to coordinate this.
- One of the best and most attractive features of Lunch Box Orders is that it requires no volunteers, which are difficult to come by, especially in a pandemic.
- Council is divided on how to move forward and will discuss this further. Laurie suggested the possibility of a school community survey to see what families think, although there is always the issue that we tend to get very few returns of surveys.

School Book Fair

- Angela Caban asked to have the Scholastic Book Fair www.scholastic.ca added to agenda at beginning of meeting.
- Angela Caban asked for thoughts on running a virtual book fair/as we can't do this in school this year. Parents could purchase books online and have the book shipped right to their home. Angela will look further into this and bring more information to the next meeting.

Parent Survey:

- Looking for parent feedback on school items such as fundraising, how to use the money raised from our fundraising. Laurie will draft a survey and bring to next meeting.

PRO Grant:

- Laurie has been in touch with Paul David about Internet Safety, this can be done virtually. The cost is: Parents \$500.00, Grade 7/8 with parents

\$350.00, Grades 4,5,6 with parents \$250.00, presentation to all 3 groups is \$900.00

- Angela Caban wondered if we can open to other schools. Laurie will look into this.
- Council fully agreed to move forward with this for Highland Heights Parents. Laurie will get in touch with Paul David for dates and times. Sessions are 70 minutes long with Q&A

Treasurer Report:

- Playground account \$1000.00
- School Council account \$2060.33
- Moved Kernels and Under One Sun fundraising money to School Council account

Teacher Report:

- All classes have been participating with the Pathway Project:
www.pathwayprojects.ca
- All classes will be taking part in True Nature Workshops hosted by Camp Kawartha.
- Forest of Reading Book Club has started
- Report cards have been sent home

Principals Report:

- Library looks very different, with lots of books being weeded and new books being added in. Mr. McBride is retiring at the end of the year.
- Behaviour is great overall at the school.
- Working at getting all students in the K-4 grades up to their age-appropriate reading levels. Purchasing more levelled independent reading books for Reading Carts. Recently added levelled home reading books for students to take home, as requested/needed.
- Working hard to ensure that we are identifying all students that need extra help, and putting in place programs to close gaps.
- Camp Kawartha to be coming to school for an outdoor program called "True Nature" with our students.
- Pilot school with Pathway Projects

- Pink Shirt Day coming up on Feb. 24, 2021.
- Kindergartens have challenged the school to an estimation challenge.
- School set of Rubiks cube have arrived.
- Drew will talk with Ann-Marie Duncan about our Lunchbox Orders concerns and will bring back new information at new meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42 pm

Next Meetings:

Monday March 29th, 2021

Monday April 26th, 2021

Monday May 31st, 2021