

Highland Heights School Council Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2021.

Minutes

Meeting Start: 6:34 pm

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

Approve Agenda: Laurie Marshall moves to approve Minutes from February. Caroline Tees seconds. Council approves.

ProGrant:

- Paul Grant has been booked for Thursday May 20, 2021 @ 8pm. Meeting will include parents and Gr 7/8 students. We can have up to 200 people on the Zoom meeting. Council considers asking Queen Elizabeth to join our *Internet Safety* meeting.
- Meeting cost for just parents is \$500.00, there is an additional fee of \$350 for the Gr. 7/8. Council agrees that it is very important for the Gr. 7/8 to be involved.
- Laurie Marshall moves to have School Council pay up to \$350 for the presentation. Krystyna seconds the motion. The whole Council votes in favour of paying \$350.00 towards the *Internet Safety* meeting.
- Laurie will ask Q.E to join us.
- Laurie shares a flyer with Council that will be shared home with families. The flyer will include the link for the Zoom meeting.
- Zoom meeting link will be shared on our school website as well.

Lunchbox Orders: www.lunchboxorders.com

- Council resumes discussion from last month about continuing the program.
- All agree it is nice to have the option, once in a while, to not make lunch.
- Another nice feature is that it requires very little parent support at the school to run – and it was possible to distribute easily in a way that follows Public Health protocols.
- Council acknowledges that there are issues of equity that we need to take into account as well. All members agree that it is problematic that not everyone can participate, as it excludes students who do not have the financial resources to order from the Lunchbox Program.
- Laurie opens a discussion on other possible options if we choose to not use Lunchbox anymore. Laurie has contacted some local pizza places for pricing and inclusive to all options. Prices are ranging from \$1.50 per slice to \$3.95 with slight increase in cost for Vegan or Gluten-free options. The big question is: How would we be able to follow all Public Health Covid-19 protocols to distribute it?
- Discussion ensued about a possible June pizza day for whole school for year end. Council likes this idea. Laurie moves to look into a school wide pizza day in June. Krystyna seconds the motion. Council agrees. Laurie will start to organize something and return to council with more information.
- Do we continue forward with Subway through Lunchbox as they have already been approved by Public Health? Council is unsure at this time and will discuss for next year, maybe as an occasional thing.

Book Fair: www.scholastic.ca

- This would be run like an online book fair, where families could order online and ship to them directly.
- We will look at running in May, as school clothing is running in April.

Survey:

- Laurie has a rough draft of a survey for parents. How do we get it out to families?
- Ryan suggests Google forms instead of paper?
- Ryan and Laurie will work on this.

Treasurer Report:

- *Playground Account* \$1000.00
- *School Council Account* \$2060.33
- *Flipgive* \$119.00
- Not many changes/no many fundraisers running this year.

Teacher Report:

- All classes are enjoying the walks through Jackson Park.
- Pathways Project/Camp Kawartha have had recent visits to the school, the students love these visits.
- Drew Monkman visits with Ms. Snowballs class.
- Ms. Snowball is looking at organizing a *Monarch Ultra Race*.
- Gr. 5/6 is working with Trent Radio writing stories. These will present in May/June.
- Gr. 5/6 also had a visit for the New Canadians Center for a virtual visit.
- Silver Birch books are being enjoyed by many students.

Principal Report:

- Ms. Chapman has been in recently for Drew while he has been home on quarantine.

- The Pathway Project has brought lots of fun opportunities to the school.
- True Nature/Camp Kawartha workshops for teacher and kids were very successful.
- Pathway Project - looking at gardens this year.
- Rubik's Cube Event – Many students throughout the school have enjoyed this project, and are starting to master the Cube.
- Spirit wear to be sold next month, letter coming home.
- Staffing will be done soon: Mr. McBride is retiring, Early Intervention Teacher coming to staff.
- Renovations are supposed to have been scheduled over summer to parking lots. We are hoping this will be a big improvement for our student's safety.
- Graduation is coming up soon, discussed ideas for how grad will work: outdoors, clapout, etc. If parents have thoughts and ideas, please come forward.

Meeting end: 8:22pm

Next Meeting:

- April 26th, 2021
- May 31st, 2021