

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 2022

Meeting Starts: 6:35pm

Present: Angela Bolton (Chair), Angela Caban (Secretary), Kathryn Wood (Teacher Rep), Laurie Marshall (Treasurer), Kerry Zinkiewich (Principal), Lori Scarsella, Leah Swales

Regrets: Jeanna & Ryan Tindale, Beth Hunt, Meghan Gibson

Approve October minutes: Laurie moves to approve, Kathryn seconds. Minutes from February approved

Business:

- **Bingo:** forms and paperwork are being completed, hoping to have a better update at next meeting, with a launch date in September.
- **Popcorn:** Popcorn sales are going well, monthly orders are placed and picked up by Angela C, delivery done by LLS class
- **Make It Sow:** Fundraiser opened today with online sales only. The program will run until the 11th of April. All orders will come to the school for delivery
- **ProGrant:** The school will hold a Literacy night/afternoon organized by Leah Swales, Kathryn Wood, and Kerry Zinkiewich. Families in K-3 will be invited to an afternoon from approximately 3:30-4:30, a many parents pick their kids up after school. Special guest speaker Penny Watt will be invited. There will be hand on stations for bookmarks, buttons, etc. The public library will be there to sign up families for library cards. Suggestion was made to see if there is someone from Health Unit available. Possible grab bags for families with items such as pencils, book, notepad, etc. For our older grades there was a discussion around mental health evening and bringing in an author who focuses on

mental health with kids. It was discussed about having an online event as many students in this age group walk on their own so parent involvement would be lower.

- **Parent reaching out Conference:** Angela B attended the meeting. There was discussion about next years meeting being online, in person or a hybrid. Online attendance has been higher then in person. There was discussion on whether the focus will being on mental health again, or working to close the gap in education post pandemic
- **Lunchbox orders:** info has be sent to families through email and school messenger. Program goes live on Tuesday. Yo-yos will be delivered on the first Wednesday of the month, with a minimum of 40 orders needed, Subway will be delivered on Thursdays. Ordering and payments are done through School cash online only. Payment is made with debit or credit card.
- **School cash online:** parents at meeting shared some frustration with school cash online payments only being available with inputting cheque or banking information. Instead of being able to link a card to your account
- **Grade 8 grad:** Grad has been booked for Monday June 27th @ Northview Church. Grad photos will be next week.
- **Other updates:** council asked if the picnic table could be moved to the back again now that the kids could sit around again. Kathryn shared that teachers and staff have appreciated it being out front and they used during their breaks. Council agrees to keep meetings online for the rest of year.

Treasurer Report:

- Playground \$1000.00
- School Council \$908.21
- Flipgive \$ 270.00
- Kernels \$ 193.00

Teacher Report:

- EQAO will be done online for Grades 3 & 6. Dates to come
- Basketball up and running
- Track, frisbee, and 3 pitch will be coming up soon

Principals Report:

- Ramadan in from April 3rd to May 3rd. School is planning on doing some FYI facts and information for students during this time, to help educate more about the customs around this holiday.
- Hoping to have a school wide EID celebration in May, still working on this
- Grade 3 will be doing Learn to Swim program in May. It will involve firemen, police, paramedics and a swimming time at the Y

Meeting ends: 7:31 pm