

Highland Heights Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2018

Recorded By: Angela Caban

Present: Drew Beaton (Principal), Kathryn Wood (Teacher Rep), Sarah McGarry (Teacher Rep), Tracey Davidson (member/Breakfast Club coordinator), Laurie Marshall (Treasurer), Krystyna Husbands (member), Angela Caban (Secretary), Lorraine Brown (Chair), Wendy Couper (Community member)

Call to order 6:35pm

Approval of September minutes: motion made by Laurie Marshall, seconded by Kathryn Wood, all in favor. Minutes approved.

Principal Report/School Council Business:

- Treasurer's report: we have \$2,000 in our playground account, there is \$5,658.68 in the school council account for a combined total of \$7,658.68 to start the year.
- Teachers report: Kathryn Wood reports we have just finished soccer and cross-country. Jack in grade 7 has competed in KPRAA placing 5th overall. Isra has had a wonderful newspaper article for cross country. Volleyball is our next sport coming up. Many Volunteers in the school helping our children Trent candidates, Trent literacy, Trent nursing, EA and CYW students. Our Freecycle Cafe continues to run in The Breakfast Club room. Donations are welcome from the community. Peterborough public health unit is our sponsor. There's a loose parts play happening on the yard at recess. The children are encouraged to play with ropes, barrels, whatever kind of building stuff that they can find using their imaginations. It sounds like a lot of fun. Open house went well, lots of families came to visit the teachers and see our Breakfast Club room. School photo retake day is November 6th. Class photos have been done for some classes but not all as some students were at soccer. It was suggested that we possibly book our pictures on a Monday or Tuesday next year to avoid the conflict of school sports. Terry Fox day and orange shirt day went over great. Grade 7s have had their vaccines. There will also be another date of November 9th for vaccines to happen again. There is a cooking program happening in The Breakfast Club room. There are 9 families that are participating wonderful turnout.

MOTION: For School Council to pay for Blue Spruce and Silver Birch Club book sets, as requested by Mr. McBride, for \$498.59. Moved by Angela Caban, seconded by Tracey Davidson, all in favor. Approved.

- Breakfast Club report given by Tracey Davidson, we have had our funding doubled to \$4,000. We also have four new helpers and we're making 8 lunches daily to supply students who may need a lunch through the day.
- Principal's report given by Drew Beaton. Drew reports that the new staff is wonderful and jumping right in volunteering and making our school the best it could be. There's a reading program the children are using called Raz-Kids. Teacher Karen Brown is

doing math coaching half days and the other half of the day teacher Sarah McGarry is in the class. Drew suggested he would like to have literacy carts with leveled books in the hallways for the children so that there are enough leveled books for all children to read. Also, he would like to have math carts props in the classrooms for them to utilize as well. It was estimated that it would cost approximately \$1,000 for the math / literacy carts. Wendy Couper from Northview Church said she would take a proposal forward to see if they would help fund this for us. Council discussed funding as well. Math and literacy carts will be held over until our November meeting.

- Reviewed our constitution there will be a few changes made.
- Sarah McGarry brought forward school spirit wear. She presented a sample of the options that would be up for purchase. This looks like a fabulous idea and everybody was looking forward to this.
- Drew Beaton reported that employees of kprdsb do not need to have police checks done to attend a school field trip with their children as we declare offences annually as part of employment.
- Angela Caban reported that lunchbox orders for our hot lunches is set up. Delivery will start the week of October 22nd. Our first delivery will be Yo Yos frozen yogurt on Monday, Pita happening on Wednesday, Boston Pizza happening on Friday. Moving forward every other Wednesday will flip between Pita and Subway. Boston Pizza will be every Friday and the third Monday of every month will be Yo Yo's frozen yogurt.
- Angela Caban also reported that beginning November 1st our first school fundraiser will start. We are selling Steel drum Christmas ornaments from Under One Sun. The ornaments are made in Haiti and help support the economy in Haiti.
- Lorraine Brown mentioned the regional school council Association meetings, gave the dates for those coming up asked if anybody would be interested in going.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting finished at 8:50pm.