

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Tanya Doyle, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Deseraye Campbell, Eileen Jones, Ashley Reynolds, Melissa Thompson, Amy Wood, Kathryn Hopley, Amanda Robertson, Tara McLean, June Smith, Chantelle Stiff, Siobhan Delacour, Lena Anderson

Regrets: Shannon Schryer, Amy Wood

Call to order: 6:36

Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2023 : Motion to approve – Jess, seconded - Michelle

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- New Head custodian is Deirdre Lowe
- Hired 2 additional support staff, almost full staff count
- New Literacy curriculum – lit consultant came to work with 1-3 and 7-8 teachers, reviewed planning and assessment strategies. Will be back to work with Jr teachers and again with intermediates
- Math consultant (Carrie Martin) – HLPS deemed a priority school so we have funds for a math consultant once per week. Consultant provides grade 6 focused support for the teachers and the students– consults on planning and assessing with the rest of the school
- Aubrey Noronha came back this year – racism awareness for staff and students (hope to have him back at end of year)
- Police Liaison is Police Constable Patrick Jones – first lock down training went well
- 8 students went to KPREAA for cross country – no updates on results yet
- Tuesday Oct 17 – all grade 7/8 students participated in an Indigenous beading workshop (began with a smudging ceremony and materials purchased from local Indigenous reserves) – will make a donation to an Indigenous foundation as a thanks to the Indigenous leader who ran the session
- First Caribou Math Contest day Oct 18 – 7 contests throughout year online
- Scientist in the School – 3 free workshops donated to school, Ms Jones/Ms Barrett (K), Ms. McCrae/Ms Pattison (K), and Ms. Scott (grade 3) will use these
- Book fair week of October 23 – Tuesday and Thursday will be evening fair for parents to attend 3:30 – 5:00
- Sent expression of interest to Gr 8 families for grade trips (Kingston, Niagara Falls, Blue Mountain) – Approx \$500 and will be overnight
- Girls and boys Int Rugby tourneys coming up
- Trips coming up – Kindies to Watsons, Primaries to Linton's

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Balance: Approx \$9,000

Card fundraiser has about \$1100 in account so far

Pizza – Approx \$5000 in earning so far (includes orders until end of November)

Still \$10,000 set aside for sound system (Ms Barrie is trying to get that ordered for us)

Requests for items:

- jerseys

- tents with school name – Proposal made to get tear drop/sail flags that go in the ground beside the tents – Jess, Ashley, Tara, and Sherry looking at different pricing options (Vista print, board print shop, soccer club contact) – Soccer club pricing: single sided flag (x2? Jess to confirm) \$287+tax – double-sided is \$434+tax – maybe need an umbrella stand also for pavement

- spirit wear – missing mark-up so no information back – Sherry proposed using the same person who is handling the new pinnies. Council has agreed and Lisa will email Find Balance to ask to remove HLPS spirit wear from her site.

Fundraising :

Big Box – Ends this Friday

Pizza – Going well, good amount of volunteers, getting used to new recess schedule

Treat Friday – Going well

- 3 boxes of 120 cookies (only had 22 leftover) – will order 4 next time
- Popcorn had a few boxes leftover (dill pickle was less popular)
- 5-8 and Kindy's eat second half of break (1:35)– need to get muffins to kinders before they go outside
- 1-4 eat first half of break (1:15)

Muffins this week – Chocolate Chip Oatmeal or Blueberry – June will bake about 400

Holiday Market – Wednesday November 22 - Officially Sold Out for Vendors – One vendor with Service dog and will bring papers, etc – Crystal will come to sell hot dogs

Poinsettias – Early November run orders October 20 to November 15 and pick up November 30 - 2-5:30

Ms. Barrie – running shortbread fundraiser for music trips (festivals and busing) running end of November for pickup in December – The Shortbread Company – Jars and some packages

Grade 8 Fundraiser - Lollipop days to be determined (not on Treat Friday)

- Haunted House Fundraiser was proposed – have the grade 8's set up in gym, families/kids pay to go through etc

- Candy grams proposed

Fun Fair – June 5

Lunch Lady – Not running in our area anymore

Proposal #1 from Principal and VP for a vote

- instead of having all the money go into a pool we would like to allocate to 5 different pillars:

1. Equity and Well-Being (\$3000) (i.e. speakers, equipment for leadership centres for older students to run for younger), - things like speakers would be a bigger priority

2. Athletics (\$6000) – 80 pinnies = \$3000, purchase volleyballs, etc)

3. Arts (\$3000) - toward musical script, mic rentals, costumes, etc.; beading workshop was \$15/student – requesting 1/3 from council),

4. Science Tech Engineering Math (\$3000) – We cannot use SCC funds for technology equipment (iPads, Chromebooks, etc) – Could be used for robotics, etc

5. Community Building (\$5000) – things like the flags for sports events

- In past the classroom allocations have not been used (classrooms get \$450 from board) – we are going to remove this allocation this year and teachers can ask council and we can pull from pillars
- **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

One teacher has ask about transport for Pinnacle rock-climbing – about \$1000 for specific athletic trips – **APPROVED BY COUNCIL** (Max \$1000...over and above will be distributed amongst families, etc)

Proposal #2 from Principal and VP

- \$1000 from ministry we can purchase with school council permission
- Request to put towards agendas – **AGREED BY COUNCIL**

Proposal #3 from Principal

- Amy had suggested a Helping Hands Fund – this would be for admin discretion to use for families who are struggling/need assistance – could be for trips, activities in the school, etc
- \$1000 earmarked – **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Proposal #4 from Sherry

- Equity/well-being – pay for Aubrey Noronha – Total (excluding staff session) - \$3100 – Request to cover either 1/3 or 1/2 - 1/3 Agreed on by council - \$1033 – **APPROVED**
- Athletics – New Volleyballs for the team – Total cost \$1264 – 1/3 = \$421, 1/2 = \$632 – **APPROVED FOR HALF (\$632)**
- Arts – Indigenous beading – 1/3 = \$650 – **APPROVED**

Ms Barrie would like to get 3 more ukuleles (\$150), would also like an oboe (\$2000) and a piccolo (\$1000) – **COUNCIL APPROVING 3 ukuleles for purchase** (we will discuss the others at another time)

- There is a program call Ukulele Kids – parents could pay for this and they would come in on break, the kids keep ukulele, (\$60 for kids) – potential option this year

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Sherry showed us the pinnies we are looking at – going to find out about Longworth or Hurricanes on front and back and if there will be additional cost for this
- Chantelle going to touch base with Jenn Miller to transition submitting pizza orders – have been having issues putting in orders in the last bit and tech issues so going to get Jenn to handle

- Lena offering to be the regional rep this year – if anyone would like to join her
- Lena went to school boundary proposal meeting – options are on school board website now, need to go on now to give information – Link to the Thought Exchange section relating to the changes:
<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/428717211/welcome>

Link to general info: <https://www.kprschools.ca/en/our-board/student-accommodation-planning.aspx>
- Lena – proposing milk program – could we add it with pizza/treat days? – Reed’s Dairy has a school set up – Would need to talk about storage for the milk, otherwise plan is do-able (potentially 2 more refrigerators) – going to ponder and re-visit next meeting on if it’s possible
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FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

November 15

January 24

February 21

April 17

May 15

June 19

Adjournment: 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023 @ 6:30pm