

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Tanya Doyle, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Ashley Reynolds, Amy Wood, Siobhan Delacour, June Smith, Melissa Thompson, Amanda Robertson

Regrets: Chantelle Stiff, Deseraye Campbell, Eileen Jones, Lena Anderson, Asma Arab, Tara McLean, Shannon Schryer, Kathryn Hopley

Call to order: 6:31pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 2024: Motion to approve – Michelle, Seconded - Ashley

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **Tanya's final meeting** – Lenore O'Reilly will be coming in to support until further notice. More info in the next week or so about rest of the year. Tanya's last day is Friday Feb 23. Thank you for your time here Tanya! You will be missed!
- **Grad trip planned** – 53 students attending (bus is over capacity) - \$300 from **Helping Hands funds requested to help some families fund the trips – Approved**
- **Finding Nemo** – One of the main characters has decided they don't want to be a part of the show anymore and some issues with getting things organized. In lieu, staff have proposed an arts night. Visual arts, performances with the band, showcase songs from the musical (goal to put on the show next year) – no date set yet, but arts night will be in the spring
- **Kindergarten classes will be raising butterflies** – **request from science pillar \$400 - Approved**
- **Tech – SCC is not able to purchase Chromebooks for the school** – **School purchased Chromebook carts at cost of \$2800 – Requesting SCC to cover these carts from Tech fund – Approved (from rollover from sound system)**
- **Tech – Kindergarten classes have iPads for literacy centres** – **Requesting cost of the headphones required for the headphones - \$756 – Approved (also rollover from sound system)**
- **Upgrades to Kindergarten pens** – sand/toys/permanent structures/instruments that can be mounted on the fences, etc are all things being considered. Once costs and wish list have been investigated, proposal will be made to council for funding.
- **Grounds maintenance** – request has been made from the school to fix entrance to fenced in playground and levelling of pavement to the field, etc. This will come from school maintenance funds.
- **Head custodian, Deidre Lowe is off effective tomorrow (Feb 22) for approximately 12 weeks**

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Opening amount for year was \$15k (allocated)

Closing balance as of today is \$28k

Allocated funds = \$5500

Funds left to spend = \$23k

Revenue so far this year = approx. \$14k

Money that has been raised in the past month:

Little Caesars – much lower sales this year (86 kits where usual is about 120) \$466 profit (after \$50 admin fee)

Treat Fridays (sales down about 25-30%) – Approximately \$1280 in January

Pizza (sales down also right now) – Approximately \$2150 in January

Items/experiences purchased in the past month:

Zoo to You – \$258

Yard Equipment - \$157 paid, \$157 still owed

Approved amounts still pending:

Scientist in the School (for Mrs. Johnstone's class): \$240.08 – STEM Pillar

Finding Nemo: \$2000 allocated, some will be used for licensing fee, but the rest will likely carry over to next year for the production

Grade 8 Grad Trip: \$1500 allocated

FUNDRAISING :

- **Milk Program** – struggling to find a reasonably priced program. Still looking but right now not an option
- **Treat Friday** – going well as far as prep and distribution. Sales are slower. About 3 adult volunteers is great for this.
- **Pizza Day** – about 3 adult volunteers is ideal
- **Little Caesars** – Completed – about \$466 in profit
- **First Aid Kit** – Chantelle was going to look into this one

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Spirit Wear** – Creating a mock-up design. Figuring out dates and how the program will be run (year round or specific bulk orders). Goal to have at least one bulk sale in before the end of the school year.
- **Parking lot** – Situation has improved – lots of extra signs and more coming

- **Fifths Disease** – cleared
- **Bullying** – constables have come into classrooms for discussion – seems to be improved – for students being affected in their classrooms, alternative spaces can be arranged for working, etc (admin office, cert room, library)
- **Vaccines** - second round May 29th
- **Clubs** – proposal made to give \$100 each to Colouring Club and Crochet Club for start up material costs - **Approved**
- **April treat days** – April 5: Cookies, April 12: Popcorn, April 19: Muffins, April 26: Ice Cream

FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

April 17

May 15

June 19

Adjournment: 7:35pm

Next Meeting: April 17, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Amendment to minutes: Email vote conducted – request to purchase tables for the school as we can't guarantee borrowing tables from the board office for events. Request for vote was 35 tables for approx. \$2000. Request was approved.