

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes April 17, 2024

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Maureen Appiah, Anna Laviolette, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Ashley Reynolds, Amy Wood, June Smith, Amanda Robertson, Deseraye Campbell, Tara McLean, Kathryn Hopley, Shannon Schryer

Regrets: Chantelle Stiff, Eileen Jones, Lena Anderson, Asma Arab, Siobhan Delacour, Melissa Thompson

Call to order: 6:33

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 2024: Sherry made small correction to last minutes. \$1500 was allocated for graduation night, not grad trip. Motion to Approve: Shannon, Seconded: June

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **Survey sent to parents (School improvement survey)**– re: lived experiences and identities – goals for upcoming learning environment – so far 63 responses (mostly Primary and Kindergarten parents). Also working in school on a survey for grade 4-8's as well as a staff survey. Discussing whether a survey could be done with K-3
- **Badminton team took first place today as a team!** (Regional tournament today, next is board-wide) – 2 athletes from HLPS going on to KPREAA
- **Band**
- **Choir**
- **Nemo**
- **Crochet**
- **Colouring club has wrapped** – 100 students attended
- **Looking at an arts performance for Intermediate classes, band, choir, and maybe dance club** – including performance from Nemo – dress rehearsal in front of school first and then afternoon performance (Dates TBA)
- **Gardening club started** – call out soon for gardening tools (shovels, rakes, seeds, perennials that need split, soil) – possibly use money from the gardening account for soil
- **Track and field school day is May 7 (grade 4-8 students)**
- **Welcome to Kindergarten = Thursday April 25** – start in gym and then visit classrooms
- **Bringing back Cram a Cruiser Food Drive** – May 23 is final event date (collect May 1-20)
- **Spirit Wear is in the weeklies** (Orders close Friday April 19 for first run)
- **EQAQ coming up in May** – Grade 6 week of May 21, Grade 3 week of May 27
- **Staffing for upcoming school year has begun** – 25 classes (this year was 26), new small class starting next year (learning and life skills (LLS) – grade 4-8 students with various exceptionalities – max of 10 students with a teacher and 4 support staff) (total population is about 620)

- **National Volunteer Week** – Certificates for the SCC – Thank you all for your hard work!
- **Grade 8 grad date** = Monday June 24
- **Alex Popodopolous** – Head Custodian until Deirdre returns

TREASURER’S REPORT :

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

Closing balance as of today is \$28k

Allocated funds = \$6247

Funds left to spend = \$22.5k

Revenue so far this year = approx. \$13.6k

Money that has been raised in the past month:

Krispy Kreme - \$770

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

Pizza (sales down also right now) – Approximately \$1543 in January

Items/experiences purchased since last meeting (February and March purchases):

Kindergarten Butterflies and Roses – \$411 – Yes, Paid March 5, Chq #3777 from SC STEM

iPad Headphones - \$756 - Yes, Paid March 5, Chq #3779 from SC Tech

Crochet club startup - \$103 – Only **\$44.21** has been paid, April 11, Chq 7790 from SC Arts

Playground Equipment - \$318 – Yes, both purchases have been paid for from SC Yard Play Equipment. Chq#3779 (\$160.58) & #3767 (\$157.32)

Indigenous Beading Workshop - \$650 – Yes, Transfer on Nov 22 from SC Arts

Approved amounts still pending:

Pinnacle Rock Climbing Transport: \$1000

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: \$1500 allocated

Trip Subsidy: \$3100 allocated (approximately \$5/student)

Event Tables: \$3000

Outdoor permanent tables: \$6000

Sensory Room Equipment: \$1000

Early Literacy Supplies: \$750

Helping Hands Request: \$100

REQUESTS FROM PRINCIPAL

- **Sensory Room Items:** \$700 – aquarium bubble tubes, sequin fabric, rainbow cloud den, mirrors (tactile sensory), sensory stones (rubber pads for inside) – **Approved for \$1000**
- **Early Literacy Request** – CDC (magnetic) letters, \$38/set request for 12 sets - \$15 for 4 sets of a different set for communication recommended by autism specialist – Cart for literacy specialist \$120 – About \$750 total for all of these – **Approved**

- **Agendas** – only grade 1-6 – About \$2000 for one agenda each – Will revisit after next staff meeting – concern about usage of them this year and if it's worth it
- **Restock of DPA Equipment** – Basketballs, footballs - \$682 left in the account allocated already so they will let us know what actually gets spent after the restock – Teachers should go and grab a couple things to keep with the classroom for DPA, etc – sign-in and out sheets, label balls, etc?
- **\$100 from Helping Hands** – **Approved**
- **Tables for the yard** – 3 or more = \$1640 each - \$6000 allocated – **Approved**
- **Zoo Trip** – Mrs. Montgomery asking for funding toward trip – 156 students (grade 4-6) total cost = \$3354.22 (\$21.51 per student) – **Council has decided to allocate \$5/child in the school to go toward trips = Approximately \$3100 – Approved**
- **Tables for events** – Accidentally ordered the fold in half style (those were returned/cancelled) – the tables we want from Home Hardware = \$79 - 35 tables plus tax = \$3163 – Suggestion to take it out of Community Building Pillar (Might actually be closer to \$2900) – **Approved**
- **Horizontal Paper Cutter** - \$150 – Plus large Roll of Cellophane - \$197 – Health and Safety may not allow purchase of cutter – Sherry will find out about this
- **Denise Wild Sewing Activity** – Maybe something to organize next year for students (about \$16/student)

FUNDRAISING :

- **Insta Cake** - fundraiser idea for next year

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Adding information about upcoming clubs/sports/etc to weekly newsletter**
- **Any feedback on treats/food days/etc?**
- **Booster juice day for June – School cash online orders – June 10 or 11 or 13 (first choice) - More info to come about pricing, flavours, etc** - Booster juice is donating to Fun Fair so we thought we would try them out for a treat day in June. Potential for a future ongoing treat day if it works well.
- **Proposal for outdoor play equipment that can be balanced on, jumped off, etc (big tires, stumps, rocks, balance beam)** – musical items for the fences – in the fenced in playground – more information to be gathered about requirements/pricing, etc

FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

May 15

June 19

Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 @ 6:30pm