

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2024

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Amy Wood, Deseraye Campbell, June Smith, Shannon Schryer, Amanda Robertson, Tara McLean, Siobhan Delacour, Eileen Jones, Jennifer Robeson, Nicole Alexander, Lena Anderson, Daryl McAdam, Carolynne Liebrechts

Regrets: Maureen Appiah, Ashley Reynolds, Kathryn Hopley

Call to order: 6:30pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2024: Motion to approve – Amy Second – Lena

Dissolution of 2023/2024 council: Officially dissolved

Election of 2024/2025 council:

Chair/Co-Chairs – Nominations: Lisa, Jessica - ACCLAIMED

Treasurer – Nominations: Amy - ACCLAIMED

Secretary – Nominations: Michelle – ACCLAIMED – Siobhan will be backup

Regional Council Representative – Nominations: Lena – ACCLAIMED (if someone would like to join Lena they are welcome to!)

Tara McLean is the staff representative

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Vivek from Mucho Burrito came to explain a possible hot lunch option – Council is on board and will plan to have this on Mondays. Ashley will reach out to Vivek to organize (Mucho will organize the food by classroom when they deliver it!) Lisa to organize volunteers for classroom delivery on those days (using the new volunteer sign-up site mentioned below!)

Goal is to try it out in October!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- School update letter going out on Fridays
- Open house was very successful
- Book Fair very successful (possibly raised over \$6000!)
- Activities have started – soccer, cross country, library helpers, rugby – Kids have to listen to morning announcements to know what events are coming up and go to the first meetings to get permission forms, etc.

- Spirit Wear is open until September 25th – going to keep to just hoodie and t-shirt for this round – maybe add a performance t-shirt at a later date - \$8 option to add name across the back
- Terry Fox run September 26th – option to purchase t-shirt (this goes into the fundraising total also) – available until Sunday
- PA Day on Sept 27 – Literacy and Math focus (board-wide focus) and Indigenous education goal
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – orange shirt day
- Going to be working on an art installation at the front of the school – 250 painted stones to represent the found children at residential schools – Grades 5-8 will participate
- October 1 is picture day
- October 2 is Bus Safety Day
- There were still a lot of parents on the yard prior to school, this is being asked not to happen to ensure that teachers can provide proper supervision
- Asking parents also to not bring dogs onto yard (additional no dog signs on the yard are coming) – at night locking the gate to the park open currently to deter public from using it as an off-leash dog park
- There is a work order in place for the fence at the top of the hill to be fixed
- Installed an awning by the community doors to prevent kids from climbing onto the roof
- Dates for Innoculations: Nov 26 & May 20
- School Cash Online – Credit Card option and bank info option – Transaction fee on credit card purchases and therefore fee is being applied to ALL purchases (anything purchased using eCheque, the fee goes to an assistance fund that the school can use to assist students in need) – may need to adjust our pricing to cover the transaction fees, but will leave hot lunches, etc the same for now and see how it goes.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Opening amount for year is \$11,300

Allocated funds = \$5100 (Playground Equipment and Playground Maintenance)

Funds left to spend = \$5900

Playground inspection was only \$148 this year! (we had \$1000 allocated so we have a lot of money freed up)

Ongoing Fundraising Efforts

- Pizza
- Fun Fair
- Treat Fridays
- Winter Market

Fundraising Plan – Ashley and Amy will work on full numbers with Sherry

- The money goes into our pillars
- Hot lunches – Pizza = Wednesdays
- Treat days = Fridays (FYI October Ice Cream will be on the 24th which is a Thursday)
 - Lisa orders the treats once a month – Is someone available to pick up on the 27th? Michelle’s husband or Siobhan can probably do that pick-up. Will verify
- Booster Juice – November 29th is the first and in May last week for the second one (Lisa to talk with owner about some suggestions to improve the experience)
- Muffin Dates Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 28, May 16
- Flip Give – ongoing but may close
- Mabels Labels – ongoing but will leave open
- Big Box of Cards – to be investigated
- Poinsettias – Jess to work with nursery to set up date
- Holiday Market – Nov 20
- Fun Fair – June 5
- Mitchell’s Soup – Lisa will bring info
- Kent Farms Apple Picking – event completed and sounds like a lot of families and staff attended! Total TBD but we enjoyed the event. Next year would like to set up an SCC table as well.

Should we purchase a Longworth tablecloth or two? – Amy to look at pricing

Council come with ideas for fundraising for October meeting please!

Grade 8 Fundraising – Lena would like to talk to grade 8 teachers – First step will be to decide if a trip is happening and where they will be going – (teacher availability, buses, etc) – Last year trip was through BrightSpark, they provide options for some guided trips, virtual parent night is hosted with BrightSpark to review information, make choices, etc. – → Amanda proposed a fundraising activity – Haunted Maze/Haunted House, have the grade 8’s be the “actors” – by cash donation – Could we do it in the gym? (To discuss in future meeting)

Rough plans for 2024-2025 fundraising

Poinsettia’s – Pick-Up goal is December 3rd (Jess to confirm) – Orders will be made through November

Shannon will contact Krispy Kreme to ask about available dates

Amy will call Veggie Shack about veggie box options

Big Box of Cards – Michelle to call to ask for dates (looking for delivery in November sometime)

Jess to look into fundraising for supporting the choir – singing at Gens game maybe? – touch base with Ms. Barrie about when the choir would be available

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Playground – Can we do something to get rid of the rocks? – Lena will ask at the regional council meeting about options for the park
- Volunteer sign up list from Open House (thank you Amy and Amanda for recruiting folks at the open house!)
- Amy is presenting VolunteerSignUp.org – online volunteer sign up list so that we can set up who is needed per day, upcoming days, all free!
- Reminder to volunteers that spending time is a commitment! (If you sign up please commit to show up for shifts and try to find a replacement if you can't make a shift)
- **TEACHER REQUESTS** – Tough Trays, Sensory Items - \$49 each – 5 required - **APPROVED**

FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

October 16

November 13

January 29

February 26

April 16

May 21

June 18

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Next Meeting: October 16 @ 6:30 in the library