

## Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2024

### Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Amy Wood, Deseraye Campbell, Amanda Robertson, Eileen Jones, Jennifer Robeson, Lena Anderson, Kathryn Hopley, Amanda Jones, Ashley Reynolds, June Smith, Nicole Alexander

**Regrets:** Shannon Schryer, Tara McLean, Siobhan Delacour, Carolynne Liebrechts, Daryl McAdam

**Call to order:** 6:30pm

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2024:** Motion to approve – Amy, Second – Eileen

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Maureen Appiah has left the school for a position with the Ministry of Education – Still waiting for a new hire as there is no admin available right now, hoping by the end of the month, have had retired principals as “subs”
- Cross-country wrapping up
- Rugby – Jr Boys and Girls and Int Boys going to KPREA
- Battle of the books club coming – Katharine Marsh running this club (there will be a Jr and an Int club)
- Choir and band sign ups have started (Choir Gr 3+, Band Gr 7&8)
- Grades 1-3 went to Knox Farm – Kindies and Mrs Johnstone to Linton Farm
- Nov 5 Lockdown drill with Constable Jones (try for twice a year)
- 3 fire drills for fall are complete (there will be 3 in spring)
- Nov 6 = Grade 9 take your kids to work day, so there will be some grade 9's in the school and the Grade 8's will be at BHS visiting that day
- Nov 6 = Grade 3-6 classes Movie trip (will need to figure out pizza deliveries those days – might deliver to portables...will discuss this further with office and volunteers to figure out best plan)
- Board Action Plan – PA Day Learning goals. Last year's goal was “Sustain and enhance learning environments that are reflective of students' lived experiences and identities” – New Action this year: SA-EL 1: Provide evidence-based instruction in literacy and math, informed by ongoing assessment, to tailor differentiated and intensive supports for student success. SA-SL 1: Engage in learning that explores and values Indigenous knowledge, culture and perspectives to create respectful relationships among students, staff, families, and local Indigenous communities (have had Indigenous speakers in to work with staff during PA Days to help with reading materials, etc that will build toward this goal)

- Starting this year we need a Positive School Climate Team: Will meet 4 times a year and diving into the data, etc for Board Action Plan – Principal, at least one teacher, one CUPE education worker, at least one student, at least one parent or guardian, one community member (our nurse has volunteered to be this person) – email Sherry if interested in being the parent volunteer. – Team would look at the data from the surveys from last year and work on ideas for building a positive school climate

## **TREASURER’S REPORT :**

**Opening amount for year is \$11,300**

### **Fun Facts:**

- 807 units of milk sold in October = \$500+ in profit
- Pizza – looks like about \$2150 in profit – More cheese than pepperoni
- Looks like muffins made \$150 more than last year
- Profit for Mucho in October was \$350 (only 2 weeks so that’s great!)
- Pacing really well compared to last year
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### **Fundraising**

- Holiday Market – Grade 8’s will set up during the day
- Krispy Kreme pickup will be March 4<sup>th</sup> – Ashley will work on dates to open and close
- Big Box – Aim for pick-up Tuesday Dec 3
- Ms Barry is doing a recipe in a jar fundraiser – Sell in November – Pick up Dec 3
- Poinsettias – Pick up December 3
- Will borrow the gym for all the Dec 3 pickups
- Fundraising for Grade 8 trip – need to reach out to BrightSpark to start the process of options, costs, overnight/day, maturity level of the group for overnight – Fundraising would be starting in like January time-frame

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Table cloths – 6ft outdoor use box fit about \$191.65+HST (\$435 for 2) - through Ray who does our spirit wear – council to decide on purchasing 2 – **APPROVED**
- Playground – board preference is engineered wood fibre – top up every 2-3 years – 35x35 feet was about \$7000 (ours would be more as we are a bit bigger) – will table this discussion until later in the year
- Tara McLean sent a message through Sherry – co-coached Jr Rugby – need new flag belts (we didn’t have enough for all the teams) – something to purchase for next year – Sherry will look at costing (how much they purchased already to top up this

year and how much to purchase new ones) – Check into purchasing belts with school colours also – Need to check sizing also with slidable Velcro

- Tara also said they were grateful for the teardrop flags!!
- Phys Ed staff requesting dodgeballs – Sherry to get back to us with pricing and exactly what balls
- Gym needs indoor nets (volleyball/badminton) – replacing two badminton, one volleyball, and a couple racks – Volleyball net \$343 – Carousel/racks \$442 x2 – Badminton nets \$100 x2 (approx. \$1600) – request for council to fund this - **APPROVED**
- Kindergarten saying thank you for Tough Tubs!
- Wondering about a Math or Coding night – pondering ideas to invite parents in and see how our equipment works – maybe some council funding to have an event/volunteers to run (discussion for next meeting with some further information from the teachers looking to host this event, will likely be in Jan/Feb)
- Lisa brought up figuring out a plan for the equipment room (items going missing, items being ruined) – Equipment room is locked, only opened by teacher key (so there are teachers letting kids put things away etc) – Staff will be reminded
- December 6 Cookies, December 13 Popcorn for treat Fridays
- Treat next week will be Thursday as PA Day is Friday
- Next Meeting: Look at laying out Pillars allocations

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library**

**November 13**

**January 29**

**February 26**

**April 16**

**May 21**

**June 18**

**Adjournment:** 7:41pm

**Next Meeting:** November 13 @ 6:30 in the library