

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2025

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Tony Carcone, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Deseraye Campbell, Amanda Robertson, Ashley Reynolds, Tara McLean, Shannon Schryer, Daryl McAdam, Colin Marson, Vanessa Williams, Jay, Joshua, Allison, Lena Anderson, Amy Wood – WELCOME TO THE NEW FACES!

Regrets:, Siobhan Delacour, Carolynne Liebrechts, Amanda Jones, Eileen Jones, Jennifer Robeson, Kathryn Hopley, June Smith, Nicole Alexander

Call to order: 6:31pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 2024: Motion to approve –Amanda , Second – Jessica

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Constable Jones (community officer) – visit with Jr and Int classrooms, anti-bullying, consequences for this behaviour– trying to coordinate a session with Primary classrooms and Kindergarten classrooms
- Athletics: Basketball wrapping up (Jr placed 2nd overall, Int girls had area tourney yesterday, boys made it to KPREAA)
- Junior Concert was in Feb
- Kindergarten classes and LLS class had experience with Nature Nancy – outdoor education...some snowshoeing
- Black History Month – announcements every day focusing on Black Brilliance, featuring Contributions made by Black Canadians (also classroom activities)
- Today was pink shirt day – message to spread kindness and stand up to bullying
- Course selections and info sessions for grade 8 students (info sessions done and course selections happening)
- Grade 5 and 5/6 classes had a comic workshop
- Not successful in securing the PRO grant this year – Still looking to be involved in the Harmony proposal – maybe look toward next year to get the grant and expand the program
- School Improvement Plan – building bulletin board for visitors, etc. Indigenous education and learning goals – have had Indigenous educators in for guidance in new programming – Good Minds Book fair, Sherry purchased a selection of books to further support Indigenous education
- School Climate Survey – results have been released, to be discussed next week with Pos School Climate Team

- Dates coming up: Krispy Kreme pickup March 4 – pick-up 3-6, Shannon will be there to hand out after bell, Amanda can help, Amy can help, Jess can help
- Milestone Retakes – March 25
- EQAO dates: Grade 6 – May 12-16, Grade 3 – May 20-23
- School track and field (grade 4-8) – May 2 – May need parent volunteers to assist with set up and running events (MUST HAVE BACKGROUND CHECK)
- Grade 8 graduation – Mon June 23 – secure ice cream truck and photo booth etc
- Grad trip is in the works – idea was to do Blue Mountain, but the dates didn't line up (only available date was our grad date)....instead looking at doing day trip to Toronto: CN Tower, Ripleys, lunch and Jays game) – pricing looking around \$300 – just waiting for final confirmation of all locations secured with BrightSpark – families can request Helping Hands for support if needed (Sherry will use as needed)
- Sometime in April will be the Welcome to Kindergarten (Amy may be able to print up an SCC flyer that we could hand out) – SCC could be there to speak also
- Risers arrived just before the Jr concert

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Opening amount for year is \$11,300

Highlights:

- Big Box of cards- made about \$729
- Kent Farms brought in \$300+
- Krispy Kreme \$533
- Mabels \$189
- Poinsettias \$849
- Mucho – made \$7600 so far
- Pizza and Milk doing great (milk \$3200 in revenue so far)
- Cobbs - \$500 (Thanks Tanya!)

Still to pay

- \$65 – Jan muffins
- \$11 – Jan muffin eggs
- Winter Market Insurance – no form received yet
- \$55 – Feb Muffins
- \$9.69 – Feb Muffin eggs
- \$10.17 – Muffin liners for remainder of year

Finance from Regional Board Meeting

- Planning what we use the funds for throughout the year – Amy asked some other schools to let us know what they are using their funds for
- The board wants to see the paperwork of fundraising plans (our plan was submitted to the board in the fall)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Volunteer Facebook messenger group – Lisa proposing to clean up the volunteer group and remove people who haven't showed up to any volunteer time in months
- Link to volunteer sign up back in the newsletter
- June might need another helper for baking on muffin days – March 28, May 16 – 8:00/8:30 to about noon – Lisa to put request out to volunteers in the Messenger group?

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Requests:

- Request from Sherry for the books for Indigenous literature - \$500 – **APPROVED**
- Request from Mr Renaud for some new gym equipment – Sherry to review first to see if the school can purchase first
- Potentially shotput balls required, chalk spray for track lines, etc
- Council could do a free freezie event again this year
- Potentially tents for sporting events with Longworth colours – Sherry and Amy to get pricing for 10 x 10 pricing for the toppers
- Tarps for athletic events? Foldable benches? Tent sides (amazon)
- Taller stands for the flags? Can we get them?
- Can we add additional information to our newsletters every week about what SCC has purchased with funds, where things are allocated, etc. – try to get photos of things purchased, students participating in activities, etc. to add to the newsletter – Maybe a quarterly report to view and recap the quarter
- Lisa found some sandboxes on Wayfair – around \$170 – for further discussion
- Outdoor exercise equipment – 3 items are about \$12,000 plus installation – for further discussion
- Council would like to find ways to contribute to anti-bullying initiatives. Call out to council to bring forward ideas for presenters, other ways we can contribute, with pricing, contacts, etc.

FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

April 16

May 21

June 18

Adjournment: 8:42 pm

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