

Harold Longworth Public School Council Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

Individuals in attendance:

Sherry Richer, Tony Carcone, Lisa Butson, Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton, Jessica Knapp, Deseraye Campbell, Amanda Robertson, Ashley Reynolds, Danielle Jones, Shannon Schryer, Colin Marson, Jay, Amy Wood, Nicole Alexander, June Smith

Regrets:, Siobhan Delacour, Carolynne Liebrechts, Amanda Jones, Eileen Jones, Jennifer Robeson, Kathryn Hopley, Daryl McAdam, Lena Anderson, Tara McLean, Vanessa Williams

Call to order: 6:30pm

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Danielle Jones is now SCC teacher representative– Welcome Danielle!
- North Glen delay in opening – January 2025 is tentative date now – Plan is to have the teachers with their classes in an available school (will be housed at Bowman and Longworth) – teachers and students will officially be part of new school but housed elsewhere until the build is done
- Will be down 5 classes compared to this years, but will be getting a second LLS class this coming year(so will be 23 classes)
- Will be losing some staff that are surplussed and will need to fill French LTO
- Policy changes with KPR (links in email) – Major change is with volunteer Vulnerable Sector checks – adopting model where if you are returning to same school there will be an option to complete an “office declaration” instead of paying again and re-doing a check every year. This would continue for a set amount of years until a new check is required.
- Field/Park Update – not supposed to be on field if there is any standing water or puddles. Staff is checking each morning. Soccer fields can't be used right now. Hoping to open the park once the temps get up a little. Can't use the park below 0. Once park is open will continue locking the gate at night to prevent usage as off-leash dog park.
- Badminton played today – 2nd and 3rd girls singles – one will go to KPREAA
- Talent showcase coming up – performance will be May 1 (dress rehearsal on Apr 30)
- Track and field day coming up (May 2) – hoping for 10 or so volunteers – maybe a freezie station – will be outside all day (Grades 4-8) – shotput is a separate event that is more of a high risk activity
- Earth Day – class clean up with Ms Lowe
- Same day K-1 classes are having a waste management visit with Touch a Truck
- Dental screening going on

- May 20 is 2nd immunization day – Volunteers needed

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Opening amount for year is \$11,300

- Trip Account has a balance that was set aside for last year's grade 7's that we can still use for this year's grade 8's (\$360)
- Paid \$123.72 for muffin supplies for Jan and Feb.

Still to pay

- Winter market insurance
- Library Books (\$500)
- March muffins (\$62)
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Fun Fair

- Request for vendors – send them to Jess - \$46 per table
- We had a brand new Chrome book donation for Silent Auction! Thank you donor!
- We need volunteers for running silent auction - FILLED
- Volunteers needed to close parking lots
- Need volunteers to hit up local businesses for donations – Lisa will help with asking for donations at different locations

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Grade 8 grad trip – Aquarium, CN Tower, Jays game, lunch included, and coach bus – total cost was \$324 with insurance – based on 45 students (out of 60 grade 8's) – only had 33 students register....to continue with the trip it would have increased the cost – looking at other options to make a fun trip for the students for a quick day trip (maybe outdoor ed, etc)
- Discussion regarding teachers using vests on the yard
- Discussion regarding behaviour (i.e. vaping in the washrooms, evacuations, bullying behaviour in the washrooms, teachers not allowing students to use the washroom, etc) – request for additional communication from teachers/staff
- Action for admin for next council meeting - Request to admin to pull policies regarding communication for parents about issues within school, etc so that we can propose changes, etc.
- Request to invite someone from the board to a meeting so we can have some discussions with this council and see if we can have some of these concerns heard.
- Soles for Souls – aim for 1st week of July pick-up (July 2 for final pick up to clear out lost and found too)
- Cereal boxes – July 1 at Rickards trying to build the world record for most toppled cereal boxes (dominos) – send in full boxes of cereal
- Next meeting – bring up Jimmy the Breakdancer or a dojo self-defence class

Requests:

- Scientists in the school (about \$220 per class) – a few classes have asked – 10 classes max probably - **\$2200 - Approved**
- Kindergarten Butterflies (**\$416** for 5 classes) - **Approved**
- Wish List: self regulation items – bean bag chairs (\$200), egg chair (\$120), sit around cushions (5 for about \$120), weighted animal pillows(\$70-\$120), steam roller (\$1800), inflatable rocking chair (\$350), inflatable pea pod/canoe, little foldable chairs – Proposed **\$3000 - Approved**
- Outfit the Sunroom – teacher workroom and student work room – lockable storage cabinet (\$500) - **Approved**
- \$5 per student for end of year trips – about 600 students (minus about 60 grade 8's that we can use the Pinnacle trip account to fund) - **\$2750 - Approved**
- Gym equip – team badminton racquets for intermediate – scarves to play with in gym, smaller parachutes with beach balls for the primaries - **\$750 - Approved**
- Freezies for Track and Field - **\$85 - Approved**
- Support for dress rehearsal for talent show - **\$100 - Approved**

FUTURE MEETINGS – all at 6:30 in library

May 21

June 18

Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: May 21 @ 6:30 in the library