

MINUTES

James Hillier School Council

January 22, 2014

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting called by: Chair, Alison Maratos

Present: Alison Maratos, Hilary Visheau, Christine Dickson, Tineke Nurse, Sandra Colwell, Sarah Leppard, Luan Ferguson, Monica Meserve, Nancy Sherritt, Doug Ouelette, Graham Corrigan, Shannon Curry, Lise-Ann Kneabone, Crystal Sanderson, Graham Johnson

Alison called the meeting to order at 6:40.

Minutes from November – approved by – Hilary, Seconded by Shannon

Addition to the Agenda: Alison raised concerns regarding a safer drop-off zone. Especially since there is an increasing number of kindergartens and minimum funding. Alison offered to draft a letter on behalf of council stating our concern for the betterment of our school and safety of our children.

Principal's Report -

- **Mr. Ramsey is no longer our custodian. The new custodian is Mr. Peter Holterman.**
- **Madame Sorensen jr. French teacher will be running choir where 35 students will be singing at 2 community events.**
- **Mr. Johnson will be holding Arial basketball for junior's during 2nd break**
- **Intermediate basketball has already started up, with the tournament at the end of February**
- **Souperbowl – the school will be holding a food drive for canned, soups and chili. The donations will be donated to the Brantford Food Bank**
- **Mrs. Wilson will be hosting Hoops for Heart – with all contributions benefiting the Heart & Stroke Foundation. The students will raise funds and participate in basketball games.**
- **Wed. February 26 is pink t-shirt day in recognition of bullying awareness and prevention.**
- **Kindergarten registration is next week. There are already 15 new parents already registered and the attendance looks good for next year.**
- **Report cards will be sent home on February 3rd.**

Team Jerseys -

Tineke provided the jersey design and a sample of the fabric.

Tineke made a motion to purchase 40 jerseys from Litzen's at a cost of \$28/each plus tax. The motion was seconded by Lise-Ann.

Funds will be taken from the pizza day account to pay for the jerseys.

Doug will look into having an artist possibly paint the jersey logo in the gym.

School Dances –

Hilary requested an amendment to the November minutes.

The minutes should read: “2 yrs. Ago parents brought concerns to school council regarding what ages should be included in school dances”. There was concern regarding grade 5’s being permitted at dances, Doug & Graham agreed to discuss further.

Grade 5’s were allowed to attend the last dance of the year.

Event Coordination -

Pancake Day - March 4th

Lise-Ann and Luan will purchase all Pancake Day supplies and are coordinating the event.

Volunteers are needed and Alison will include a note in the newsletter requesting volunteers for the day.

Family Skate Night – February 7th from 6:30-8 pm.

Tineke is coordinating the event and the volunteers for the evening.

Council will put out a flyer to families regarding the event and volunteering.

The custodian leaves the school at 8:30

Doug to obtain a permit for the kindergarten classroom if needed

Spaghetti Dinner -

Council has decided to not put on the spaghetti dinner this year. There is currently no member of council that is able to run the event, and a specific fundraising goal has not been established.

Fun Fair –

Christine and Shannon are running the event, which is to be held in June.

Volunteers will be needed, and a request for volunteers will be added to the school newsletter.

Council agreed with a nominal fee to run the funfair and allocate some funds toward running the event.

Christine will provide a list of games, and ideas for the event, and Doug will in turn provide a list of restrictions.

If raffles are to be a part of the funfair, a license will be required.

Suggestions of a cake walk and having parents possibly purchase the cakes and donate them.

Christine is to provide a list of quotes to School council and we can therefore establish a budget to run the event.

There was discussion of possibly having a booth to order spirit wear, and contacting the Blitzen’s rep.

Spirit wear/Colour House Day –

Council had a discussion regarding possibly bringing back Colour House Day and purchasing buffs (toques) for each child at JHS.

Tineke will discuss this with Graham to see if interested in bringing to Miss Marcella. Also discussed was the possibility of having a Readathon being part of colour house to encourage interaction between grades.

Greening Committee –

The funds are designated for the James Hillier School yard. There are still final disbursements to come out such as paint, 1 more large tree, and possibly picnic tables. Bill is to present the garden area to committee for completion (from Jim McCracken's plans)

Teacher ACE Award Nominees -

To date there have not been any emails received regarding nominating staff for ACE awards. This opportunity was to be given by school council to thank the teachers for what they do. Emails should be directed to Alison for possible nominations through the school council email address

Other Items –

- **Council discussed revisiting fundraising for next year**
- **Call for volunteers in newsletters for future events to see what kind of response we receive from parents.**
- **Lise-Ann suggested possibly allocating school council dollars toward instruments/music program. Doug to look into possible funding for musical instruments.**

Treasurer's Report

All disbursements and deposits have been brought up to date and current balances were provided.

8:15, meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2014 6:30 p.m.