

# MINUTES

James Hillier School Council  
November 17, 2015  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Meeting called by: Chair, Paula Cavan

**Present:** Shannon Curry, Luan Ferguson, Paula Cavan, Kelly Lunn, Doug Ouellette, Jenn Davies, Jessica Cameron

**Regrets:** Laura Welsh, Hilary Visheau , Lise-Ann Kneabone, Graham Corrigan, Connie Chisholm, Christine Dickson, Monica Watson

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

## 1. Welcome

- Paula welcomed everyone and apologized that some did not get her email about the meeting. She will send out a test email to ensure everyone gets it.
- Minutes from the last School Council meeting were reviewed. *Luan Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Jenn Davies. Motion carried.*

## 2. Principal's Report- Doug Ouellette

- Water Fill Station- Doug notes the filter has been removed as the board has decided not to replace it. The water is still cold but no longer filtered. Council members expressed concerns about this as the school has had water treatment issues in the past and also because that was part of the sell to the kids was that the water was filtered. Doug will look into this further as he agrees with the concerns.
- Lunch Box Orders- Today was the first day for lunch box orders. Orders were down but Doug says overall the process went well.
- Projector Project (possible need for cage) - Doug took council into the gym to show us the new projector system. He states everyone loves it and it is very simple to use. Doug states it may need a cage as the system mounted on the stage could be easily damaged. He is looking into the cost of having a custom cage made
- GPIC Grant- A grant put out by the board towards supporting school councils to engage the parent community. Doug wondered if council would be interested in running something this year and suggested the topic of anxiety in children. He notes there are a growing number of students whose anxiety is preventing them from fully participating in school. He reports the mental health individual from the school board has agreed to speak for free. The grant has a \$500 maximum and

is due January 11, 2016. Jenn Davies indicates she wouldn't mind assisting with the grant application.

- Remembrance Day Wreath- Doug notes our school wreath is terrible and could use to be replaced. Jenn Davies agreed to make some calls to local florists to get an idea of the cost of replacing it.
- Contract Information and Updates- Doug reports the teachers union and the province have ratified a contract and notes as a result extra-curricular activities are back on and the Christmas concert will be held on December 16, 2015. He reports local agreements still need to be negotiated.

### **3. Treasurer's Report- Monica Watson**

- No update due to no activity.

### **4. Legislative Page Program- Kelly**

- Kelly brought in information about the legislative page program in Ontario which is open to students in grade 7 and 8. More information can be found at [www.ontla.on.ca](http://www.ontla.on.ca)
- Kelly knows someone who was recently a page and spoke very highly of this unique opportunity.

### **5. Meeting Dates Confirmed- Paula Cavan**

- Paula reports meetings will be on Tuesdays based on survey results. The next meetings are scheduled for January 19, March 22 and May 17, 2016.

### **6. Magazine Orders**

- A reminder they are due November 27, 2015

### **7. Next Agenda**

- Items on next agenda to include skate night, spring food drive, fun fair (Tentative date Wednesday June 15, 2016)

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Next Meeting- TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 6:30 PM**