

MINUTES

James Hillier School Council

May 26, 2015

6:30-8:30 pm

Meeting called by: Chair, Paula Cavan

Present: Marianne Schuts, Lise-Ann Kneabone, Shannon Curry, Laura Welsh, Connie Chisholm, Hilary Visheau, Monica Watson, Luan Ferguson, Paula Cavan, Kelly Lunn, Tineke Nurse, Nancy Hunsley, Doug Ouellette, Graham Corrigan

Regrets: Monica Meserve

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Welcome

- Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- *Hilary made a motion to transfer school council funding allotment to the school budget to be used toward photocopying. Lise-Ann seconded. Motion carried.*
- Minutes from the last School Council meeting were reviewed. *Monica Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2015. Lise-Ann Kneabone seconded. Motion carried.*

2. Principal's Report- Doug Ouellette

- Projector Update- Doug explained he has had to get three new quotes for the projector installation because the original quote occurred so long ago. Doug does not have the new quotes back yet but expects the projector should be installed by the time school begins in the fall. *Monica Watson made a motion to contribute \$2369.24 from the general account towards the projector if needed. Lise-Ann Seconded. Motion carried.*
- EQAO and report cards- Doug states the public school board teachers are not participating in EQAO testing for grades 3 and 6 this year and will not make comments on report cards. Phase two of the teachers job action will begin next week as well.
- Lunch box orders- Doug has been approached by a company that works with local vendors to provide schools with lunch orders. All orders are web based and Doug is seriously looking into this option. He reports we could continue to do pizza day with this as well as add in additional food days. Tineke questioned the benefits of switching from our current system as we get maximum profit now from running the pizza program ourselves. Doug indicates the current system is a significant amount of paperwork and the payment options would be better for parents through the new program. Parent volunteers would still be needed. He also states we can trial the program and cancel if we don't like it. Monica

advised she will not be able to head up the pizza program next year and confirmed it is a lot of work. Doug will investigate the program further and it may be trialed in the fall.

- Class lists/September procedures- Doug indicates students will once again find out in June which teacher/class they will tentatively be assigned to next year. He reports the Kindergarten class sizes currently sit at 27 students/class and they will continue to have gradual entry.
- 65th Anniversary Update- Glen Brown (manager of Sanderson Centre) will be the go between for the joint effort with the Hillier Community Foundation in bringing Chris Hatfield to the school. There will be two assemblies with Chris Hatfield who will bring his guitar. The students are already working on some things to prepare for this visit.
- Meet the teacher 2015- Proposed date set for Thursday September 17. Luan will take this event on with help from others. *Hilary Visheau made a motion to move \$300 from the general account for meet the teacher. Shannon Curry seconded. Motion carried.*
- Grade 7 & 8 boys conference- James Hillier students have been invited to this event which is put on by the teacher's federation and will have various presenters including from the White Ribbon Project to speak with boys about growing up to be good young men. This will take place at Joseph Brant School.

3. Treasure's Report- Monica Watson

- Monica Watson handed out the treasurer's report (attached) and reviewed it. She highlighted that we made \$620 profit from the spaghetti dinner.

4. Graduation- Monica Watson

- Graduation is scheduled for June 22, 2015 at 7 pm. Monica has begun to organize this event. Kelly and Lise-Ann volunteered to assist on the night of graduation. School council award for citizenship given to a graduate chosen by teachers.

5. Greening Committee/Spirit Wear Update- Tineke Nurse

- Tineke reported a new bike rack will be about \$1800. The remaining money will be kept in the account for future outdoor projects. Tineke suggested a fitness circuit. She confirms a garden (butterfly shrubs) will go where the stump was removed.
- Spirit wear orders are supposed to be in tomorrow. Tineke has emailed the company every day and changes had to be made to the template to allow it to fit on the sweatshirts in the smaller sizes.

6. Spaghetti Dinner- Marianne Schuts

- 155 tickets were sold to the spaghetti dinner. Marianne noted she was a bit disappointed by this but others felt it was an easy way to make some money without much effort. As noted in the treasure's report \$620 profit was made from this event.

7. Fun Fair- Shannon Curry

- Planning is coming along well for this June 11th event. Shannon notes the rock wall will cost \$5/climb. The lottery license has been secured and a form was sent around for volunteers to sign up.

8. Setting September Meeting/Elections Subcommittee- Hilary Visheau

- September School Council meeting dates discussed and Tuesday September 15, 2015 was decided on as the date.
- Lise-Ann agreed to work on the elections subcommittee and she will speak with Monica Meserve to get copies of the forms that have been used in past years. Should an election need to take place it needs to happen by Monday October 5, 2015 (20th day of school according to the bylaws.)

9. Boundary Policy- Hilary Visheau

- Hilary mentioned some families who live out of area and who have historically been granted permission for their children to attend James Hillier have been told next year they will not be able to do this. She wondered if this was a new policy or if something has changed. Doug explained this is not a new policy and indicates students from grades 1-3 have a cap of 20 students per class. Students in these grade who live outside of our area have to get superintendent approval to attend our school. Students in grades 4-8 wanting to attend a school outside of where they live is done based on the discretion of the principal. He notes he will likely approve these requests and he indicates numbers are the reason the lower grade levels are not being granted approval this year. Hilary wondered if there is an appeal process and Doug advised he has not heard of one. This affects 19 students, 9 of which are in grades 1-3. A discussion was also had about what proof of residency the school requires when a child is registered and admittedly there is little follow up to confirm students actually reside there.

10. Newsletter and Wrap-up- Paula Cavan

- This will be Monica Meserve's last newsletter and it is to include information about meet the teacher, fun fair and September council meeting date. Special thanks to Monica Meserve and Tineke Nurse for all of their hard work on council over the years as their children are moving on to high school.
- Discussed some fundraising ideas and goals for next year which included fixing the long jump pit, installing a fitness circuit, aquarium trip for all students and Little Caesars pizza kits.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting- Tuesday September 15 at 6:30 pm