



HILSON AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Hilson School Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017, 6:30-8PM

Present

Tara Tosh Kennedy – Chair
Wendy Moir – Vice chair
Rebecca Renfroe - Treasurer
Barb Bekooy – Secretary
Ann MacCorquodale (member at large)
Orly Lewkowicz-Kelly (member at large)
Jenn Whiten
Nimi Benjamin
Lisa Clayton – Principal
Marthita Pennefather – Vice Principal

1. Opening of meeting

Tara welcomed all members

2. Principal's report (Lisa)

Teacher Contributions

Thank you from Hilson teachers for \$100 contributions. Some items purchased by teachers include: stickers, books popcorn events, stools for guided reading and tennis balls for feet, new novels, manipulative toys, soils, seeds food colouring, small whiteboards, math books.

Learning Plans

This year, Hilson school learning plans have 2 foci:

1. Math: Given the number of new staff this year, staff will work on consolidating what was learned last year regarding “number talks”, i.e.: encouraging growth mind-set, understanding that there are many strategies to get to a solution
2. Well-being: Lisa is seeking School Council help in reaching out to parent community regarding students’ developing persistence when faced with challenges. Making mistakes is productive, as this is when the brain grows. Lisa indicated that she is looking forward to future conversations with School Council as to how to engage parents on “grit”, “persistence”, “resiliency”. Lisa referred to Angela Lee. Duckworth, an expert on grit and persistence. Discussion focussed on bringing in a guest speaker for parents.

Library

Carpet replacement: Hilson on track to have carpet replaced. Rebecca will enlist help of her husband to liaise with Carleton U School of Architecture to help in the Library’s new configuration/design.

Dates to keep in mind:

- Nov 29: OCDSB Trustee Erica Braunovan: open zone meeting regarding equity of fundraising across the schools in OCDSB.
- Nov 18: Parent Conference and School Council Training Day, 8:30-1:30, Sir Robert Borden High School
- Nov 30: Dr. Susan Hopkins of the MEHRIT Centre, Introduction to Self-regulation presentation, 7-9 pm, Sir Robert Borden High School

3. Treasurer's report (Rebecca, see attached)

- balance as of November 14th, 2017: **\$7,332.93.**

4. Fall Events:

Book Fair (Nimi)

- Gross revenues: \$7,235
- Therefore, award of \$4,307 for Ms. Harrison for the school library.
- Bonus: \$672 helped to complete the classrooms' wishlists.

Nimi also indicated that Ms. Harrison would like to attend School Council meetings moving forward.

Movie Night (Jenn)

- Nov 17
- Volunteers are all organized
- Movie: Cars 3

5. Budget – Looking Forward (Tara and All)

Overview (Tara)

- \$7,333 current as of Nov 2017
- Money coming in from pizza sales, 3 movie nights: \$4,100
- Money leaving: possibilities include spring fling, Leaving Ceremony, support families at Christmas, Lego robotics: \$3,400

Discussion on how to invest the approximate \$7,000 in funds going forward. Possibilities include:

- Library investment (current undergoing redesign)
- Technologies, including more laptops

Lisa noted that the OCDSB will invest funds in Hilson to ensure 4:1 students-to-technology ratio, although the timing for when Hilson will receive the technologies over the course of the five-year implementation plan is not yet known. The OCDSB will conduct an audit as a first step.

Outcomes:

- Lisa will speak with Gr. 5, 6 students and teachers for their ideas regarding technology, library investments.
- Lisa will let School Council know when the OCDSB technology audit will occur.
- Best Practice: School Council agreed that all fundraising events should have objectives/rationale attached so that parents are aware of the objective and the Council is held accountable.
- The Hilson Custodian indicated a need for newer, more light-weight tables, and Lisa will price out for Council review.

Discussions will continue at December's School Council.

6. Grade 6 leaving Ceremony (Jenn and Anne)

There will be 86 school leavers in June.

Ceremony will take place during the day, staff decorate the school and gym, Lisa orders the cake
Gr. 5 Teachers will ask Gr. 5 parents to cut cake and pour lemonade.

Outcomes:

- Anne, Jenn would like to volunteer to investigate the possibility organizing a Gr. 6 trip (either within Ottawa to a destination). Lisa indicated a need to work within OCDSB guidelines regarding trips, excursions. She added that teachers have yet to meet regarding an end-of-year field trip.

7. Adjournment at 8pm.

- Next meeting is Tuesday, December 12th. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month.



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Position of Funds at November 14, 2017

Estimated Cash on Hand at October 10, 2017	\$11,858.35
Add Revenues: Net Funds Raised - see Table #1	\$ 2,204.58
Deduct Miscellaneous Expenditures: see Table #2	\$ -4,000.00
Future Expenditures: see Table #3	\$ -2,730.00
Available Funds at November 14, 2017	\$7,332.93

Table #1 - Fund Raising Events/Revenue

Activity	Expenses	Receipts	Net Proceeds
Pizza Sales	\$-5774.78	\$7,479.361	\$1,704.78 **
OCDSB - PIP Funding			\$ 500.00
Totals			\$2,204.58

** Estimated until actual expenses are paid.

Table #2 - Miscellaneous Expenditures

Activity	Expenses
Field trip/Scientist in the classroom fund	\$ -2,000.00
Sport Shirts	\$ -2,000.00
Total	\$ -4,000.00

Table #3 - Future Expenditures

Activity	Expenses
Childcare for November 2017 Council Mtg.	\$ -30.00
Teacher Fund	\$ -2,700.00
Total	\$ -2,730.00