

Minutes of the Homelands School Council

held on Oct 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Library

School Council Meeting Attendees:

Dana Wilson	Erica Menzies	Nicky Rossi
Simone Wallace	Milly Ntregkas	Oksana Lojko
Bradley Knight	Christine Chung	Joanne Eng
Chantel Kowdrysh	Hastia Shah	Susan Towle
Neeraj Paskaramoorthy	Laura Morcombe	Kerri Evershed
Lori-Ann Murdoch	Angela Norris Siemens	Jennifer Park
Elaine Bellevue	Joni Mann	
Kareem Aboulnaga	Laura Thompson	

1. Chair and Co-chair commenced the meeting by taking attendance and introducing the new Committee.

2. Handed out Agenda and last month's Meeting Minutes for approval.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved

3. Student Senate representative- Mohammad Sinjo

- A.** Mohammad went over the makeup and function the student senate. To join the Senate a student must get two teachers and two students to vouch for them as a representative. Anyone can join. The senate is comprised of a few teachers and student members that meet monthly to organize colour house events, ice breakers and activities.
- i.** Currently selling Colour House hoodies (\$25) and T-shirts (\$5)
 - ii.** Organizing a Career Day- they are looking for parents who would like to come in that day to talk about their career/industry. Please contact Ms. D'Orazio for more information
 - iii.** October 13 Spirit Day – Dress up as your Favourite Villain was a success!
 - iv.** Next event will be October 31 Activity Afternoon. There will be no official classes for the afternoon instead the senate has organized activities for all the students to participate in such as a Dance, Games room, Movie room, Technology room, Study hall and a Food room.

4. Principal's Report - Dana Wilson

- A.** Re-organization Day went well. The school acquired an additional grade 7 English teacher to help rebalance the classes.
- B.** Orange Day Assembly on October 5 was presented by a local Indigenous organization sharing the viewpoint from a Native person's perspective. The presentation was both enlightening, powerful and successful.
- C.** October 6th PD Day was a full day of training covering Engage Math, Mindfulness and Wellness practices for Teachers as well as the new Suspicious Package protocol and drill procedures.
- D.** October 30 is the scheduled date for the Suspicious Package drill
- E.** The school's safety practice procedures include 6 fire drills, 2 lockdown drills and 1 suspicious package drill each year.

- F. Chocolate Fundraiser went well. The final count is still to be determined as all the chocolates have not been returned. The final assembly will be held Monday October 23 to recognize classes and individuals that had the best sales.
- G. October 26 Fall Fun Run conducted by Ms. Breuer
- H. Oct 27 Boys Flag Football Tournament and Oct 30 Girls Flag Football Tournament
- I. The School has gotten approval for an Outdoor Classroom, the process requires a Facilities Managers approval once a Cost Estimate has been established. This may be a spring 2018/ fall 2018 project.

5. 50th Anniversary 1968-2018

- A. April 26 2018 during Education Week will be the day the school has set aside to celebrate their 50th Anniversary!
 - i. Guest speaker Peter Joshua Director of Education
 - ii. Invite alumni students and teachers
- B. October 30th 2017 - aerial photograph of the school and students. This picture will be given to each student during the anniversary week.
- C. The council will start a committee to organize the events and activities for that week.
- D. Laura Thompson volunteered her video editing skills to help create a video showcase of the events.
- E. Ideas for activities during Education week's open house were discussed
 - i. Time Capsule (Present and Future predictions)
 - ii. 50cent game or activities
 - iii. Now vs Then classrooms and wardrobes
 - iv. Picture room with historical pictures

6. Nothing to Review for Financial Statements

7. Pizza Fundraising Opportunity

- A. Chantel volunteered to head up the pizza fundraising committee and is recruiting volunteers to assist with the organization of Pizza Fridays!
- B. Need to introduce the new option of Pizza Pre-Purchase in the November school newsletter, must also remind parents to register/sign up with CashOnline as an alternate method of payment at school.
- C. Committee decided that 4 weeks was an appropriate number of weeks to use for the prepayment option for Pizza ordering.
- D. Lori-Ann will edit the order form with a Halal option and make it easier to calculate totals
- E. Start Pizza Pre-Purchase for the month of December. Send out Pizza Pre-Purchase order forms to student population by second week of November to ensure timely collection and calculation.
- F. Accept Cash only for December-March, in the interim introducing and advocating the use of CashOnline.com through newsletters.
- G. School could facilitate new PC users (parents) to sign up with CashOnline by doing demos at the school.
- H. Suggestion were made to source out more cost effective, tastier pizza vendors that offer Halal options.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Next meeting Nov 23th, in the library