

Minutes of the Homelands School Council

held on November 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Library

School Council Meeting Attendees:

Dana Wilson
Simone Wallace
Bradley Knight
Neeraj Paskaramoorthy

Elaine Bellevue
Erica Menzies
Christine Chung
Hastia Shah

Susan Towle

- 1. Co-chair commenced the meeting by taking attendance.**
- 2. Handed out Agenda and last month's Meeting Minutes for approval.**

The Meeting Minutes from October's meeting had been approved by executive but due to the responsibility being unassigned were not printed and brought to meeting for council approval. In the future, we will print a few hard copies to distribute for approval during meeting. After council has approved, the principal will post the previous month's minutes online for all to review.

3. Student Senate Representatives-

Madison Bellevue, Angela Thomai, Kristen Noble

- A.** The representatives gave council an update of past and upcoming activities the senate organized.
 - i.** Organized a Career Day on November 15. They had approximately 40 parents attend/present to the school. It was a huge success with children learning more about what opportunities lie ahead for them in different fields of work. Parents volunteer presents came from the entertainment, engineering, food supply and trades industries.
 - ii.** The first Activity Afternoon was held on Hallowe'en Oct 31st. The senate 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. They made approximately \$700 after expenses and everyone had a lot of fun! The next Activity day will be December 22, the last day of school 2017!
 - iii.** The senate organized a Cultural Food Day where they offered up Vegetarian Samosas for sale. The senate made \$150 in sales from this event.
 - iv.** This month's colour house activity is the Annual Food Drive held from Nov 27 - Dec 8. They will be accepting non-perishable food items, toiletries and gift cards.
 - v.** The spirit day activity this month is Twin Day held November 24th.

4. Principal's Report - Dana Wilson

- A.** Chocolate Fundraiser went well. The school raised ~\$11,000 in funds. Next year the process will have to be reviewed with respect to accurate ordering and returning unsold boxed. The process now takes too much time.
- B.** The Suspicious Package drill on Oct 30th, it went well, very similar to a regular Lockdown drill.
- C.** Oct 27th the boys flag football team came in 3rd at the tournament!
- D.** The Bus Evacuation Drill was held on Oct. 25th. Every student participated regardless if they take the bus or not to ensure everyone know how to leave a bus in case of emergency during bus transport.
- E.** Cash online is still a struggle to adopt. The School staff will continue to encourage parents to enroll to enable the school to process payment for pizza and activities on line. Mrs. Wilson is reaching out to parents via the Poly Cultural Centre to help educate them on the resources available to them in the community.
- F.** Grade 7 English classes had a successful trip to Burlington's Royal Botanical Garden's as part of their Science Unit.
- G.** The Grade 7's have also begun the first session of immunizations.
- H.** Erindale Secondary School came to present on Nov 1st. They gave a presentation to the grade 8's about the course selection process, how to create and use Blueprint for their education plan. They help to answer many questions about alternate programs offered by high schools.
- I.** The school had its first Celebration Assembly on November 9th, it recognizes and acknowledges students expressing exemplary character values.
- J.** Remembrance Day ceremony was conducted with a somber and respectful student body.
- K.** Progress reports went out Nov 9th, and parent and teacher interviews were held Nov 16th & 17th.
- L.** Bully Awareness week is currently going on and will conclude next week with a Poster contest on Nov 28th.
- M.** The school would like to book Steve Chappelle, a wellness and internet safety specialist to come in and present to the student body. Mrs. Wilson has secured a date of January 11, 2018 for the school. There will be a daytime presentation for students and a 6:30pm presentation for parents. The total cost is \$765+HST.

5. 50th Anniversary 1968-2018

- A.** The proposed date of April 26 2018 Education Week did not work out for the school to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The school is currently looking at May 17th as the tentative day for the celebration pending the confirmation of the guest speaker Peter Joshua, Director of Education
- B.** The theme will be Education -Then and Now

6. Nothing to Review for Financial Statements

7. Pizza Fundraising Opportunity

- A. The Pizza Envelopes for December have been collected and counted. We have managed to entice about 25% of the student population to prepay which is a good start to the program. For the first Friday of December we have 13 Cheese and 12 Pepperoni totaling 25 prepaid pizzas. When ordering we need to adjust these numbers to accommodate for the additional cash sales for the day.
- B. The school normally orders approximately 20 pizzas of each type, totaling 40. Hopefully we can help to eliminate excess purchases with the pre-payment plan.
- C. We will continue the envelope method for ordering pizza. Bradly Knight has kindly offered to donate his time and ink and the school will provide the envelopes to print these off for the council. Thank you Brad for getting us started for the month of December!
- D. The Pizza forms for January 2018 should be distributed in Early December and collected by Dec. 18th and counted by the 19th or 20th of December. There are only 3 Pizza days in January.
- E. To assist with the counting and organizing of data, the pizza committee requests that the teachers collect envelopes and elastic band them together by class to make the accounting duties easier.
- F. The process of distribution was discussed and will be further looked into with Chantel, the pizza committee organizer.
 - i. The two methods discussed were; delivering the prepaid pizza slices to each classroom via a student assigned to the responsibility, OR having the students line up by class and checking their names off of the class's prepaid pizza list. Either way, we need to enlist 4-6 volunteers to assist the staff with pizza distribution on Fridays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting Jan 18th in the library