

Parent Council Minutes: September 18, 2018

- Called meeting to Order at 7:0 pm
- Welcome and introductions, 20 people in attendance.
- Review of Agenda. Approved by Larissa Koshel, seconded by Erin Warwaruk
- Review of previous meeting minutes. Adopted as read by Larissa Koshel, seconded by Darcy Woods.
- Correspondence: none
- Review of Purpose of Parent Council; Contribute to a successful school.

Reports

- President's report: Leslie Dyke says Thank you to all Parent Council members, staff and parents who attend and help out throughout the school year. Job description: Plan and run the meetings every second month, coordinates Teacher/Staff appreciation in February.
- Vice President report: Larissa Koshel, introduction about the babysitters, many kids in attendance for this meeting (22). Job description: Submits for Parent Council for monthly HMK newsletters, arranges the babysitters for the meetings, fills in other positions when needed.
- Treasurer's report given by Darcy Wood: \$632.00 in the account, all cheques cleared, all bills payed.
- Fundraising report: We have two ongoing fundraisers. 1. Snack bags: some have sold. 2. Lovable Lables: unsure how much has sold. Thinking of more fundraising options, review of what kind of food items could be included based on divisional policy.
- Principal's report from Mr. Hanke:

Welcome. Review of Parent Council being about sharing information, working toward a better school. Both Mr. Hanke and Mr. Freeman available to talk to parents about concerns. Contact them at the office. Thank you to Parent Council members.

Staff changes related to maternity leaves: CJ Nicholson will be in Mrs. Poncsak's Kindergarten term, Tara Kerkowich will be joining and co-teaching Grade 1 with Mrs. MacPhee, Karla Hall will be in Ms. Jarvis's Grade 3 term, Tawny Kerkowich will be in Mrs. Boyle's Grade 5 term.

HMK enrollment currently 472 currently. Last year at the start of the year was 454.

Middle school construction is underway. Completion before September 2019 still the plan. The middle school will be grades 5-8, the High school will be 9-12. There will be two separate administration teams.

Michele Borba, an acclaimed speaker about teaching empathy, had a parent session last eve on Teaching Empathy. All HMK staff went to a daytime session. The parent session will air on NACTV in approx. 2 weeks. Unsure if it will be streamed online. All who went found it valuable.

- Vice Principal's report from Mr. Freeman:

32 new students for September, not including Kindergarteners.

Terry Fox run successful last Friday.

Bus Evacuation training takes place for all students. As well as fire/tornado and lockdown drills. There are aprx 10 fire drills a year. If any students are worried about the drills, please reassure them about it being a drill. Contact school if problems persist.

Grade 5 Camp will happen in June at Camp Assiniboia again. This has been happening since 1979, so is the 30th year anniversary.

Old Business: None

New Business: Parent Council executive elections

Treasurer Darcy Wood and Secretary Leah Sumner moving on.

Elected Secretary: Sara Rose

Treasurer: remains vacant for the time being.

Parent council goals for the year: Parent Council is not just fundraising, bringing ideas to the school, parent initiatives and supporting the school. Any feedback for parent council goals for the year, please advise a parent council executive member.

Round table:

Mr. Hanke- School has applied for a grant for Food programs, Hylife expressed interest in starting this. This may be an area that parent council could help with.

Erin Warwaruk- questions of milk availability chocolate vs. white. In the past quantities sold of white milk have been a problem. Mr. Hanke/Mr. Freeman to look into.

Leslie Dyke- If anyone would like to participate in parent council initiatives, meetings, and not be on the executive, it is welcome, let any parent council member or office staff know.

- Next meeting date: November 20th, 2018 at 7 pm in the HMK staff room.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm