

## April 15, 2024 – HMK Parent Council Minutes

In attendance: Principal Mr. Hanke, President Sarah Mckinnon, Vice-President Trisha Sawadsky, Treasurer Heather Saquet and Secretary Leslie Pearson, Teachers Kim Chapman and Ashlee Plett

Meeting called to order at 6:31

Leslie Pearson made a motion to approve the agenda and review the minutes. Seconded by Trisha Sawadsky. Carried

### Reports:

Sarah: n/a

Trisha: reached out to the settlement office to put the word out about parent council

Heather: \$3934.33 sitting in account. \$948.15 cheque from make it sow to be cashed.

Mr. Hanke:

- HMK enrollment is currently 511 students
- Hanna Kaspick has been hired for a fulltime EA position along with Kyra Kaspick and Michelle DeVera.
- Marna Van Wyk has been hired for a part time EA position.
- Joy Cruz has moved back to NACI as an EA.
- Andrea Ferguson has resigned her EA position.
- 2.5 new teaching positions for HMK school for 2024-25
- Upcoming school year will have 6 kindergarten classes, as well as a second resource teacher. The school is also hiring additional guidance, gym and music
- BPSD division received a \$158,000 share of the Manitoba Nutrition program. HMK is looking at partnering with the Calvary Chapel and running an AM program out of their renovated commercial kitchen. They are willing to help and they have the space.
  - looking at possibly doing once a week prep in the Calvary Chapel kitchen then providing food at HMK to anyone who wants. They have put in a request to the division for \$49,000, with that money going towards buying a fridges to keep at the school and the church, possibly a hand truck or delivering food, \$35,000 for food and money for hiring someone to run the program.
- The incoming Kindergarten parent meeting was very well attended this year. Childcare was offered in the kindergarten classrooms and was attended by over 60 kids.

Old Business:

2 cookbooks remain at Harris Pharmacy

New Business:

Teacher Requests:

Mrs. Plett is asking for on behalf of herself and the other kindergarten teachers for 3 stands that hold TuffTrays at a value of \$99.99 each. These stands will be used between the 6 kindergarten classrooms. They can be used in the classroom or outside.

Mrs. Chapman is asking for money towards weighted vests. They have 2 that are currently being used as an affective therapy tool. They are suggested and recommended by occupational therapists. Mrs. Chapman puts them on students for about 20 minutes in the AM and PM. They currently have a small vest and a medium vest. She is asking to purchase 3 new vests; a size medium, size XL and an adult XS. The total cost of these vests would be \$315.

Ms. McLaren is asking for any amount of money to be put towards books for Mrs. Asselstine's Grade 1 classroom.

A motion was made by Leslie Pearson to approve all the requests and value of \$300 to be given to Ms. McLaren to buy books for the classroom. Seconded by Trisha Sawadsky. Carried

Spring Fling was suggested to be held June 7 at the Yellowhead Centre from 6:30-8. Leslie will be in contact with the Yellowhead to see if that date is available. The Parent Council will be using the quiet zone again and having coloring, a ballon arch, and photo props.

Teacher appreciation is going to tentatively be held 3 Wednesdays in May. May 1, 15 and 29.

Heather Saquet made a motion that parent council supply Tim Hortons, fruit trays etc. one of those days. Second by Leslie Pearson. Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03