

HMK Parent Council Minutes: May 1, 2023

In attendance: President Sarah Mckinnon, Treasurer Heather Saquet, Secretary Leslie Pearson, Principal Mr. Hanke, and Vice-principal Mr. Freeman

Meeting called to order at 6:45

Motion made to review agenda by Leslie Pearson. Seconded by Heather Saquet.

Motion made by Sarah Mckinnon to review minutes. Seconded by Heather Saquet.

Correspondence: Certificate from Make it Sow informing us they planted 22 trees from our fundraiser.

Reports:

President Sarah Mckinnon: none

Treasurer Heather Saquet: account total is \$6936.25 - with outstanding cheques to Tim Hortons for smile cookie fundraiser of \$756, \$100 to Yellowhead for spring fling deposit, and \$15 to babysitter.

Fundraising: n/a

Mr. Hanke:

- Mrs. Ernest will be retiring this year after 43 years with the school division.
- Mrs. Plett will be taking over Mrs. Ernest's position with means HMK will need to hire a new EA/part time secretary.
- HMK will placing ads for upcoming maternity leaves: Mrs. Lazaruk in Grade 1, Mrs. Asselstine in Grade 1, Ms. Drader in Grade 2, Ms. Taylor's remainder of her maternity leave, and Mrs. Schafer's remainder of her maternity leave.
- Rhonda Dickenson will be leaving her position as student services coordinator and will be taking over as Vice-Principal of NACI.
- Student population is 457 with 7 in queue for a total of 465. Kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year is 72. They are anticipating the total to be mid to high 80s.
- The largest grade in Neepawa right now has 130 students.
- A new high school is going to be built in Neepawa. It is 1 of 9 new schools announced in the province. They are going to be built under a 3P model (public, private, partnership). The goal is to have it open for September of 2027. Right now the division is trying to acquire land for the new school.

Mr. Freeman:

- The battery return program received a total of 22 boxes which is equal to 1200 pounds. HMK needed to collect 4 boxes for the earth rangers to come.
- The largest cost for fields trip is the gas and bus driver. The special trips budget from the school division helps pay for this, noon skating and swimming.

Old Business:

- Council members reviewed teacher requests and Leslie made a motion to approve the following requests for a total of \$2000, Heather seconded:
 - Ms. Smith \$300 for classroom books
 - Camera for the bird box for Grade 1 teachers
 - Mrs. Hackewich \$300 for her little spot of feelings
 - Spray parts trays for Mrs. Poncsak, Mrs. Plett and Mrs. Byram for \$300
 - \$750 towards Haggarty books for Kindergarten/Grade 1 teachers
- May 17 and 18 HMK will be holding a spring musical called Welcome to the Jungle for Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 3 students.
- Teacher appreciation will be held May 10,17,24 and 31 for HMK staff with parents bringing in meals for lunch.

New Business:

- Smile cookies are ordered for HMK students and staff - parent council members will be delivering Thursday to the school.
- Spring fling is booked for June 2 from 6:30-8:00 at the Yellowhead for a total cost of \$400. This year we will also be using the lobby of the rink and have coloring, tattoos, and photo props to use with a balloon arch. There will be a silver collection at the door.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:56.

Next meeting will be held in September.