

HMK Parent Council Meeting

March 21, 2017

Present: Leslie Dyke, Larissa Koshel, Darcy Wood, Allen Hanke, Shelley Williams, several parents

Regrets: Leah Sumner, Shelly Suski

1. Called Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Agenda reviewed and accepted.

3. Review/Adopt Minutes – Minutes reviewed, addition of Fundraising Ideas to New business

Motion: Leslie Dyke/Larissa Koshel move that the minutes be accepted as reviewed. Carried.

4. Correspondence – Thanky You Note from Kim Chapman for Staff Appreciation Week

5. Reports

a. **President** – Reviewed Staff Appreciation, well received. Thank you to all parents who contributed.

b. **Vice President** – a submission will be sent of PAC activities to newsletter. Babysitters present as usual, no concerns voiced.

c. **Treasurer** – Bank balance of \$5,081.34.

d. **Fundraising** – Will be discussed in New Business

e. **Principal** – Playground update: a total of \$5,600.00 raised from Legion supper and Quilt raffle. Prairie Alliance Church has generously donated \$5,000.00. Total is at aprox. \$104,000.00 at present. Selection of company and layout option can procede. Supervised install is an option with potential for more for our money. Options will be on display for comments. Decision will be made April for summer install.

We also have 2 tickets for a Jets game to raffle off at the spring fling towards this.

Grade 5/6 camp will be June 7-9. Aprox 170 students will attend Camp Assiniboia. Letters have been sent to grade 5 parents and information sessions have started.

NACI will be looking at the possibility of a grade 8 camp.

Staff changes: Mrs. Schaffer (grade 4) is on maternity leave, Dylan Woodcock has been hired as her replacement. Mrs. Kosorowski is retiring, Perline Ramero has been hired.

f. **Vice Principal** – Grade 5 camp hotdog fundraiser has brought in approx \$2,500.00

Coping strategies for students have been developed across the division, more information will be available in the newsletter. There seems to be an increase in anxiety seen in students. These strategies are being unveiled to students on posters, bookmarks and a video to come.

6. Old Business

a. **t-shirt invoice** – when a motion to cover remainder of T-shirt invoice was made last meeting, the total was thought to be approx. \$300.00. Total after taxes is now approx. \$555.00. Parent council members in agreement to carry out the motion to cover the remainder of T-shirt invoice regardless.

b. **Playground update** – as per Principal's report. Displays to look at and give feedback at the end of the meeting.

c. **Spring Fling** – New Date needed to not conflict with BPCF fundraising initiative. Possible dates included April 13th, 2017 or May 12th, 2017. Both work for the Yellowhead Hall. April 13th felt to be too soon. **May 12th, 2017** selected as new date.

Shelly Williams will find smaller water cups and will arrange the McDonalds water coolers.

7. New Business

a. **Ideas for surplus money donation**

i) water stations (thought possibly could be a maintenance project, but division is reducing some projects this year)

ii) learning programs- for example Dyslexia programs

iii) outdoor classroom initiative.

Mrs. Wood presented us with the option for donating some money for additional literacy intervention kids. These are used across the grade levels. Most in agreement that this would be a good area to donate. Amount to donate will be decided on at next meeting when current pledges are distributed.

Miss Taylor presented us with the option for helping purchase Painted Lady Butterfly kits to be shared between Grade 1 and Kindergartens. This helps with the curriculum areas of lifecycles and nature. She would need to order promptly. **Motion by Larissa Koshel, seconded by Leslie Dyke to donate the amount of \$257.25 to purchase Butterfly kits.** Unanimously supported.

b. **Fundraising:** We are in need of new Fundraising ideas. We have agreed to no longer carry on with DFS. Ideas need to be decided on at next meeting in May. Looking at raffle options. We need to get out the fundraising packages before Thanksgiving.

8. Date of Next Meeting – May 16, 2017, 7 p.m., in the HMK Staff room.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.