

Parent Council Minutes: September 27, 2016

- Called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
 - There were 16 people in attendance.
 - Secretary's report given by Leah Sumner. Seconded by Nena Latag.
 - Treasurer's report given by Leslie Dyke. Seconded by Larissa Koshel. Account balance is \$630.42.
 - Correspondence: Leah shared information about Staples Environmentally Conscious Schools Contest. Mr. Freeman will share with the appropriate committee and speak to Mrs. MacPhee, as she is very involved in the environmental initiatives. Examples – litterless lunches, Outdoor classroom, Garden club, compost bin and bag & battery recycling.
 - **Principal's Report:**
 - New staff hired:
 - Trent Joye – Grade 5
 - Leah Mabon – Grade 5
 - Caitlyn Schafer – Grade 4
 - Heather Brister – Grade 2
 - Ali Evecsyn – Grade 1
 - Colleen Taylor
 - Lisa Mann – Educational Assistant
 - Joanne Braza – custodian
 - Audrey Frohwerk – custodian
 - Currently 470 students enrolled.
 - Two new portables were moved onto the south playground. Sod recently planted so tape barrier in place.
 - New grooming room with shower, lift and changing table has been completed for special needs students.
 - Positive feedback again received for "Meet the Teacher." Approximately 80% of students attended.
 - What are parents thoughts about receiving their upcoming Teacher's name in June? Positive feedback so far.
 - **School Plan:** To have an inclusive climate for students, parents and staff.
- Ideas/suggestions:
- Parents have the choice to share their cell number/contact information with their child's classroom (K-Gr 2).
- Children write down their contact information in front of their organizer for students to exchange (Gr 3-5).
- Negotiating a lower price for basic HMK t-shirts so all students can afford to purchase.
- Grade theme fun days.

Looking for other suggestions for an inclusive climate at HMK.

- Currently \$86,000 in the Playground Fund. Will be receiving initial drawings of playground design from 4 different companies. Possible upcoming fundraisers: Tim Horton's will share proceeds on a special day, Giant Tiger round-up the cents.

- **Vice-Principal's Report**

- Made \$1385 from Terry Fox Run – thanks to those that supported this cause.
- Student “Cub of the Week” will continue. “Cubs” are chosen by their peers.
- High School group from Neepawa Collegiate have posted positive messages throughout HMK, promoting “inclusion” for all.
- Grade 5's are helping with Kindergarten lunches, instead of during recess due to staggered breaks.
- Mentor Program – staff volunteer their time to assist those in need.

- **Election of Officers**

President – Leslie Dyke

Vice-President – Larissa Koshel

Secretary – Leah Sumner

Treasurer – Darcy Wood

Fundraising – Shelly Williams & Shelly Suski

- Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.
- Next meeting – Nov 22, 7 pm, HMK staff room