

## 14th May 2019 Hopewell Avenue PS Council Minutes

**Attendance:** Daphne Dumbrille, Deb Gomes-Schultz, Allison Kelley, Colin Caird, Marni Kagan, Petra Heitkamp, Patrick Hunter, Claire Kerry, Mike Waddington, Mike Stewart, Dara Spatz Friedman, Jenny Dewan, Martina Sherwood, Tanya Trevors, Erik van der Torre, Caitlin McIlveen, Kristy Hannah

### 1. **Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of April 2019 minutes**

Mike approved and Allison seconded the minutes.

### 2. **Principal's report (Martina Sherwood)**

Planning for next year is well underway. We are busy working on school organization for next year. This includes staffing, timetables, developing class lists.

Caitlin McIlveen will be assuming a Vice Principal role at Le Phare Elementary School starting in September. She will be missed very much at Hopewell!

Our District's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan has been released. There are three key objectives – creating a Culture of Innovation, a Culture of Caring and a Culture of Social Responsibility. We anticipate that these objectives will anchor our work moving forward and look forward to further conversation about what this will look like for our students.

Highlights from some of our colleagues over the past month:

- Jennifer Thiessen, Junior ETFI/Math Teacher has been invited to present at the Ontario Association of Mathematics Education Annual Conference. She will be presenting a session about spiralling the curriculum – delivering a math program by intertwining all 5 strands.
- Jenna Neerhof and Elizabeth Vorobej will be attending the Ontario Association of Mathematics Education Conference.
- Grade 4/5 teacher, Tara Lynch has been hosting a visiting teacher from Korea for the past 8 weeks. We also welcomed 2 separate delegations of Korean Principals to our school on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. These exchanges/visits are co-ordinated by Ottawa-Carleton Projects and Exchanges (OCENET) in our district.
- We have been involved in a Cross-Panel Math network with Glebe. Through this network we are building math continuums and finding ways to ensure that the pathway between elementary and secondary math is as smooth as possible.

### 3. **VP / Teacher Report (Jenny Dewan)**

EQAO dates are confirmed. Grade 3's will write May 22, 23 and 24. Grade 6's will write May 28, 29 and 30th. Accommodations will be made as per students IEP for those requiring support.

Fire drill practices are upon us, we will be having a few over the next few weeks. Lockdown is scheduled for this month. These are part of our district ongoing safety procedures.

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Volunteer breakfast was last Friday May 10th. With a spring feel, many staff and parents were present to enjoy a plethora of goodies. All the support of our volunteers is greatly appreciated, the breakfast was a small way to demonstrate our appreciation.

### 4. Yard committee report (Mike Waddington)

Thank you to Katie Breen and volunteers for the yard clean up.

For future Fall/Spring yard clean ups: need to order mulch in advance and ensure enough volunteers. More advertising and promoting will help get the word out.

Stencilling in yard is holding up well, no top-up needed immediately. 4 square stencils are available as kids want that in the junior yard, but need to assess paint situation and the complexity of the stencil.

Mulch under the play structures is above minimum; trees are more of a priority due to need of protecting tree roots, but both should be tended to regularly.

- **Kinder Yard update**

On May 15th the Kinder Yard Committee met in the library at 7pm.

Virginia submitted a grant to the city for \$7500 to match the amount received from council. The committee met previously with staff from daycare to get their views on what kids play with.

Fundraising team needs to be in place for 2019/2020 year.

### 5. Treasurer's Report (Allison Kelley)

Profits from second movie night have been added along with \$1000 extra revenue from bike sale, which exceeded expectations with some big ticket items.

Question raised regarding the snack pack replacement fundraiser - a proposed bottle drive was not accepted due to the nature of the activity. Tanya Trevors suggested that we could raise money through Mabels Labels (school to be added to Mabel Labels fundraising site). Claire Kerry offered to do this.

- **Pizza for BIP (Behaviour Intervention Programme)**

Jenny Dewan requested that School Council supply BIP class (8 students) pizza on pizza days. Cost of one plain cheese pizza is \$9.50. The class is made up of Grades 6/7/8 students, therefore would require two Pizzas.

Council voted yes to provide two pizzas for the BIP class each pizza day.

- **Issues with PayPal**

Council is experiencing difficulties with the Paypal account. The problem seems to be linked to a fraud prevention threshold and has apparently been experienced by other large schools. PayPal's suggested solution is that Council register as a not-for profit and report income to CRA every year. However, this is not recommended by the school board for reasons of turnover, etc. Parents are currently able to order, but not pay for their orders. Affected families will be contact-

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ed and asked to pay for their orders by cheque. The Treasurers are exploring other options, including School Cash Online, and will report back to Council. The question of what other larger schools do in this situation will be put to OCASC.

- **Grad committee request**

Grade 7 parents plan and organize Grade 8 Graduation so that Grad parents can enjoy the event. Food is served after the ceremony. In order to reduce waste, the Grad Committee proposed that School Council consider purchasing reusable plates to use at this Grad, future Grads and other council events.

The Committee had research reusable plates and proposed the purchase of dishwasher safe, non BPA plates from Walmart (200 plates at cost of \$350). Volunteers would take plates home to clean. Concerns raised included: the number of plates needed (300 which would increase cost nearer to \$500); use (how many school events require plates?); storage space; and, the tracking and cleaning of plates throughout the year. Rental of plates, cutlery and glasses was suggested: the Committee will research this and will make a new proposal to Council.

The vote on the Grad Committee proposed budget increase will be done via email to ensure enough time before grad to make any purchases/rental agreements.

- **Fury update**

Approx. 250 tickets sold for the Fury Fundraiser.

### 6. **Safe & Accepting School Team committee report**

- **Welcome Mural update**

Natalie will be here next year and will be able to devote more time to the development of the mural.

- **Gender Diversity Speaker: Mathieu Mazur-Goulet (May 27)!**

The event on gender diversity will take place in the Hopewell Library at 7:30 pm. The panel discussion will feature Mathieu Mazur-Goulet, Zone 9 School Trustee Lyra Evans, and a parent with experience of gender identity.

### 7. **Movie Night**

The last movie was a success. Families have enjoyed them.

- **Need a new volunteer team**

Council is looking for volunteers to take over movie nights. Suggestion that the Kinder yard fundraising team might like to lead as a way to promote fundraising.

- **Set dates for next year**

Discussion on Friday versus Thursday nights. Some proposed dates were booked to ensure that the gym is available in the 2019/20 school year.

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### **8. Division Rep Report (Petra )**

Primary - Grade 3 parents raising questions about EQAO tests and what are the expectations.

A parent asked about a recent book drive and why the Hopewell library accessed some of the donations. Clarification was provided by school administration. The communication that went home did indicate that it was a book drive for both our library and in support of Hawthorne's book sale. Our own library had been trying to organize such a drive for some time and had put this on hold as a discussions were taking place at Council as to whether or not a used book sale would take place. In the planning of this initiative both Hopewell and Hawthorne were included as recipients of books

### **9. Everything on Wheels Sale – Report**

Well organised event, providing excellent tune ups. Only a few bikes were rejected. Suggestion that Bike tune-ups could be done by the Cyclery shop in the future.

### **10. Other Business**

Subway Franchise that we use for bi-weekly hot lunches went out of business. The Franchise owner has ensured that Subway lunches will be provided for the remaining two weeks by another location. Waiting to hear if there is another Subway that will provide for the Friday lunches in the 2019/20 year.

Traffic and Safety meeting for OSCA: Hopewell Avenue was discussed, particularly the issues experienced by Brewer pool/park. Erik van der Torre will be meeting with residents to see what issues they are raising and will report back to Council.

**Next Meeting on June 11th**