

DRAFT 11th June 2019 Hopewell Ave PS Council Minutes

Attendance: Daphne Dumbrille, Deborah Gomes-Schultz, Martina Sherwood, Jenny Dewan, Allison Kelley, Claire Kerry, Patrick Hunter, Colin Caird, Mike Waddington, Kristy Hannah, Heather Barrett, Petra Heitkamp. /

Regrets:

1. Welcome, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of May 2019 minutes

Mike approved and Patrick seconded the May minutes.

2. Principal's report (Martina Sherwood)

Our busy school year is not winding down, but certainly ending with many wonderful opportunities for our students. We are looking ahead to a fabulous start in September. Our class organization is planned at this point, keeping in mind that things can always change... currently we are moving into the 2019-2020 school year with 36 classes. This includes our 5 Kindergarten classes! We have a newsletter going home next week and at that time we will post the draft school organization for September – keeping in mind that change is always possible.

Over the next two weeks we will continue to fill teaching positions for next year.

Class lists for next year are in progress. Due to the potential for changes in staffing and enrolment over the summer students will receive class placements just before the first day of school through an email.

We held our Kindergarten info session on May the 23rd. It was very well attended by incoming Hopewell parents (and some who are not new to the school). On Thursday, June 6th, we held a special Watermelon/Lemonade event for incoming Hopewell Kindergarten students. This was a fantastic event. Current Year 1 Kindergarten students welcomed their new friends into the turf yard and participated with them in some activities – face painting, bubble blowing, chalk drawing... Our grade 6 students were also on hand to provide some support. Altogether a huge success!

Hopewell swag has filled our halls! Last week our clothing orders arrived and Hopewell H's are everywhere. We will look ahead to do another clothing sale in the fall.

This summer we are looking ahead to some projects. These include, a new roof on the east side of the school, the replacement of our fire alarm system and a new sign at the front of our school. The timberwork project on the turf yard has gone to tender and we are understanding that the work for this will be completed very soon.

Say Yes has been well loved. Supplies to supplement some art and science activities were purchased. We will also be drawing on these funds to support some transportation costs to an Ultimate Frisbee tournament. Say Yes will also be used to supplement the cost of a new sun shelter for our outdoor events (such as track and field).

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Finally, a huge thank you to School Council for all of the support and involvement. It is wonderful to work with a group of people who share a common goal of doing what's best for our Hopewell students. I look forward to working alongside Council next year!

It was raised by a member of School Council that Hopewell Ave P.S was in the News where it was reported that there were only 3 students currently registered in Grade 1 English stream. It was clarified that the report was actually referencing the year before 2017/18 academic year. Also it was confirmed that for the 2019/2020 academic year due to enrolment numbers there will be a grade 1/2/3 split in the English stream.

3. VP / Teacher Report (Jenny Dewan)

EQAO testing is now completed.

Hopewell Students participated in Hudson Sergeant relay Track and Field event and performed well.

Hopewell's Got Talent - Talent show took place on 12th June. Lots of involvement from students both on and off the stage.

First floor mural is complete - many thanks to students, families under the leadership of Nathalie Johnston

Spring cleaning - lost and found items to be displayed towards the end of the year and if not claimed will be donated.

Transition planning for the 2019 -2020 school year occurring. Staff are looking at how best to support students' transition into new grade.

Room bookings for next year's School Council events have been done.

Grade 8 Leaving ceremony - thanks to Grade 7 parents for organizing the event. The reception is at 10am on 26th June.

Quebec City trip for Grade 7 - 19th-21st June. Martina accompanying the teaching staff. Last year was first time parents were asked to volunteer and 3 parents attended. This year there were enough teachers/staff volunteers to meet the ratio required, so no parent involvement needed.

Grade 6 trip to Montreal - June 14th.

4. Yard committee report (Mike Waddington)

• Tree Watering

Heather and Katie, getting lots of things done in the yard, special concern is making sure tree watering is done this year. New trees have arrived this week.

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- **Kinder Yard update**

\$7500 grant received.

Another meeting planned in June.

5. Treasurer's Report (Allison Kelley)

Fury fundraiser raised \$1185. This was \$685 more than expected. Thanks Kristy and Deb!

- **Issues with Pay Pal - move to Bombora**

This issue was first raised at the May Council meeting. Hopewell is not the only school having issues with PayPal. Colin and Allison advised that other school councils processing larger amounts of funds are using Bombora instead of PayPal. Bombora can process credit cards rather than the need to set up an account like with PayPal. Bombora explained that we should not experience the same issues with respect to “financial threshold”. Should Council decide to move to Bombora’s platform, School Council would be set up as a not for profit and will provide them with bank statements as evidence.

There was a motion to switch from Paypal to Bombora - motioned carried.

- **Lunches**

Pizza - Panago is to raise the price 10 cents per slice increase. Pizza co-coordinator is in negotiations with Panago. Management of the franchise has reverted back to headquarters rather than being locally owned. Council members did not express any concern with the price increase.

Subway - Coordinator Roopa is in discussions with a Subway on Hunt Club Rd to provide our school with hot lunches since the branch on Bank in Old Ottawa South has closed. The Subway owners are asking for a contract for the year. No changes in prices proposed.

A suggestion was made to change the weekly lunch reminder to Wednesday rather than Monday. Another suggestion incited discussion on whether pizza could happen every Friday with Subway on a Thursday (every other week). Questions were raised on how many volunteers were available, and it was suggested that volunteers may be interested. If the pizza team can identify another team of volunteers, Pizza every day is a possibility. Otherwise it would be too big a commitment for one team.

- **Grad committee**

The request for funding was passed with an e-vote prior to the June meeting. This was to cover the move to being more environmentally friendly and renting plates .

- **Mabel's Labels fundraiser**

Mabel's labels is up and running. Parents can select Hopewell Ave PS to receive commission on their orders of labels. Commission is 20% on total cost of order. School Council will receive the commission each month if the total commission is over \$50, otherwise the amount rolls over to the next month. There have already been some orders. Flyers promoting this fundraiser have been added to the report card envelopes.

6. Safe & Accepting School Team committee report

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• Welcome Mural update

A mural will be developed in the front entrance of the school illustrating the Hopewell school community's diversity, to be led by Nathalie Johnston. A meeting was held to discuss what the mural could look like, and how the students can be engaged in such an activity. As it would be difficult for every student to participate, it is anticipated that at the first PD day in the fall staff will discuss how best to engage students in their classrooms, and in particular how to guide a discussion on what diversity looks like.

School survey data is in and it is currently being unpacked. The data will inform well-being planning for September.

There is a hope for a more integrated approach when conducting outreach to parents, in that parents can be engaged on what the students are covering in their well-being programme.

7. Movie Night

Council is looking for a new a volunteer team to run the Movie Nights.

8. Division Rep Report (Petra)

Kindergarten - 2nd Year Kindergarten Parents seem anxious to know information regarding Grade 1 classes. Parents will receive information in the Communication of Learning (report card for Kindergarten), the letter will explain that parents will be informed the week before school starts in September which class children will be in. Unfortunately, it is not possible to give out information any earlier as staffing and classes can change up until the last minute.

9. 2019/20 Council representatives

Daphne and Deb will step down as Co-Chairs and are looking for replacements. They suggested that the position should be filled with two parents who act as co-chairs.

Claire Kerry agreed to stay on as Secretary.

Discussion held on how to get more parents to volunteer for School Council activities. Advertisement to go into the School mail out. It was suggested that there be a Volunteer coordinator position on committee.

On Thursday September 12th, it is Curriculum Night, where School council could have a booth where School Council and volunteer opportunities are promoted.

Next meeting - September 17, 2019.