



ATTENDANCE:

Ann Perez	Ibi Olabode	Marcia Martin
Shauna Davidson	Jared Stapleton	Maria Madeira
Brenda Bennett	Jenn Devereaux	Richard Sinclair
Ross Murray	Jennifer Vervena	Sandra Carr
Annabel Zbogar	Jenny Walker	Sandra Witty
Celine Sim	Kristen Juschkewitsch	Tammy Cruji
Greg McIssac	Laurie Lyle	Terra Attard
Greg Schneider	Linda Winter	
Heather Sinclair	Luzan Wray	

1. Welcome and Approval of November Minutes

- Heather Sinclair, Parent Council Co-Chair, welcomed everyone and presented the agenda and past meeting minutes.

MOTION: to accept the November minutes.

Moved by: Kristen Juschkewitsch Seconded by: Laurie Lyle Motion Carried.

2. Approval of proposed Constitution and Bylaws

MOTION: to approve the updated Constitution and Bylaws

Moved by: Sandra Witty Seconded by: Tammy Cruji Motion Carried.

3. Principal / Vice-Principal's Report

- Vice Principal Shauna Davidson welcomed the group and provided an update:
 - **Drop zone:** live with support from Parent & Student Volunteers, Toronto Police Services attended Day 1
 - **Hatch Coding:** after school program started, Tuesdays until March. 17 students from grade 2 upward
 - **Skating:** a number of classes have already attended
 - **Literacy:** working on centralizing resources into bookroom downstairs; will help reinforce continuum; meeting with Scholastic this week to increase the resources in both English and French. Focus is primary and then will move to Junior next year
- Principal Ann Perez welcomed the group and provided an update:
 - **Volunteer Database:** updating volunteer database to include those volunteers with cleared police reference checks and completed declarations; lists will be shared with Teachers in terms of volunteers police cleared to volunteer
 - **Ontario Government Math Focus for schools:** government providing funding for each school and we are a school that is not as needy as others (our EQAO scores above provincial standard). Identified 6 teachers as our math leads (volunteers). These teachers are working with a Math Learning coach, sharing resources and will soon be opening their classrooms to other teachers (e.g. watch lessons, plan together) Will showcase learnings with STEM showcase in spring time
 - **Grade 8 End of Year Trip:** plans finalized to make it accessible and affordable. Given Canada's 150th anniversary, 3 day trip to Ottawa (June 19th). Classes will do fundraising to help subsidize
 - **Workshop with TSDB Gender Based Violence Team:** intermediate Teachers did a workshop with TSDB gender based violence team re engaging kids in work around healthy relationships



- **Proactivity around Anaphylaxis:**
 - 25 students with various degrees of severity
 - Annually Teachers go through online training course around Sabrina's law
 - The school identifies any students with severe allergies and creates a medical alert poster (office, classroom, lunchrooms)
 - If a child needs epi-pen, they carry it with them or with teacher in classroom (also keep spares in office). When on field trips, ensure epi-pens available
 - Reinforce every newsletter that Humbercrest is a nut-free environment.
 - Protocol in place for when children do bring nuts into lunch room/school; conduct regular and ongoing discussions with students
 - 911 always called in the case of an event
 - For classes with a child with severe allergy, contemplating sending a letter home
- **NEXT STEP:** Ann will share Math resources (e.g. links to activities, games, etc) with Laurie Lyle for distribution to parents

4. Speakers - Johanna Weaver (sport team selection)

- postponed
- **NEXT STEP:** bring forward to next Parent Council meeting agenda

5. Treasurer Report

- No report from Treasurer
- **Breakfast with Santa cost = \$700** (goal for 2017 will be to reduce costs. Higher this year given ingredient costs and griddle rental)
- **Holiday Craft Fair:** raised \$2300 (vs \$1300 in 2015)
- **QSB:** \$9000 YTD; \$500 incremental profit from holiday orders via online store

6. Committee Reports

SoFun (calendar & upcoming events)

- **Breakfast with Santa:** another successful event. Assessing options to support nut free policy
- **Holiday Craft Fair:** ~ 300 attendees; raised \$2300 (vs \$1300 in 2015); 40 vendors (vs 32 last year); successful sponsorships this year including Edge Imaging, Aqua Tots, Art in Action, Metro Coin and Banknote. Started the craft fair earlier in the day this year. Included bake sale and hotdogs. Vendors donated item for raffle. Issued survey to vendors for feedback
- **Movie Night (27-Jan)**
- **Winter Carnival & Talent Show (24-Feb):** identified volunteer to be lead; opportunity to leverage Runnymede students as volunteers
- **Next SOFUN meeting (24-Jan):** Winter Carnival and Movie night, discuss what food will be served
- **NEXT STEP:** need volunteers to support Winter Carnival activities. Kristen to put together information and Laurie to send out

Schoolyard Improvement

- No net new information since last parent council meeting
- Waiting for update from board in terms of what they'll pay for, and what will be left for Humbercrest to pay for
- Scheduled for Summer construction, however will pull forward to Spring if they are able



STEM

- Next meeting is Feb 22nd, seeking new people to join. Meet via telephone at 8:00 a.m. in mornings
- Participated in first Lego league competition at Runnymede
- Chair Doug Morgan has worked for IBM; IBM staff visited Humbercrest to discuss careers and assisted with Hour of Code (python and scratch)
- Projects: working to streamline Humbercrest communication tools – if any parents have experience/expertise, please reach out to Doug. Humbercrest moving to cash-less
- Planning 2017 STEM showcase (along with Math): targeting mid April; moving up earlier in year (Sheldon 3 day overnigher happens after STEM showcase)

Teacher Update

- **Public Speaking Competition @ Humbercrest (10-Feb):** working toward timeline of World Canadian Legion competition Feb 15th. Will select finalists before this date and then send competitors (starts local and goes National). At intermediate level it is voluntary with support from teachers. In Junior level it's incorporated into the program.
- **Thank you:** to parent group, who enhance and enrich programs with their support

7. Other Business

- **ProGrant:** Speaker Dr. Karyn Gordon on February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Topic: motivating our children
- **Discussion on proposed allergy policy for Parent Council events:**
 - Allergy Advisory Committee: will bring together Parents to act as advisory team when developing Parent Council policy (leverage TDSB policy with some slight modifications). Will also leverage advisory group when planning SOFUN events with food
 - Parent Insights & Thoughts:
 - Food at School: don't allow any food in classroom that is baked at home. For events, has to be bought at store with nut free label
 - Breakfast with Santa: do songs and stories with Santa instead to mitigate risk
 - For Events with Food: develop custom placement that is for special food requirement (vegan, nut free, etc). Placement would be readily visible and parent volunteers would be informed (could also potentially leverage placement concept in lunchrooms)
 - Investigate policies used at Apple schools in AB: provincial mandate on food at school and classroom; see if there is something we can leverage
- **Policy on supply Teachers:** parent inquiry on what policy is. Ann shared that they closely assess supply teachers and try to find the right fit for the class
- **NEXT STEP:** 1) develop Allergy policy and initiate Allergy committee; 2) Organize first Allergy committee meeting before next Parent Council meeting; 3) Ann to share insights on Supply Teacher selection/placement at next parent council meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED by Terra Attard