



#### ATTENDANCE:

Ann Perez	Heather Sinclair	Maria Madeira
Shauna Davidson	Johanna Weaver	Natalie Cakebread
Annabel Zbogar	Judy Quinton	Tammy Cruji
Celine Sim	Katherine Dillon	Tee Schneider
Colleen Raymond	Laurie Lyle	Terra Attard
Greg McIssac	Marcia Martin	Ross Murray

#### 1. Welcome and Approval of January Minutes

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

**MOTION:** to accept the January minutes.

Moved by: Colleen Raymond      Seconded by: Annabel Zbogar      Motion Carried.

#### 2. Principal / Vice-Principal's Report

**Vice Principal Shauna Davidson** welcomed the group and provided an update:

- **Pink Shirt Day:** anti-bullying campaign, good turn out with younger children (suggestion to sell t-shirts next year)
- **February Activities:** black history month: character-ed assembly and arts express is doing presentation for grade 1-4 (re-enactment of a book with Q&A); had prolog hip hop performance
- **Math Program:** math Leads now doing demonstrations in the classrooms for other teachers, more progressive way of teaching math focused on critical thinking & problem solving, less pen & paper more hands on activities

**Principal Ann Perez** welcomed the group and provided an update:

- **Cashless School:** Humbercrest is ready to implement the cashless school (debit, credit, e-cheque); marketplace will be TDSB Humbercrest School, can purchase field trips, agenda, locks, gym uniforms, anything that needs money collection. As a next step all parents will be registered and appropriate communications implemented. The site will be used for the upcoming Grade 8 field trip
- **Kindergarten Open House:** full cohort for JK next year; SK acceptances for French immersion are out (all Humbercrest families are accepted); waitlist for kids from Warren Park (11 children)
- **2017/2018 School Year Class List & Teacher Allocation:** student count for next year will be available after March break and then class modeling will commence; Ann will consult Parent Council in the coming months as they flush out their optimal models. Final proposal approved by Superintendent
- **Speech Competition:** junior and intermediate competitions complete, classes selected children to go forward at school level, school then selected children to go to the Legion competition, Humbercrest students achieved 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Legion competition

#### 3. Speakers - Johanna Weaver (sport team selection)

- concern: in certain grades, specifically this year in grade 6, the same children are making multiple competitive sports teams. As a result, some kids don't even want to try out because they know they won't make it. Children are not getting the experience to play on teams
- size of the issue varies based on grade and sport (there are teams where everyone who shows up, makes the team)
- Ann reviewed all teams, children, and team data to quantify/size the issue. Out of teams with 15-20 team members, there are only a handful of teams with the same 5 children
- Suggestions: lunch intramurals, practice squads, tiered teams (A/B), do more education on different tiers and what competitive sport means at Humbercrest



- Action: more practice squads already taking place, continue the dialogue and awareness

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### SoFun (calendar & upcoming events)

- **05-May:** Bingo night
- **09-March:** Dance-a-thon confirmed (considering leveraging Groove)
- **24-Feb:** Carnaval - if it rains - JKs proceed, outdoor activities canceled for all other children
- **02-Mar:** party in the playground meeting kick-off

##### Schoolyard Improvement

- **Scope:** approved, almost entire school yard will be redone
- **Financials:** given scope, now have clarity on what Humbercrest pays for vs TDSB and Humbercrest has sufficient budget. Humbercrest pays for: acrylic surface on basketball court, line markings, storage shed, portable soccer nets, seating (pending on north and west side of field)
- **Start date:** summer (with ideal start date in spring)
- **Next step:** validate distance between proposed seating and field of play/other obstacles to ensure appropriate distance/safety

##### Allergy

- allergy committee mobilized, kick off meeting complete, draft “Allergy Policy” complete
- immediate recommendations:
  - **SoFun:** reviewed all So-Fun events and confirmed no issues from an allergy perspective
  - **Epi-pens:** children wear epi-pens that need them. Lunch room supervisors will now have epi-pen. Field/playground supervisors will add epi-pen to safety kit
  - **Launch campaign in May in lockstep with Allergy Awareness Month:** implement a buddy system that they keep each other safe and watch out for one another. Issue placemats printed on laser printer. Include poster with allergy buddies and 10 top tips of what they can do to be aware of one another
  - **Teal Ribbon on Classroom Doors:** parents, teachers, sub-teachers are unaware of allergies in the classroom. Will put teal ribbon on outside of classroom door to indicate allergy. The older the child is, the more self-sufficient they are and their friends will be more aware. For JKs/SKs, they will wear button or sticker to highlight allergy awareness
  - **Parent/Community allergy awareness:** will send letters home at the beginning of the school year to parents to highlight allergy in the class
- **Next step:** bring forward to April meeting and include 1) review of allergy policy; 2) review of placemat that will be launched as part of the campaign 3) review proposal for alternative to food at school celebrations (birthdays, valentines, etc)

#### 5. Other Business

- **Sign Up Volunteer App:**
  - ask: spend \$200/year for licensed version
  - pilot with Party in Playground, further assess functionality and usability and then make purchase decision
- **Screenagers:**
  - at next parent council meeting, review a one hour documentary film about screen time and children

MEETING ADJOURNED by Terra Attard