



**ATTENDANCE:**

Annabel Zbogar	Jane Craig	Natalie Cakebread
Ann Perez	Jennifer Vervena	Sandra Carr
Carla Granger	Jim Witty	Sandra Witty
Colleen Raymond	Katherine Dillon	Shauna Davidson
Georgina Bruinsma-Cajic	Kelly Angus	Tammy Cruji
Heather Sinclair	Laurie Lyle	Tee Schneider
Ibi Olabode	Marcia Martin	Terra Attard
Irene Papadimitriou	Maria Madeira	

**1. Welcome and Approval of March Minutes**

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

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

Moved by: Katherine Dillon    Seconded by: Tammy Cruji    Motion Carried.

**2. Principal / Vice-Principal’s Report**

Principal Ann Perez welcomed the group and provided an update:

- **Schoolyard project:** construction will likely start early, perhaps within a month. Much of schoolyard will be off limits during construction, so we’re working on creative options to manage recess, etc. Party in the playground, scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, will be impacted
- **Planning/Modeling for 2017/2018 school year:** process is underway. Staffing model has been approved for next year. School allocation is based on the projected enrollment for next year generated by and the planning department. Teachers are getting their assignments for next year and classes will be built in May. Plans are not finalized until all enrolment numbers are confirmed later in the school year
- classes 1 to 3 can’t be over 20 (without exemption from ministry, which doesn’t occur frequently)

<i>Draft</i> 2017/2018 School Year Class Allocation		
English	French	
• JK (27)	• SK (27)	• Gr 3/4 (16/7)
• JK (28)	• SK (27)	• Gr 4 (23)
• JK/SK (8/7)	• Gr 1 (20)	• Gr 4 (24)
• Gr 1 (14)	• Gr 1 (20)	• Gr 5 (30)
• Gr 2/3 (9/9)	• Gr 1/2 (10/10)	• Gr 5 (30)
• Gr 4/5 (12/12)	• Gr 1/2 (11/9)	• Gr 6 (21)
• Gr 5/6 (8/17)	• Gr 2 (20)	• Gr 6 (21)
• Gr 7/8 (21/12)	• Gr 2/3 (9/11)	• Gr 7/8 (14/15)
• Gr 7/8 (22/11)	• Gr 2/3 (9/11)	• Gr 7/8 (14/15)
	• Gr 3 (20)	• Gr 7/8 (14/15)

- **TDSB Census:** April is census month, provides meaningful information for TDSB. It is anonymous and confidential. Grade 7/8 students will be filling out a census. JK – Grade 3 parents will fill out census. In grade 4-6 both parents and children will fill out the census
- **EQAO testing** (May 23 – Jun 5). Insightful for the school to get the data to see what areas are strong and what areas need additional focus. Programming is then adjusted accordingly. Testing is not laborious (math is 2 one hour sessions and English is 4 one hour sessions, over the course of two weeks)



- **School Cash Online:** 34% of community has registered, positive & successful early adoption. As more events come online, expect enrollment to go up
- **Stem Showcase** (May 3<sup>rd</sup>): working with learning coach this year, focusing on Math. He will do a presentation to parents with examples of how we're working with children and math. Demos of robotics

### 3. Treasurer Update (Jim Witty)

- **School cash online:** will hopefully be set and ready for Bingo night. Reporting is efficient and the plan is to eliminate paypal for next year to save money (\$1000 in paypal fees for 2015/2016 school year)

### 4. Committee Reports

#### a) SoFun

- **Party in the playground:** given schoolyard construction, will scale it back (take out the inflatables and maximize other events. Will leverage the gyms, and classrooms, preserve dunk tank and bring in some games. Call it 'party for the playground'. Planning committee open to additional ideas and suggestions from parents)
- **Bingo** (05-May): two sessions scheduled to manage size of crowd. Need parent volunteers the night of. Prizes required. 6 grand prizes still required (tickets, large lego, etc)

#### b) Allergy

- see Appendix A for mission statement and protective procedure proposal
- non-food based birthday treats in the classroom discussed (e.g. books for birthdays – donate to library or classroom, decorate a box with birthday paper and each child puts something in the box about the person, bring something in the child can sign. Child's birthday acknowledged over morning announcements. Teachers do "star day". No homework pass for older kids, designated day a month for birthday snacks, etc)
- school wide celebrations typically involve school wide notifications, so not the same issue as ad-hoc food celebrations
- Teacher feedback: has been a topic of discussion in last two division meetings. General alignment to the proposal and agreement that it will alleviate disruption from the day
- next meeting: April, email Annabel Zbogor for details
- **Next step:** Ann to review/approve proposed policy and implementation plan for September of 2017

#### c) Sustainability and Environmental Committee

- **Electronics Recycling (fundraiser):** April 18<sup>th</sup> thru Fri 21<sup>st</sup>: each day, 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. you can drop your electronics at the school drop zone

#### d) Ward 7

- Equity is key focus and theme for this quarter
- Census: TDSB has best response rate and data is meaningful (and leveraged by other schoolboards)

### 5. Other Business

- **PRO Grant:** designed to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community and to find local solutions to involve more parents in support of student achievement and well-being
- **Next step:** ideas, guest speaker suggestions, topics of interest to be submitted to Heather Sinclair or Terra Attard prior to the next parent council meeting

**MOTION:** to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Ibi Olabode    Seconded by: Natalie Cakebread    Motion Carried.



## Allergy Awareness Committee Proposal

**Objective:** To support the well-being of students with life-threatening allergies by raising awareness of the importance of prevention of cross-contamination and implementation of protective procedures.

**Mission Statement:**

Humbercrest is a NUT FREE/ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL.

With over 700 families in our community, the only way for us to succeed in providing a safe environment for all is with your help.

Please vigilantly respect our nut free environment and watch out for one another.

**Overview of Awareness Materials:**

- Allergy Aware Placements
- Allergy Alert Sign for classroom doors
- Allergy Buddies poster in classroom
- Allergy Aware Letter to class parents
- Allergy Aware Buttons for Kindergartens
- Welcome Package for new parents
- Allergy Awareness Week

**Overview of Proposed Protective Procedures:**

- Profile sheets displayed (existing)
- Complete all staff training on emergency procedures
- Annual review of all foods purchased by SoFun for school-wide events.
- Annual review of classroom allergies (September)
- Grade-specific annual assemblies (during Allergy Awareness Week)
- Parental advisement of classroom allergies (via printed letter in September)
- Prohibition of food sharing in lunchrooms.
- Introduction of non-food based birthday treats in the classroom.