



#### ATTENDANCE:

Shauna Davidson	Heather Sinclair	Ibi Olabode
Laure Lyle	Johanna Weaver	Jim Witty
Brenda Bennett	Yvonne Chan	Helen Hsia
Tammy Cruji	Maria Madeira	Silvia Tarenta
John Steel	Georgina Bruinsma-Cajic	Daniela Hawkins
Terra Attard	Hope James	Greg Schneider

### 1. Welcome and Approval of November Minutes

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

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

Moved by: Tammy Cruji    Seconded by: Brenda Bennett    Motion Carried.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- To-date we're behind where we would've been last year from a fundraising perspective. (Pizza down year over year, QSP half of what was raised last year).

### 3. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report: Vice Principal Shauna Davidson welcomed the group and provided an update.

- **Scholastic Bookfair:** successful, raised \$4200 with bookfair money.
- **Ice Time:** 6 slots, many classes have gone through.
- **Cashless Schools:** adoption strong, support model in place.
- **Mental Health:** in-service for teachers at last staff meeting – focused on what anxiety looks like in children, how it presents itself at different ages and stages, and services available in the community. Artsexpress does full day workshops to support kids in anxiety and managing anxiety (e.g. storytelling, yoga, creations of worry doll, expressing yourself through visual art). This was tabled with the staff in terms of looking into doing session at Humbercrest. The speaker that came in and met with staff also could do an event for parents. Next steps being explored.
- **Report cards & interviews:** cut-off date is end of this week, which represents the end of term 1. And everything from this point forward is term 2. Interviews are not for every parent – the second reporting period is geared toward kids at risk and who need focused discussion with teacher. The teachers will contact parent if there needs to be a discussion/interview.
- **Drop Zone:** evaluating opportunities to have the drop zone in place consistently every day and reminder to parents on car/drop off safety. One issue – it's difficult to drop young children at the drop zone, because there is no-one to meet them at the gate (teachers watch the "yard", not the gate). Parents will not drop young children and go without someone to escort them inside the gates and to their respective teachers. Next steps being explored.
- **QSP:** the winnings will be delivered this month.
- **Ward Council – "ask me anything"** between two wards: Bloor Collegiate Institute, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. Committee Updates:

#### Ward 7 - update

- **Equity Task Force results:** recommendations put forward and now figuring out how to operationalize them. Discussion re schools that have special programs and what will that mean for them.
- **Ward boundaries:** looking to change these, given updated legislation from the province (e.g. population of students, number of schools, cluster learning centres, etc.). Minimal implications for Humbercrest given density.



- **Concerns tabled by schools:** safety in the school (e.g. disrepair).
- **SRO:** resource officer in the schools – stopped the program. Program was disjointed with mixed reviews and experiences across different schools.
- **Opiod Prevention Program:** drugs on site for emergency treatment.
- **Long Term Planning:** accommodations at Keele, Bishop Morocco, etc.

#### SoFun - update

- **23-Feb:** Carnival and Talent Show. Need volunteers in run-up to the Carnival event. Greg Schneider to explore video-taping (like holiday concert) the talent show and report back.
- **March:** Dance-a-thon (much music video dance party).
- **14-Jun:** Party in the playground.
- **Grade 8 Graduation:** need a volunteer to prime. Parent Council to send note to Grade 7 parents to solicit volunteers.

#### Environment & Sustainability – update

- **Project refill** – canceled spring applications given new design plans. Will target fall.
- **Tera-Cycle, plastic marker/writing instrument collection & recycling:** recycling program, tera-cycle – collection of all writing instruments (e.g. sharpies, pencils). Tera-cycle will recycle and give earth day \$2 cents/piece. Collect at Humbercrest and then take to Staples.
- **Battery Recycling:** 4 bins at the school.
- **Zero lunch waste:** focus on lunch rooms, posters to educate, discussions with lunch room supervisors (e.g. Ziploc bags are recyclable).
- **Eco Schools Conference:** Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, Humbercrest representatives will attend.

#### Allergy – update

- n/a

#### Grants– update

- Targeting raising \$30k.
- Drafting templated grant proposal and list of companies to target (prioritized by date).
- Once template complete, will share with Vice Principal and Principal for approval and then start distribution.
- Committee will co-ordinate their target lists with Laurie Lyle (and SoFun Committee).

#### French/English Collaboration - update

- n/a, will meet in Q1

#### Caring and Sharing School - update

- n/a

#### **5. Other Business:**

- **Grade 8 Trip:** Not going to Ottawa, parliament under construction. Exploring other options to bring costs down (eg. Niagara Falls, Blue Mountain, Camp Onondaga). Parents still want a two-night trip. Fundraising will include chocolate bars, student council has also started mini-fundraising. Parents suggested asking for “donations”. Must now work with board-approved tour companies.
- **Donating Used Suitcases – “Not Just Tourists” Program:** Many countries all over the planet that need aid. “Not just tourists” is a program that takes aid to countries in need. Fill up used suitcases and deliver to countries in



need. Hope James volunteered to prime program and will work with Environment & Sustainability committee on collection campaign in the spring (e.g. Spring Cleaning).

- **Communications:** Email issues under investigation and review.
- **Volunteers:** Need bingo night volunteers and caring/sharing schools prime (Drop Zone).