

Humewood Parent Council Meeting Minutes

DATE	February 22, 2017
TIME	7:00pm
FACILITATOR	Janine G.
SECRETARY	Bari C.
ATTENDEES	Janine G., Natasha G., Ali S., Anna R., Bari C., Julia L., France C., Michael W., Christine M., Rahim S., Elisse G., Sam S., Sandy C., Lisa K., Christine S.

1. Welcome and Introduction – Janine G.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Anna, seconded by Sandy, approved

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes (as amended)

- Tabled

4. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- Moved by Anna, seconded by Elisse, approved

5. Declarations of conflict of interest

- None at this time

6. Treasurer’s Report – Rahim

- Uncategorized income to be credited to “band”
- Coffee Sales income includes many other things as well, will be corrected for next month
- As of now, if we spend everything we have budgeted for, we will have a surplus of approximately \$8,800
- Approval of financials
 - Moved by Ali, seconded by Elisse, approved

7. Principal’s Report – Julie W.

- All classes have storytelling workshops booked
- Storytelling Festival on April 27, 2017

- Aboriginal artist, Chief Lady Bird, to work with grade 7 & 8 students on a legacy mural
- Humewood students to sing eco-themed songs at Joe Mihevc's Environmental Day on April 30th at Wychwood Barns
- Eco-auditors attended school today to provide feedback re: what needs to be done to gain platinum eco status
- Each class made a tree using recycled objects
- Yesterday there was a book exchange – leave-a-book/take-a-book – in the library
- Projected enrolment for JK for 2017/2018 is 57, currently have 50 registered
- 62 students have been offered and accepted spots in French Immersion (SK) for next year , spots offered to all families in catchment area, some families from Hillcrest were redirected
- Want to work on rebalancing French immersion vs. English numbers, only 15 English SK students enrolled for next year
- Summer school to be offered at Humewood from July 5 to 28 (9am to 12pm), open to students in grade 1 to 8 from across the city, an enrichment-type programme
- Week before March Break will be Spirit Week again this year, lots of things planned including 'The Big Crunch', Humewood Hockey Classic, Family Math Night and theme days

8. Chair Report – Janine

- Snowball
 - All permits secured
 - Alcohol has been purchased
 - No need for pay duty officers as likely (and traditionally) less than 150 people, but will have a security guard → significant cost savings (this is an issue that needs to be assessed anew each year)
 - Will be possible to pay by credit card at the door
 - Still volunteer opportunities available for the night of the event
- PIAC meeting tomorrow night, Janine and Christine to attend, opportunity to speak to other council chairs and get fresh ideas
- TDSB made decision not to sell Vaughan Road Academy, great news for the community
- Will be a lice check done by The Lice Crew on Monday, February 27; after check will assess , in consultation with professionals, whether re-check/3rd check is recommended

9. Other Business

- Lice checks:
 - Christine M. And Michael W. present to discuss lice checks, many parents want to ensure that private lice checks will continue in future years
 - Rahim mentions that we have historically had difficulty getting parents to pay for private lice checks
 - Janine clarifies that one of the checks was inadvertently missed this year, not a change in policy, still a line item in the budget

- This year's second check has been booked for February 27
- Need for third check will be assessed afterwards
- Julie raises possibility of 2 private lice checks and 1 by Public Health per year
- Will give consideration to forming a Lice Committee to deal with issues of fundraising and education
- Anna raises issue of people who use school after hours parking on street, blocking driveways, etc.
- Anna will be running the Dance-a-thon this year, date TBA, funds not committed to a particular initiative
- Blue Jays tickets are now on sale online, \$20/ticket, game is April 13 at 7:00pm, Humewood's choirs will be singing the national anthem before the game