

Humewood Parent Council Meeting Minutes

DATE	January 16, 2018
TIME	7:00pm
FACILITATOR	Janine G.
SECRETARY	Bari C.
ATTENDEES	Janine G., Natasha G., Erin S., Carly, L., Anna R., Cheryl B., Katherine A., Bari C., Ali S., Rebecca D., Lori L., Lisa B., Marisa M., Sandy C., Julie W., Todd M., Avi M., Elisse G.

1. Welcome and Introduction – Janine G.

- Welcome and Happy New Year to all

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Anna R., seconded by Erin S., approved

3. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

- Discrepancy between budgeted Fall Fair and revenue and income minus expenses
 - Explanation from Rahim → some items were pre-paid (i.e. with last year's budget) and so are not reflected on the income/expenses from this fiscal year
- Moved by Anna R., seconded by Erin S., approved

4. Declarations of conflict of interest

- None at this time

5. Treasurer's Report – Erin

- 2 changes from last month:
 - Increase in pizza lunch income, likely from people purchasing pizza lunch for the 2nd half of the year
 - Have paid for additional Scientist in School sessions
- Signing authority for bank to be changed to new Treasurers and new Treasurers to be given access to accounting software and ECWID reports (at present financial reports still being prepared by Rahim)

6. Principal's Report – Julie W.

- Met with Janine and Natasha re: use of PRO (“Parents Reaching Out”) grant money (\$1000), have decided on a series of parent engagement sessions
 - First session will be a social media literacy night for parents on February 21, 2018
 - Second session will be a seminar on Positive Discipline for Parents
 - Last session will be in June, OPAL family evening
- March 28, 2018 - EQAO Fun Night → engaging evening of EQAO information and experiences, target audience is families with students in grades 2, 3, 5 and 6 but all families welcome
- Friday is a PA Day, also an OPAL Symposium for staff and parent rep, will assist school in drafting Play Policy
- School concerts:
 - Jan. 24 @ 6pm – grades 1 to 4
 - Jan. 25 @6:30pm – grades 5 to 8
- Interim Eco-Audit is tomorrow, auditor will be touring the school
- Doing a collection of old textiles/shoes at Winter Concert as part of the “Bags to School” eco-initiative
- Proposed track and field day is Thursday, April 19 (not yet confirmed)
- EQAO dates:

- Grade 3 - May 23-25
- Grade 6 - May 29-31

7. Chair Report – Janine

- **Snowball – Cheryl B.**
 - Snowball is on Friday, March 2, tickets on sale soon
 - Still looking for silent auction items
 - Sampling of current auction items includes: week of camp, gift certificates for restaurants, acupuncture session, PipsPasses, bootcamp, teacher experiences
 - Volunteer sign-up is on Humewood Council website
- OPAL parent rep is Lori Litman
- Justine is still working on sourcing for Spirit Wear, leaning towards Pegasus for a variety of reasons but final decision not yet made
- Anna offers to run Danceathon, preference is to raise money for council generally as opposed to a specific item, tentative date is Wednesday, March 28
- Lori L. asks a question about salting and clearing of snow
 - Natasha G. will follow up re: letter to trustee but notes that, so far, things have been better this year
- Bake sale at Winter Concerts, seeking donations (homemade or store-bought), please contact Anna R.
- Todd M. asks about council's views on a Winter Book Fair, he is advised to go ahead, if taken in credit (as opposed to cash) school gets 80% of gross sales

8. Other Business

- **Wine Survivor – Lisa**
 - Must sign up by end of Winter Concert

- Preference is for people to sign up online but will be in the school yard on Tuesday & Wednesday morning and at the Winter Concert to collect money and/or accept bottles of wine
- First draw will be on Monday, January 29 and then everyday thereafter
- Information on Facebook, Humewood Council website and via class reps; considering posting in other community groups or neighbourhood businesses (not limited to Humewood families)

9. Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by Rebecca D., seconded by Katherine A., approved