

Humewood Parent Council Meeting Minutes

DATE	Oct 2, 2018
TIME	7-9 pm
FACILITATORS	Janine Geddie, Natasha Greenberg
SECRETARY	Janelle Watson Cavallo
ATTENDEES	Tanya Bodnar, Erin Schieman; Debbie Baker, Karen Richardson, Katherine Almeida, Lori Litman, Ariele Moscone, Allison Chris, France Castonguay, Samantha Lebotsky, Dahlia Tessler, Jordana Joseph, Rachel Birenbeum, Lori Eisen, Shannon Jarding, Sandy Christeas, Joanna Tam, RaeAnn Fera, Ali Seigler, Christine Spencer, Phillip Olsen, Cheryl Batty

1. **Welcome and Introduction – Janine**
2. **Approval of Agenda (Approved by Erin, Tanya seconded)**
3. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes (Approved by Debbie, Phillip seconded)**
4. **Declarations of conflict of interest – none at this time**
5. **Financial Report – Erin Schieman:** To close last year's financials, and open this year's

Total revenue (Aug 1, 2017 – July 31, 2018): \$105,896.17
 Gross Profit: \$54,147.72
 Total Profit: \$25,791.14

Question: How can we make the system to give each teacher \$150 more efficient so less goes unused? Tabled for budget allocation meeting.

Fee paid to Humewood store online payment system (ECWID) and Square: just started to add this line to the budget mid-way through last year so there's no data on what true cost may be this year. More accurate projection possible after this year.

Grade Funding Expense - \$10 per student for a field trip

Question: Why are School Play and Sports/PE actual spending and what was budgeted so different?

1. School play – money was allocated for pipe and drapes but hasn't been spent yet
2. Sports/PE – money was allocated for pinnies/jerseys but hasn't been spent yet

Vote to close off 2017/18 financials: Move to approve: Sandy; Seconded by Ali. CLOSED

OPEN the books for September, 2018 (report is Aug 1-Sept 30)
 - Check with Anna re: music program expenses

Pizza lunch: always a large fundraiser!
ECWID & Square Fees – already \$1516.07

Fall Fair comparison: 2108 profit about \$16,000; 2017 profit about \$15,000

Budget allocation will occur at next meeting.

Move to approve the opening of the financials for this year: Phillip; Seconded by Karen

Principal's Report – Julie

- Thanks for a great fall fair!
- Last few events at the school had a really nice, inclusive feeling. It's a nice community and everyone seems to feel welcome.
- Class re-alignment: one kindergarten class was collapsed, so now 5 instead of 6 BUT didn't lose a teacher so added a primary class on the English side. Mr. White moved from Kindergarten to gr 2/3
- The school continues to expand, so is using more rooms on the first floor
- Humewood is in its second year of being an OPAL school, so Earth Day Canada will still be involved in facilitating and growing the program. Avi, Julie and a teacher have been asked to speak at OPAL symposium. Some key points about the program:
 - o Collaboration amongst students and conversations (teacher-student) are phenomenal
 - o Gets muddy, thanks to the parent community for being okay with it (sending extra socks/pants on rainy days)
 - o 2 years ago, mud was an issue and field wasn't used. Now kids are dressed for it and it's remained open!
 - o Hoping to have another pop-up playground; may coordinate this with Tamara – pumpkin sale in October? Lori will propose this.
- Cross country South Qualifier: Wed, Oct 3: 124 students from gr 1-8. Grade 3+ can move on.
 - o Thankful for large group of teachers to supervise, if parents are able to make it its appreciated!
 - o Cheapest event to run – every student makes it, so it's very inclusive. Great to start the year this way!
 - o Oct 15 is south final (Gr. 6's at Sheldon, so will miss this)
- Soccer, touch football running now; then hockey, ball hockey and volleyball next season

Chair Report - Janine

- Lice check: first one is this Thursday
- Lori has organized to have food at council meetings – sign-up sheet circulated
- Rachel: Toronto Public Health assigned to TDSB: sexual health promoter will come in to speak with the community
 - o Parent information night regarding the new curriculum and how the school will deal with particular issues. October 24 or 25th will be proposed for 7-9pm.
 - o Parent communication to follow
- Thanks Tanya for stepping up at the Fall Fair, and everyone else!

- Surveys – 32 people sent it in. Results: overall enjoyment 4.6/5; attractions 4.5/5; 4.25/5; half volunteered and half did not
 - Volunteers were not all collecting tickets, so parents were upset they bought tickets only to not need them
- Pumpkins – could there be a flat rate instead of graduated rate based on size?
- Debbie was hot lunch coordinator, but is interested in passing it on so would like someone to work with this year
 - Required: communication between Rose Reisman and the school (Julie)
 - Ie. Needs list of all classrooms
- Trustee Candidates meeting at **Lawrence Park Library**
 - With the realignment, Humewood is now Ward 8
 - Lawrence Park library
- Co-chairs are invited to a PIAC – Parent Involvement Advisory Committee
 - Parent as partners conference at Earl Haag

AOB:

- After 4: Thursday art class cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Any interest in home alone program as an after 4 program?
- Julie hasn't heard anything about PRO grant yet (Parent's Reaching Out).
- Natasha – thanks to Janine, Treasurers, Secretary etc who are out-going
- Legal obligation is to have 4 meetings over the course of the year; Humewood is choosing to schedule monthly meetings and cancel if not required.
- Council Site: Humewoodcouncil.com

Election requirements – changing positions:

- Co-chairs. Both Janine and Natasha are stepping down, but staying on council so are available to help out.
- Treasurer: Erin – stepping down; Tanya would continue if there is someone to support
- Secretary: Janelle stepping down; Bari Crackower is interested in co-secretary
- Fundraising Chair: Anyone interested? We had multiple people take on different events (worked well if nobody is interested).
- Class Rep Coordinator: This position is required in order for parents to get a class list
- Babysitting coordinator

Election Nominations/Naming:

Co-chairs: (Lori Litman and Jordanna Joseph)
 Secretary: (RaeAnn) - with Bari Crackower
 Babysitting coordinator (Janelle Watson Cavallo)
 Treasurer: tabled until November council meeting

2018/19 Council Meeting Dates:

Thurs, Nov 8
 Wed, Dec 5
 Mon, Jan 14
 Mon, Mar 4

Thurs, Apr 11
Tues, May 14
Tues, June 18

As last act as chair ... Janine moved to close the meeting!!

Action Items:

Check with Anna re: music program expenses

Speak with Debbie if anyone is interested hot lunch coordination

Co-Treasurer position is still open for anyone interested