



Humewood Parent Council: Meeting Minutes

DATE	Dec 5, 2018
TIME	7-9 pm
FACILITATORS	Lori Litman, Jordana Joseph
SECRETARY	Bari C.
ATTENDEES	Bari C., Mack P., Rae Ann F., Janelle W., Rachel Y., Cheryl B., Ariele M., Rachel B., Jordana J., Lori L., Tanya B., Debbie B., Avi M., Julie W., Marisa M., Katherine A.

1. Welcome + Introduction: Lori L.

- Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight (on International Volunteer Day!) and for your ongoing commitment to 'doing good at Humewood'
- Great event on raising sexually healthy kids, good mix of parents from all grades
- Initial kick-off conversation re: field redesign took place, currently putting together a plan and schedule
- Budget has been updated, will be reviewed and approved tonight
- Will also discuss calendar of events

2. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Rachel Y., seconded by Kathy A.

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- Moved by Cheryl B., seconded by Rachel B.

4. Chair report

- Update from Shelley Laskin:
 - December 6 is National Remembrance Day and Day of Action for Violence Against Women
 - After Dec. 31 2019, children will need a Child/Youth PRESTO card
 - § Rachel Y. will contact TTC to ask about school groups and how this will work



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5. Budget: Review + Approve

- Grant unavailable for Arts Enrichment so budget increased to \$12,000
- Music budget increased to \$5000 to account for last year's under-spend, also takes new Master Classes into account (council will fund half)
- Increased EDWID budget by \$250 as fees are already close to budgeted amount
- Remainder of line items unchanged
- Bagpiper couldn't attend on Remembrance Day so budget was re-allocated for kindergarten art supplies
- Approval of budget moved by Rae Ann F., seconded by Rachel B., budget approved

- No significant changes to financials in November, most of spending was from last year's funds

6. Principal's Report

- Met on November 27 with people from the TDSB and Earth Day Canada, working together to enhance field/play space, this is a "pilot process", this way the TDSB will do drawings in house (as otherwise this could have cost upwards of \$20,000)
- Drainage issues on field are not as serious as once thought and can possibly be addressed separately from (and before) field redesign
- OPAL has really helped inform how the children use the field
- Bari C. raises issue of excessive mud and children being allowed to slide down the hill, Ms. Whitfield says it is a delicate balance between allowing kids to access field and cutting down on mud but is mindful of issue
- Participating in Girls Hackathon on Dec. 12
- On Dec. 12 performer Troy Sexton is coming to do a performance/workshop
- Tomorrow is our first intermediate dance of the year, Rawlinson and Cedarvale are coming too
- Dance-a-thon will take place in the gym on December 13
- Build-a-Bear building will take place on December 17, partly a fundraiser for the Furniture Bank via the 'buy-a-bear, give-a-bear' initiative
- Feb. 1 is grade 7 & 8 ski trip to Mount St. Louis
- Last day of classes for 2018 is December 21, classes resume on Jan. 7, 2019
- Anna requests that teachers talk up the Dance-a-thon, Mr. Mani will get the 'spirit team' students involved too



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7. Calendar of Events: Review + Schedule

- Lori has begun to map out a calendar of events
- Not everything on calendar has been confirmed
- Want a mix of different types of events
- Added play in May, Humewood's Got Talent in March
- April 17 is Changemakers event
- April 3 – possibility of taking some kids to Humber College for band performance
- Possibility of other sporting events (i.e. Raptors 905 or Marlies) discussed à will look into various options to get more information
- March 1, 2019 is the date chosen for the Snowball
- Jan. 23 & 24 are the winter concerts, will consider doing a small raffle in conjunction with that
- Rae Ann raises issue of making 'teacher experiences' available via raffle (as opposed to silent auction) to make it more equitable/accessible
- Calendar will be shared, if you have any additions or ideas please feel free to share them

8. Driving Engagement: Who + How

- We are not doing class reps anymore, teachers generally communicate (via email or Remind app) directly with parents, but this cuts down on parent to parent engagement
- Consider grade-specific events for parents/families to encourage more engagement
- Ms. Whitfield raises possibility of additional pop-up playgrounds as they are very good for community building/engagement
- Rachel B. raises possibility of welcome event for kindergarten parents

9. Shelley Laskin

- Now has 33 schools under her purview
- Trying to work out how to remain accessible to parents, organize inclusive ward forum, etc.
- Now gender parity among trustees, also great amount of diversity, feels very representative of the population
- Things looking really great for the school board à great leadership, strategic plan
- Review of French programming has been undertaken, recommendations coming in April
- Embarking on a secondary school review, too many buildings which means smaller schools don't have as much robust programming



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- This neighbourhood has a relatively stable population which allows for better, more effective planning
- Discussion about PRESTO, still lots of questions that need to be answered
- Motion to adjourn: moved by Kathy A., seconded by Bari C.

Upcoming Events:

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