



Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

DATE	January 19th 2021
TIME	7-9 pm
FACILITATOR S	Lori Litman, Jordana Joseph
SECRETARY	Rae Ann F.
ATTENDEES	Julie W., Rae Ann F., Jordana J., Anna R., Tanya B., Jim S., Rebecca D., Ariele M, Cheryl B., Shannon J., Debra B., Jayme D. Alexis M, Sarah B, Sandy C, Audrey P, Carly L, Merha W. Kirishanthy K. Natalia K., Jaty T., Liza L., Ali S., Joanna M., Marissa M., Jessica F., Susana N., Sara, iphone?

Agenda

1. Agenda/Minutes
2. Principals report - news/updates/school budget and needs
3. Financial summary / wine survivor update (Lisa/Moe)
4. Wellness Committee & Event Planning (committee update)
5. Trivia planning (Jayme update-March 25th)
6. Brainstorming

Introduction: Welcome

Review and Approval of Agenda

Tanya, Jim

Review and Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Rae Ann, Rebecca D

Principal's Report

- February was African Heritage/Black History. Had Arts Express do a virtual story of Viola Desmond through storytelling and discussion around current issues. Janet Wilson also did a hearts and minds presentation.



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- Because things were rushed by the time we got back to school, Black History virtual assembly will be this Friday, March 6
- We are starting a Black student's alliance, led by Mme. Rodriguez. Students are excited to have a place to discuss issues that affect them as members of the Black community. Once a month, allies will be invited to the meeting.
- There had been talk about HEPA filters in the school because we can't open windows. We have one for the wellness room. School councils weren't allowed to fundraise for filters. Now the board has committed to provide a filter for every classroom. Timeline on that is the third week of March. It's good news because it's been hard to get information about airflow quality.
- February is also the beginning of the staffing process. Right now the board is based on all students and staff being in bricks and mortar. Our enrollment is based on all staff and students coming back from virtual. We usually get our enrollments in late march and they're projecting the same timelines. Staffing presented in April
- There have been french immersion guidelines for students who opted out due to attending virtual school, they will be given the opportunity to opt back in for the next school year.
- March Break moved to April 12. We know that March is a long month and kids and staff are stressed and tired. We want to try to make March fun as well. We'll have a spirit week during March Break.
- Humewood is in one of the testing hubs for Covid. Not sure what that means at the moment. Our testing partner is Sick Kids; it's a different process than we had in the fall. We're waiting for more information.
- The hub testing is at Women's College Hospital; expect it to be rapid testing but, again, not sure of the process.

Financial Report (Tanya)

- Not much has changed.
- Trivia revenue was \$535 with no expenses
- Wine Survivor collection so far is \$4560 with 44 people eligible to buy back. Expenses \$1880 for prize pool. Projected net of \$3,180.
- Julie to put out a reminder out to teachers to submit their classroom expenses

Events

Trivia Night (Tanya & Jayme)

- Looking to purchase a Kahoot account as a way to facilitate fundraising/community building events (\$180 cost for one year membership with 50 participants)
- First Kahoot on March 25 - Toronto sports trivia. The goal is to do it once a month. If anyone wants to help with trivia ideas, let Jayme D know.



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Wellness Committee Update

- Working with Mr. Polak for movement Fridays
- Wellness planning continues
- Working on a presentation for teachers/parents; still working on the details

Fundraising

- different this year but still looking for ideas. Even though our expenses are lower this year, there will be some needs by the end of the year (like grad) so want to continue with forward momentum

Grade 8 Grad

- What they're saying at this point for TDSB is they're letting communities decide what they're going to do. not close enough to know what our parameters are. Have to follow Toronto Public Health guidelines
- I don't expect that it will be a traditional grad. But there are things we can talk about and plans to put in place. Important for the kids.
- Legacy project: we do want to do that but figuring out what that will look like

Picture Day

- Will there be a picture day this year. I'm fairly certain we'll be able to do individual photos.
- We're figuring out a yearbook as well. Hoping we'll be able put something together.

Humewood Spirit Wear

- We've picked up the conversation with our provider again. We may plan to have online sales during spirit week
- Old spirit gear (water bottles) for trivia prizing

Next Council Meetings:

Thursday, April 8

Wednesday, May 5

Tuesday, June 8