



Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

DATE	April 11, 2019
TIME	7-9 pm
FACILITATORS	Lori Litman, Jordana Joseph
SECRETARY	Rae Ann Fera
ATTENDEES	Anna Rutledge, Cheryl Batty, Bari Crackower, Rae Ann Fera, Vivian Zimmerman, Natasha Greenberg, Ariele Moscone, Rachel Birenbaum, Joanna Tam, Terry Mialokowsky, Julie Whitfield, Avi Mani

1. Introduction: Spring is in the air!
2. Review and Approval of Agenda (Moved by Bari; seconded by Joanna)
3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest (noted that proposed pub nights would require a declaration of conflict of interest, but Tanya was not in attendance to declare)
4. Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes (Approved by Cheryl; seconded by Ariele)
[Humewood Council Mar4 2019 draft](#)

Financial Report: Joanna

Review of fundraising initiatives:

- Some numbers are a bit different but likely because things being co-mingled, but it's all the same pot, the money is there. Numbers are being figured out.

Arts enrichment

- There's now a slightly different system for how arts resources are procured; There are some prohibitions – teachers can't source their own resources because the school can't write any checks for any vendors that are not TDSB approved.
- SAC can pay anyone; but in terms of being able to recoup through Cash Online, if not all the money is paid, there will be a shortfall.
- Lori - it would be good to understand the deficit. Proposes an audit assessment at the end of the year

Spirit t-shirt costs:



Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

- \$2,030 of spirit t-shirt costs. We're going to give a pay-what-you-can t-shirt sale. Council will offset the rest. That number represents the max possible costs.

CrHuskies

- Mme. Zimmerman discusses the CrHuskies (creative Huskies) program. It's a great and council has not been paying for it. She's been paying for it herself but we should plan for it next year. Can we give \$300 for printing of the zines? It's for grades 5+; meet every Friday at lunch
- Mme. Z: there are three formats. The most common is called Wolf Pack where kids eat lunch and watch Steven Universe, then they present work (theatre, comedy, music but most often visual arts) and get feedback. Almost always positive, sometimes constructive. They're motivated to do art. Then there are Dog Piles, which are kid-run workshops featuring dance, drawing, etc. Then there are guest artists, where community members and volunteers come in.
- Council approves allocation of \$300.

Lice checks

- Natasha - concern that the Lice check number is low. Are we missing an invoice?
- Joanna wrote a check in the new year. Will look into it.

Kindie music scarves

- Ms Perlman asked for them for the summer solstice concert. They can wear them for all kinds of things

Music vest badges

- Humewood patches for the vests - Anna ambivalent that they're necessary given the other priorities;
- Julie - what if they start to come off? Will it stay on a jersey vest; the vests were a great investment but not sure if the patches are worth it.
- Decision that the vests are good, patches are not worth investing in.

OPAL

- We allocated \$2,000 for OPAL. We have \$1,500 left: \$700 for wheelbarrows
- Will take from the OPAL budget \$300 for zine; \$150 for scarves; still \$400 left in Opal budget

Tech

- What's the plan for the tech budget?



Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

- Julie - initially we were going to buy another cart of chromebooks and was going to use money from my budget but it's been reduced. We're now going to buy the cart and then start to buy chromebooks and ipads.

Move to approve the additional spending as outlined. Moved by Natasha. Seconded by Anna. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

Yearbook

- Avi: This year for the yearbook we have a group of grade 8 students working on it. They meet 2-3 times a week with Mrs. White. Cover chosen by dot democracy; working on the pages - will start selling them in May for \$20.

Yard redesign

- Julie: Hoping to have display for community input on school yard redesign at the Changemakers Fair on April 17. We're a pilot school for the redesign.
- Lori - we started the process with TDSB and Earth Day Canada. Being an OPAL school is about understanding the ways kids play and using different spaces, natural spaces, material to make it inclusive for all different types of kids
- We have a meeting in May to discuss, how we can optimize the space
- Avi: Since kids are stakeholders, we enlarged areas of the school on a diagram and put in the library. We had photos and showed it to staff and had them and students put feedback on what they'd like to see where.
- Types of play include: dramatic, exploratory, rough and tumble, fantasy/imaginative, creative, constructive, gross motor
- Next steps: take our insights to our meeting with Earth Day Canada
- Julie: the other interesting thing is, we are mindful of not having too many adult constructed things. We see how the kids interact with loose parts, they make it all ourselves. We'll provide the tools, let them create.
- Q Cheryl: Will we no longer have slides and equipment? A: The equipment might look different but it will be equipment that has a lot of play value
- We're hosting the board-wide OPAL PD session on May 16

Staffing model

- Julie: This presentation is a little bit delayed because of a delay in knowledge of funding. Different this year because how the ministry is rolling out funding.



Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

- I'm hoping we don't have our full allocation yet - we don't have ESL or native language yet - that should happen on April 23. Will be hiring French teachers
- Had to declare .5 of a teacher surplus but hopefully that will change.
- Don't think the models will change because we have our full classroom allocation

Chair report

Mental health awareness month

- Healthy Humewood Night is May 14
 - Food Sharks
 - Resiliency and Anxiety- Social Worker
 - Arts Express- cultivating kindness
 - Draw me a Monster
 - Yoga/meditation
- We're putting together a health and wellness toolkit for teachers
- Using pro-grants for Healthy Humewood night

Parent Engagement

- Humewood nights @ the Gym: proposing parent pub nights running through the end of May to facilitate parents getting to know each other. Organized by grades.
- The Gym will give 10 % back; going to approach Tapworks and Dave's to see if they're interested in hosting
- Kindy open house is May 9

Move to adjourn: Rae Ann. Seconded: Joanna

2018/19 Council Meeting Dates:

Tues, June 18

Action Items:

Start planning fall schedule
Plan Humewood Pub Nights