

École Hillcrest Public School

School Council Meeting
Tuesday November 10th, 2015

Present: Leona Hamlin, Judy Hull, Carianne Brophy, Dee Ho, Kristy Layne, Mellissa Harris

Regrets: Laura Shaw, Kate Fisher, Mary Braet, Molley Hendra, Lisa Policicchio, Theresa Siertsema, Nichole Labadie, Ken Harris, Karen Hansen, Gail Potter, Madelyn Robertson. Gail Potter

Co-Chair: Judy Hull

Secretary: Kristy Layne

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Call to Order: Judy Hull at 6:03pm</p> <p>Motion to Approve October Minutes: Moved by: Carianne Brophy Seconded by: Dee Ho</p> <p>Motion to Approve Agenda: Moved by: Dean Melton Seconded by: Dee Ho</p>	
2	<p>Old Business</p> <p>a) arising from minutes</p> <p>-Are we going to do use Mr. Sub? Significantly higher cost than pizzas, could get costly for families (\$5/sub)</p> <p>-Hot Lunches?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Dinner (Dec), spaghetti (Jan), pancakes (Feb). 	<p>Because School Council has shown interest and would like to run a sub day, Leona Hamlin will look into doing one sub day (cannot do each week b/c pizza is already offered). Subs are not a good fundraiser due to the fact that in order to keep the price reasonable, we do not make much profit (\$3.89 + \$0.51 HST (13%) = \$4.40 (profit of \$0.60)) but we are offering them as a 'hot lunch' option. Leona Hamlin will look into doing subs in November.</p> <p>Hot Lunch possibilities: hot dogs, subs, grilled cheese.</p>
3	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) CHRISTMAS DINNER - December 16, 2015 LCDS will no longer be catering to groups >50 people.</p>	<p>Leona Hamlin will check what desserts can be made</p>

	<p>Prices obtained from Petrolia Lions Club (\$8.50/plate), Petrolia Legion (\$6.00/plate) (LCDS was \$5.50/plate). Dessert provided by the Legion (Jell-O). Volunteers needed to serve. We cannot make the food at school because we do not have the proper kitchen, or volunteers that have taken the food handlers course, food safety has strict guidelines. Ideas were generated for other dessert possibilities: pudding cups, rice crispie treats, or have each class bring in something (we cannot accept goods made at home because of the LKDSB food and beverage policy). Each student will pay \$5.00/meal.</p> <p>b) BOOK FAIR – November 18-25 (including set-up and tear down, only 3 days for kids) Political action has subsided, ratification vote last night. Restrictions are lifted. Scholastic Book Fair will be this month, Madame Maw will organize the fair. Students will have time to view books, bring list home and return with money to purchase. Funds go into purchasing books through Scholastic for the school library.</p> <p>c) HOT LUNCH PROGRAM Will try to do Mr. Sub in November. If it doesn't work we could have a spaghetti meal available. December: Christmas Dinner January: Spaghetti Dinner (fundraiser for Snack Program) February: pancakes</p> <p>d) PIZZA Ordering from Buds Pizza again this year. First day was last week. They were used last year, chosen this year due to their improved crust recipe and because they are a good company to work with (flexible, local business). When pizza is delivered it is labelled by class, including extra slices. No added burden to teachers or staff with distribution. Very efficient process.</p> <p>e) SPIRIT WEAR – not done to earn a profit. Leona Hamlin was approached by a company that offers tie-dyed shirts (sweatshirt is \$40). Offering a deal when someone orders a sweatshirt, they get a free t-shirt. Can also be printed on blue or white material (but only one choice- they bring the product with them, so we have to choose beforehand which colour we want). Cash and carry order system. Order be sent home, money brought in for the day shirts will be printed, finished clothing is sent home with the child the same day. Company "Onsite Sportswear", no website, willing</p>	<p>in the school in accordance with food safety guidelines.</p> <p>Leona Hamlin stated the shortfall of \$1.00/student to be covered by hot lunch profits. This will be outlined in a newsletter so parents know actual cost of the meal.</p> <p>Parent interviews will be delayed until further notice, interviews will not take place as usual due to labour constraints.</p> <p>Days meals are provided will rotate, with the exception of Wednesdays, as this is when pizza is served.</p> <p>Local Distributor, delivery is organized and efficient.</p> <p>Leona to investigate LKDSB policies and procedures before going ahead and booking. Dean Melton asked if there was any allegiance to local companies, or who has produced it in the past. Team Outfitters in Sarnia has been the past provider (also zero profit on sales).</p>
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	<p>to provide references. He will bring sizes to try on that day. Can have sport name, logos (one on each arm, one on back), École Hillcrest logo on the front. 3 designs of choice (price includes HST). All production done on site.</p>	<p>Was suggested that parent volunteers be available to help children pick appropriate sizes. Dean Melton noted it might be problem with the school board due to the heat from omitted from the machines used (Leona Hamlin will look into this).</p>
4	<p>Fundraising Committee Report</p> <p>In the past meat pies were a great fundraiser, flowers were sold in spring, usually around Mothers Day.</p> <p>Melissa Harris asked about selling Little Caesar's Pizza kits? Must be done in winter so that boxes can stay cool outside. Sold in the past, Dean Melton said it was stopped when the schools separated.</p> <p>Mable's labels- concerns raised over the fact that Lambton Centennial is selling these right now. It was decided that it could still sell. September is the best time for this fundraiser. Was not held in September due to the political action that was taking place at that time.</p> <p>Judy Hull stated that the easiest fundraiser to distribute and sell is frozen foods. Judy Hull asked if we can look into this for February.</p>	<p>Leona Hamlin will look into option of selling pizza kits. She is also sensitive to overtaxing parents and families by having too many fundraisers.</p>
5	<p>Principal Report – Leona Hamlin</p> <p>Political Action has ended. For the most part, everything is 'back to normal'. At École Hillcrest, luckily, the classes and children were not greatly affected by the action.</p>	
6	<p>Open Floor</p> <p>Dean Melton would like to see newsletters and information on the website. (There was no newsletter created for October.) Minutes and agendas for School Council are posted. Leona Hamlin posts information as it comes</p>	<p>Dean Melton suggested Leona Hamlin start a twitter page for École Hillcrest.</p>

available and she also posts reminders on Facebook.

Carianne Brophy asks if there can be sports for grades under 7 and 8? Currently, there are only leagues for Grade 7 and 8.

Leona Hamlin explains that there are no sports for under grade 7 because there are no leagues available to compete in and sports are supervised by staff volunteers. Only possibility would be intermural sports, which require teacher support and time.

Leona Hamlin noted that the Chess Club is still going on (run by Madame Stevens and Mrs. Rust), as well as Milk Bag Club is starting. Basketball (girls and boys), volleyball (girls and boys) are scheduled to run this year. Cross country, and soccer already have taken place.

1st Lego League not run this year because we require sponsorship of \$1,000.00 and we did not want to ask for money then not able to provide league because of the political action. (1st Lego League is a robotics competition that is available for teams to compete in each year. We also participate in the Gauss Math Test that University of Waterloo holds each year.)

Judy Hull suggested a book club for kids.

Family fun night in June? Is this something we want to do? We cannot rely on the grade 8 or 9 students, because they are not always committed (exam time for grade 9's). Last year, when teachers stayed as part of the evening, they felt obligated to man a station when there was not anyone (their intent was to socialize with the families and students). Dee suggested having a sign-up sheet and book ½ or 1 hour time slots. Post on wall by the office. Send out parent volunteer sheet. Another suggestion was to have two stations for face painting and food, to accommodate the lines. We received funding for family night (used \$500.00 Parent Involvement Committee grant).

We will do a wacky hair day and PJ day. Not a fundraiser, purely for fun. Leona Hamlin feels that parents are asked too much for money (enough strain is put on parents and not every event in the school has to be a fundraiser). It was suggested that perhaps we could go back to having Friday spirit days, wear spirit wear or PJ's

Question of how to increase awareness of newsletters and website- idea was to put answer to the joke or riddle on the website, or have the child bring in the answer to get a prize.

More parent volunteers will be needed. Leona will ask for parent volunteers in a newsletter. Walk to Fiddicks had lots of volunteers to help. If posted on Facebook and website and in newsletter.

	<p>1,046 Kg of food was raised for the food bank.</p> <p>Melissa Harris wants to inform the group of the Snack Program's fundraiser 'Take the Pledge'. Go onto website, click like and they give us \$1.00 for each "like", to a maximum of \$200.00. We received a grant of \$700 from ??? to use an online food retailer. We used the funds to order yogurt, cheese strings, bananas, fruit bars, etc. It has been observed that the snacks served in AM are eaten, but the snacks served in PM often come back full. We hope the teachers will allow the kids to eat sooner in the day. The point of the program is to allow the children to have healthy snacks.</p>	<p>Leona will post website to "take the pledge for OSNP" on school website.</p>
7	<p>Motion Of Adjournment</p> <p>Motioned by: Dee Ho</p> <p>Seconded by: Dean Melton</p> <p>Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday, December 8th, 2015</p>	

Dee asked if homework is not marked because of the strike? One of her children brought homework that had not been signed or commented on.

Leona suggested talking to the teacher, as this is not part of the strike.