

# HARROW PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2018

**In Attendance:** Allison Whitehead, Sierra Shaw, Casey Harnadek, Meredith McGrory, Jenny Petrie, Shelby Pilon, Catie Hildenbrand, Adel Guerard, Colleen Neumiller, Jackie Derbyshire, Lori Hugli, Sherry Doherty, and Jenifer Gritke (13)

**Call to Order:** 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Colleen motioned. Casey seconded. Approved.

## **Outstanding Business:**

- Lori confirmed that Little Hands for a Cause received their cheque for last years Fundraising Raffle at our Winter Wonderland.
- Ashley contacted members of PIC who ordered Volunteer shirts. They are in the office and ready for pickup. Diana will accept payment for the shirts.
- Lori has started getting quotes back on our Pathway project
  - First quote came in between \$11,000-\$12,000. Since the project is over \$10,000, it is Board policy that Lori get 3 quotes total.
  - Second quote came in around \$24,000
  - Lori is now awaiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote
  - A lot of these quotes are based on work getting done in the 'off season' so Lori is hoping to move on the project as soon as possible.
- **Holiday Shopping Spree**
  - The Shopping Spree took place today and by all accounts already, it was a huge success! Shelby thanks everyone who helped and is looking to continue with the Spree next year.
  - Shelby would like to do the following moving forward;
    - Revamp the forms - forms are too cluttered and can be redesigned for efficiency
      - Leave a space for notes i.e. No large gifts please, No scented products etc.
    - Larger labels/stickers for gifts
      - Teachers will be given the labels in advance to have them filled out for students (not necessarily saying teachers must fill them out-just more time to have them done and therefore, less confusion the day of)
    - Shelby asked if more utility tables can be purchased and Lori agreed to purchase 6 additional tables for the school.
    - Shelby has asked for permission to purchase items throughout the year (based on sales etc.) using the \$470 holdover from this years

Spree. PIC unanimously approved granting Shelbey access to the funds.

- Shelbey motioned that we limit the number of gifts to 15 per student. Council voted in favor of this.
- Jackie brought up exploring a 'White Elephant' style Shopping Spree like Kingsville does. PIC was interested, but there are questions on how its organized/run. Jackie is going to reach out to members in Kingsville and will update PIC when she knows more details.
- Sherry wanted to pass on that she heard a lot of good feedback from the teachers and students about the Shopping Spree. Really well organized and it was so quick!
- **Winter Wonderland**
  - By all accounts, Winter Wonderland 2018 was a huge success! Lots of great feedback and numbers were bigger than last year! We all loved seeing all generations of people at the event and especially all the people that we saw that don't even go to HPS! It is truly well on its way to becoming a Community event! Huge kudos to Krystle for her amazing artwork/decorations throughout the school.
  - Allison asked for feedback on things to change/ideas etc.
    - Giving Tree should be in the library next year-especially if we continue with the Raffle baskets in there. People felt that it was too chaotic in the gym for people to really have a chance to look at it.
    - Smaller cups for the refreshment stations...people were asking for them to be filled and then couldn't finish them
    - Better management of the Popcorn station
      - Perhaps a popcorn voucher given out at the front door?
    - Casey found a gluten-free cookie recipe online that she will use next year, as it was \$42 for 2 dozen cookies and she can make them cheaper than that.
    - Casey also suggested cutting back on cookie numbers next year to about 1500.
      - It was suggested that they all be made at one time next year. This will be at the discretion of the Cookie Chair next year, although the United Church would most likely be available to do something like that
      - Casey had also contacted Allison to put a vote out on the PIC Facebook page to donate the leftover cookie ingredients to the Early Years classes. Allison put the vote out and it was unanimously agreed upon. Ingredients have already been given to the Early Years.
    - Perhaps next year we could hand out passports or maps of the school/activities for people at the front door. The bookmarks were great, but people were confused as to locations etc.

- Colleen has quite a few craft supplies left for next year
- Sierra was approached with the idea of having vendors at our next Winter Wonderland. This would specifically be local vendors and an idea was even brought forth to have Spirit Wear on sale as well. This will be discussed in further detail at a later point.
- It was suggested that perhaps the event get moved to the weekend or Friday evening and later in the month. Most agreed that the event works best in early December on a weekday, rather than a weekend.
- Lori donated the leftover powder Apple Cider to the OEY and PIC had absolutely no problem with that.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Shelbey Pillon**

- School Council-Fundraising Summary was given to Allison with an opening balance of \$10,346.77 and a closing balance of \$10,918.05

#### **Principal's Report: Lori Hugli**

- Lori is very proud of the great relationship with HPS has with our Early On Center and YMCA.
- Cookie Dough/Magazine fundraiser was another huge success! Hard to think about changing it, as the school benefits so much from that fundraiser.
- Lori and Meredith also expressed a huge thank-you for all that our PIC does and how thankful they are for our relationship.

#### **Teacher's Report: Sherry Doherty**

- ECO team is doing some great things at HPS! They now have 2 reps from every class who are really working hard on educating their fellow students on how to be more ECO friendly.
- Teachers and students are really loving the new Triple A award format!
- Teachers really loved the Winter Wonderland – a lot of positive feedback and it was great to see teachers there with their spouses and children.
- A new HPS teacher commented to Sherry that they were so appreciative of all the PIC does – compared to some other schools, our PIC really shines!

#### **Food Committee Report: Sierra Shaw**

- Uptown Meats & Deli have submitted their Winter menus to Sierra, and she said they look amazing! Even have some breakfast items on it!
  - Sierra is hoping to start by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January and running this one until March break
- Sierra will also be starting the Soup & Grilled Cheese program in January and running that one until March break as well. Erin is on board with making the soup again!

- Sierra has been working hard on organizing the Pancake lunch at the school for this Friday. We will be starting cooking at the church at 10:30 a.m.
  - Colleen (she booked the church) was approached by someone at the Church with an idea to thank the cleaners who come in special after this event, by purchasing a gift card for them. It was decided that Sierra would purchase a \$50 gift certificate at a local restaurant for the cleaners at the United Church.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Kindergarten registration will be coming up in February, and yet again, we are hoping for a fantastic turnout for registrations! Lori urges all of us to promote our school and get the word out!
- Meredith wanted it noted that she could not finish the last fried pickle. She was forced to hang her head in shame
- Jenifer brought up a great Fundraiser that is going on in Kingsville... Eat, Drink & Dine. It is an extremely popular fundraiser that a lot of Kingsville restaurants have taken part in. Great kickbacks.
  - HPS PIC would love to get involved with a fundraiser like this! Questions were raised as to getting in with the existing Kingsville program OR perhaps talking to the Chamber of Commerce here in Harrow and trying to start a Harrow one? We could include wineries etc. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.