

# HARROW PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2018

**In Attendance:** Allison Whitehead, Lori Hugli, Sierra Shaw, Jaclynn Derbyshire, Casey Harnadek, Meredith McGrory, Krystle Martin, Jenny Petrie, Sherry Doherty, Ashley Vigneux, Colleen Neumiller, Karen Capstick, Shelbey Pillon, Catie Hildenbrand, Adel Guerard, and Jenifer Gritke (16)

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** \*June Minutes were not approved at the September meeting-Ashley motions, Shelbey seconds. Approved.\* Ashley motions for September minutes to be approved, Sierra seconds. Approved.

### **Outstanding Business:**

- Lori has not spoken to Karen about continuing on with Holiday Shopping Spree yet; she will take care of it and get back to council.
- Ashley has the binder for teacher requests and will put into the staff room.
  - Sherry Doherty will let the teachers know.
- **Winter Wonderland**
  - Sierra has talked to a clerk at the Town office about the lottery license and it seems to be an easy process. She is going to get the forms and fill them out with the clerk.
  - Committee Chairs have been appointed;
    - Raffle - Sierra Shaw
    - Cookie - Casey Harnadek
    - Refreshment - Catie Hildenbrand
    - Craft - Colleen Neumiller
      - Allison will send out the volunteer sheet to each committee chair
      - Allison will also send out cookie recipe (Nut Free) to Casey for distribution and to other members of PIC.
  - \*the following was discussed at the end of the meeting, and for the purposes of organization, Allison has moved it to the WW section;
    - It was decided that there would be both kid themed baskets and grown-up baskets (date night etc.) available to raffle off.
      - Each grade (NOT class) will be responsible for putting together a basket to raffle off. Sherry will be talking to teachers about this.

### **Chairperson's Report: Ashley Vigneux**

- **Spirit Wear**
  - Ashley has noted that having several sales throughout the year, doesn't warrant the work involved, and so she has approached PIC about doing 1 order after Christmas, when it is a little less busy. PIC agreed.
  - Colleen had an idea over the summer that PIC should have shirts that they can wear when volunteering at the school or at events.

- Ashley can put in an order for PIC shirts, which PIC members would be responsible for paying for. Having PIC spirit wear is not mandatory. There are size samples in the staff room for members to try on. Ashley will get some different design options for members to look at.
- Ashley was approached by a teacher who has a child in their class who does not have enough to eat at lunch. This teacher asked if PIC would purchase lunch for this student for the 6 week food program (Uptown Meats & On the Docks). Ashley agreed.
  - This brought forth several questions from PIC members; how many students are there? Is the snack program not being used by this student? Shouldn't the parents be approached? Where does the school step in? Is it a PIC responsibility?
  - PIC would like a number of the students being supported by the next meeting. Ashley will have the number.
  - While there was PIC support, it was not unanimous in favour, without further information being provided.
- Ashley asked why the Hornet student athletes aren't wearing the shorts PIC purchased. Are they lost? Sizing off? Lori will look into this.

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

- Report given to Allison with an opening balance of **\$10,346.77**.
  - 4 Cheques written from Fundraising Expenses for a total of **\$1348.34**
    - School Specialty (Agendas) #861 **\$916.38**
    - Laser Art, Inc. (Music Shirts) #868 **\$350.00**
    - Krystle Martin (Winter Wonderland) #871 **\$56.90**
    - Krystle Martin (Winter Wonderland) #871 **\$25.06**
  - **\*When typing up the report, Allison noticed that 2 separate cheques were issued to Krystle with the same cheque number. Allison will bring this up with Shelbey\***
  - Balance on hand as per October 2, 2018 Merged Account is **\$8998.43**
- Shelbey noted the **0** balance in the PROGrant account and asked if we had received a PROGrant for this year. Lori did apply for one and she is waiting to hear back if we were approved (Math Night w/Community Involvement)

#### **Principal/Vice-Principal Report: Lori Hugli**

- EQAO
  - Results are out in a limited release (not to the public).
    - Grade 3 Math and English up by about **1%**
    - Grade 6 Reading and Writing at or above provincial standards
    - Grade 6 Math – HPS took a hit with us coming in below provincial standards. Lori, Meredith and staff are working on this. Lori wanted to reiterate to PIC that the scores are not due to HPS not working on Math with students. They truly are doing great things with Staff routinely working on different math strategies, workshopping, PD work. Previous year's results have shown that kids have a hard time with multi-step problems and they will be working on this issue. EQAO is just one small

piece of the school journey and Lori is confident that we are on the right track.

- PIC did ask how the tested Grade 6 students did back when they were in Grade 3 being tested. Unfortunately, that was the year when there was job action and no testing was performed.
- **SIPSA**
  - HPS has 2 goals for School Improvement;
    - Writing Program with emphasis on how students generate ideas and work on them. This is a working goal until 2020
    - The second goal has shifted from board wide Fractions to measurement.
      - Adele asked if Sports could be incorporated into measurement...i.e. Measure how high students can jump etc. This idea was met with a lot of enthusiasm – math isn't always sitting down and memorizing.
      - Staff is always revisiting the SIPSA goals and are committed to not letting students forget what they have learned.
- For the past two years HPS has paid the whole cost for the gift cards for Bus Driver Appreciation. Lori asked if PIC was willing to begin paying for half the expense again. PIC enthusiastically agreed to pay \$50 (our half of the \$100 total) for gift cards for our Bus Drivers.
- **You're the Chef**
  - Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. K are going to start the program again this year! Hoping to do it twice a year (Fall & Spring).
    - Mrs. Huffman is going to be going for training to run the program
    - This program may need help with purchasing food etc. at some point. Lori doesn't think PIC will need to assist, as the school has some money for this program, but a heads up was given.
- Paul Cornies has started a Volleyball development clinic, running during 2<sup>nd</sup> nutrition break for students in Grades 4-6.
- It is expected that HPS has brought in around \$800 for cancer research via our Terry Fox run. Final numbers should be available tomorrow. If the number proves to be at or over \$800, students have earned an afternoon of chewing gum. If the amount is at or over \$1000, the front office staff will be getting pies in the face.
- The 'Not Just A Dad' organization got in contact with HPS right after the last meeting about coming to HPS with a project. There is no cost to us, but Lori did have to fill out a request for a building alteration, and she needs approval before moving forwards.

#### **Vice-Principal's Report: Meredith McGroty**

- Fall fundraiser is underway and as the orders are coming in, the Coops are going out to students. If there are any problems, please have students see Meredith.

#### **Teacher Representative Report: Sherry Doherty**

- Teachers really enjoyed participating in the Terry Fox run at HPS. Great sense of community.
- Last winter PIC approved the request by Lori Gelinas to purchase chess containers. She has finally found some to order and will be doing so.

- Over the summer there was a Virtual Math Summit that teachers could participate in for 3 days. The website had 3 full days of hour long sessions with amazing mathematicians. Quite a few teachers took part in this and really enjoyed the program. Subsequently, Lori has purchased a membership for this website for teachers to use.
  - A group of teachers have formed a Video Club where they stay afterschool to watch one of these video/workshops and discuss strategies. As long as teacher interest is there, Lori will continue to pay the \$50 monthly membership.

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

- Food forms are out for a 6 week program (5 weeks of Uptown Meats and 1 week by On the Docks). Mike and Jenn (Uptown Meats) did all the menu choices, but they are very open to suggestions.
  - Sierra is thinking of alternating weeks between the two businesses next time.
  - Sierra needs help counting the money on Friday. Allison volunteered to help.
- Sierra is thinking of doing a pizza day in December
- School Cash online got brought up again, with PIC wondering if there is a way that we don't have to pay transaction fees through the bank. It is easier for parents to use school cash online, but it costs the school money when it gets used. PIC will look more into this.
- Holiday Pancake lunch will be held on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Colleen will call to book the Harrow United Church for us to use.

#### **Miscellaneous Business:**

- Ashley has asked if PIC meetings can alternate between Monday and Tuesday evenings this year. Council agreed.

**Next Meeting set for Monday, October 5th @ 6 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.