

# HARROW PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**In Attendance:** Ashley Vigneux, Allison Whitehead, Lori Hugli, Shelby Pillon, Casey Harnadek, Meredith McGrory, Krystle Martin, Jenny Petrie, Colleen Neumiller, Katie Davis, Catie Hildenbrand, and Adel Guerard (12)

**Call to Order:** 5:32 p.m.

### **Election:**

- Nominations for the elected positions of Harrow Public School PIC were to be handed in to the office prior to the meeting. Each position only had one (1) nomination and therefore, uncontested, our 2018-19 HPS PIC Council is as follows;
  - Ashley Vigneux - Chair
  - Sierra Shaw - Vice-Chair
  - Allison Whitehead - Secretary
  - Shelby Pillon - Treasurer

### **New Business:**

- Colleen Neumiller asked if there were any goals for the upcoming year and what new members were hoping for out of PIC;
  - Ashley is hoping to have another successful year.
  - Katie Davis brought up the fantastic organization 'Not Just A Dad' and their involvement in community projects such as painting inspirational murals in school bathrooms. She is going to contact the organization to see if something can be done at Harrow Public School.
- **Staffing**
  - Between June 2018 and August, HPS gained 26 new Hornets! We are now at 100% capacity.
  - Due to our high volume, HPS was fortunate to be able to add another teacher. This allowed HPS to reorganize and achieve overall smaller class sizes.
- **School Improvements**
  - Over the summer the following improvements took place; all lighting upgraded for better efficiency, main water main was replaced, and new blacktop was completed alongside the school and in the back
  - With the new blacktop, HPS has the opportunity to paint activities on it and Lori Hugli has made the designs available for students/staff to vote on. As of this moment, there will be full court basketball lines drawn, picture frames to draw in, a game called 'Fox & Goose', and the long jump will be re-done. Research is also being done on Wall Ball courts.

- The painting of these outdoor activities is projected to cost \$1400 and Lori has asked if PIC will split the cost with the school. Ashley motions that PIC pay \$700 to the school for the painting. Jenny seconds. Majority vote in favour. Motion approved.
- **Fall Fundraising**
  - Cookie Dough and Magazine packages have already been sent home with students. There are also a few items available exclusively online (jewelry and tervis mugs), although the majority of PIC members found the letter home discussing this option to be quite confusing.
- **Winter Wonderland**
  - Allison Whitehead & Krystle Martin presented plans for this year's Winter Wonderland that is taking place on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2018**.
  - The majority of activities will remain the same as last year, with a few new additions (details are being kept quiet until finalized)
  - Krystle and Allison are hoping to have the following committees set-up; refreshment, crafts, raffle and cookie decorating. Members of PIC signed up during the meeting and Allison & Krystle will have more information on these committees at the next meeting.
  - Plans are to have themed raffle baskets (i.e. Date night, spa day, meat package etc.) available during the event with proceeds going towards our PIC goal of revamping our back field with a naturalized path etc.
    - In order to have this raffle, it needs to be seen if we need the lottery license. Ashley believes that she has the paperwork and contact information at home and Sierra has agreed to look into getting the lotto license (this agreement was done via Shelbey and text).
  - Krystle asked about a working budget for Winter Wonderland.
    - Shelbey motioned for a \$750 working budget. Colleen seconds. Council approved.
- **Teacher's Wish List**
  - Amy Fillion (JK/SK) approached Ashley in regards to Magna Tiles. Last year when PIC was granting teacher requests, the Fillion/Paquette classroom did not request anything and so they are wondering if they can put in a request for this year.
    - Ashley priced out different packages and she has found 5 packages totalling \$318.96. Ashley motions that PIC grant the Fillion request for \$318.96 for Magna Tiles. Allison notes bias (her daughter is in that class) but seconds the motion. Unanimous vote in favor. Approved.
  - Allison brought up putting a teacher request binder in the staff room (as discussed last year). Ashley said she would put one in there and let staff know.

- Ashley was once again given information for PIC insurance. The 2018-19 PIC declined such coverage.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Karen Livingston has stepped down as Treasurer, and as such, PIC is wondering if she is still planning on doing the Holiday Shopping Spree. Ashley is going to get in contact with Karen to find out. If she doesn't want to continue, PIC will continue the tradition.
- Krystle asked if there were any grants that PIC would be going after this year; Ashley was going to look into this.
  - Shelby brought up looking into the Aviva Grant for next year, as the application deadline was September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lunch Days**
  - Looking at starting off with 1 day a week lunch service from Uptown Meats. The menu is still being worked on, but one option will be a lunchable, and the other will be a hot item.
  - The meals are looking to cost \$6 each, with potentially PIC only charging \$5 and paying the extra \$1 out of our account.
  - On the Dock restaurant has also expressed an interest in teaming with HPS for food days.

**Next Meeting set for Tuesday, October 2nd @ 6 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.