

Hilltop School Council Meeting - November 21, 2016

Steve moves to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Second by Tania. Minutes approved.

Old Business (Chair Report)

- School Statement of Needs - Tania moves to approve statement of needs. Seconded by David. Ms. Farina to send it to Superintendent.
- Facebook Page for Hilltop School Council - Proposal by Ms. Farina to pilot Facebook page for December newsletter. To re-visit in January.
- School Council Financial Plan - need to send the Board a fundraising plan and what the funds are being raised for.

Principal's Report

1. Brief Introduction
2. Ministry Focus for the Year:

Some initiatives that they are working on for Achievement include the following:

- Invest in the technology, design and infrastructure required for the classrooms of the future to serve the needs of all communities.
- Work with partners including TVO and TFO to build on existing online resources for students, educators and parents.
- Extend the principles of play-based learning established in full-day kindergarten and child care.
- Give students more flexibility and ownership in their learning, allowing them, for example, to determine whether they want to spend more time on e-learning or on learning outside of the classroom.
- Integrate and create a common look and feel to family support programs such as Ontario Early Years Centres, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, etc.
- Expand relevant new learning opportunities, including the Specialist High Skills Major program and the Dual Credit program.
- Increase student engagement in mathematics, science and technology
- Promote the value of the arts
- Provide greater support to ensure parents/guardians are welcomed, respected and valued by the school community as partners in their children's education.

3. TDSB Focus:

Continued work on the 3 goals:

1. Achievement
2. Equity
3. Well-Being

Pupil Accommodation Review:

An Area Review Information meeting was hosted by Trustee Glover on Nov. 14th. He informed the community that a Pupil Accommodation Review will be occurring to review the status of Scarlett Heights, Kipling CI and Richview CI. The current proposal, as it stands is to close either Scarlett or Kipling. The proposal will be going to Board on Wednesday. At that time, the Board will also give a mandate for either a Standard or Modified process. If they decide on the Standard process, there must be a minimum of 2 community meetings and the final decision would be expected in June. If a modified process is given the go-ahead, the decision will be made near March break.

It was also revealed that a further study regarding Pupil Accommodation at Richview would be occurring in the years to come.

Ms. Farina will be sending home information to the community as it is made available.

Current Stats:

Scarlett Heights EA: 222 Students
843 Capacity
26% Utilization Rate

Kipling CI: 393 Students
948 Capacity
41% Utilization Rate

Richview CI: 958 Students
855 Capacity
112% Utilization Rate

*At this time, Gr. 8 to 9 applications will continue to be accepted for both locations (SHEA and KCI)

Other: Councillor John Campbell Meeting: Proposed Community Centre Facilities Meeting

When: Tuesday November 22 2016 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

Proposed new basketball court at Westgrove Park. Staff will be on hand to highlight recreation and community space currently available and to discuss needs for a future community centre.

Child minding and light refreshments will be available. This event will take place at Parkfield Junior School (31 Redgrave Drive).

Ms. Cheung - immunization clinic will start November 28, 2016. Can still return form if not returned yet.

- French exchange meeting for kids going to Paris and Lyon - November 30, 2016. Parents/students will meet the 2 teachers who will be going on the exchange. 2 students from English track will also be attending.
- Dental screening starting week of November 29, 2016. Doing this over 7 different days.
- Winter concert to take place December 15, 2016 - Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Mirzov. 7pm at Scarlett Heights. Doors open at 6:30.
- Ministry to start investing in more technology. Looking to partner with TVO and TFO to help access resources.
- Focus on secondary schools. Looking to see what programs are needed to attract population and create global learning goals.
- Increased emphasis on math, science and technology. Renewed interest in the arts.
- Meeting with trustee Glover on November 14, 2016 - information meeting. He is presenting a motion to the Board to there be a pupil accommodation review at 3 secondary schools. Scarlett Heights - 222 students. Only 26% usage. Kipling Collegiate - 393 students (41% utilization). Richview - 958 students (112% usage). Motion that either Scarlett Heights or Kipling Collegiate be closed. Unclear whether it would be September 2017 or 2018. Board has to determine which process is to be used to determine which school will close (if any) and when. Ms. Farina will forward information as soon as it becomes available.
- Meeting tomorrow night - 5:45 to 8 pm at Parkfield Junior School to talk about basketball court and other community resources.
- Budget enrolment - 2016/17. Budget to be increased approx.. \$10k because of increased enrolment. Biggest expenditures - in-class needs for technology. Also looking at computer lab - ensuring 1:1 ratio of students/computers. Needed math text books for Grade 6's. Looking at purchasing on-line rights for Grade 7 & 8 science textbooks.

Fundraising ideas:

- Outdoor canopy when teams go out. - \$200
- French/English dictionaries. - \$1000
- Classroom fans for temperature control. - \$500
- Tables in cafeteria need to be replaced - \$852 each plus tax. Need approx.. 15 tables.

Community Rep Comments

- No Report

Fundraising Report

- Have until December 6, 2016 to get orders in. Need 50 plants ordered to get the discount.
- Recommending to put order form on school website.
- David moves to have pizza party for competition - second by Don.
- Motion by David to order poinsettias if order under 50 plans - second by Michelle.
- Are we doing cookie dough sales? Recommend sales in February with closing date in early March. Delivery in early April. - Motion by David, Second by Shanti.
- Funds for EQAO & prize for Graduation
- Recommend to discuss allocation of funds from fundraisers at January meeting. Perhaps allocate funds to purchase agendas for the students.

Teacher Report

- Robotics club to be attending competition this Friday at George Harvey.
- Student leadership program - preparing orders for snack program, acting as hallway monitors during lunch, chaperones during immunization and dental screening days.

Other

Michelle - kids getting put off bus at Dixon Grove. TTC Kipling 45. Route 52 - kids being asked to get off the bus due to noise.

Ms. Cheung has asked for someone from TTC to come out to do presentation. On waiting list.

TTC passes available for kids under 13.

Next Meeting January 23, 2017