

Hilltop School Council Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2016

Agenda

Principal's Message

1. Ministry Focus:
 - a. Nothing new to report
2. TDSB Focus:
 - a. The Director is hosting various webcasts with different stakeholders. Links can also be found on the TDSB home page.
3. School Focus:
 - a. Staffing:
 - i. We seem to be a bit higher in our French Immersion, compared to projections.
 - ii. First 2 weeks of September: enrolment is crucial as it will determine our final teacher allocation.
 - b. Grade 8 Graduation:
 - i. \$100 will be used to sponsor the Padmore Citizenship Award. Steve Payne will co-present the award and bring greetings from the School Council.
 - ii. School Council is also being asked to support the Gr. 8 BBQ with funds and volunteers.
 - iii. Balance of Fundraising Budget: shared with Executive members.
 - iv. Curriculum Night: Meet the Teacher night is being held on Thursday September 15th . Does the Council wish to support with a parent event?
 - v. Proposal: Keeping School Council the 3rd Monday of the Month - **CONFIRMED**
 - vi. Proposal: Hosting the first School Council Meeting on Sept. 19th - **CONFIRMED.**
4. Other:
 - a. Parent requested a special parent info night dedicated to reviewing the revised Health Curriculum.

- i. Paola will contact Co-ordinator of PHE to see if he is available in September for a parent night.
5. Proposed Dates for School Council Meetings for 2016-2017: Sept. 19 Oct. 17 Nov. 21 Jan. 16 Feb. 27 April 17 May 15 - **CONFIRMED**

Fundraising Report

- Set up spreadsheet for fundraising funds. Funds are being kept separate from school funds.
- Need to account for every \$ raised through fundraising initiative.
- \$1,434 left in account. \$100 to come out for grad award and amount for graduation itself.

Discussions:

- Upcoming school year calendar. First day of school - Sept 6, 2016.
- Curriculum night - September 15. First School Council meeting September 19, 2016 (Monday)
- Would like to amend letter for School Council members to reflect article 3 of By-Laws.
- Tania to look into cost for BBQ and/or corn roast provider for curriculum night.
- Mr. Edwards suggests asking for parent volunteer drivers for sports teams.
- September 30, 2016 - Terry Fox Run in the morning and "Get to Know You Day" in afternoon.
- Grade 8 students just returned from grad trip. Survey to be given to kids so they can start planning for next year.
- Grade 6's to have a one-day trip to one of the outdoor education centres.
- 2 students represented Hilltop at the French Public Speaking contest this past weekend at Jr. and Intermediate levels.
- Ms. Farina will send soft copies of nomination form and letter for School Council nights.
- Will School Council consider hosting a parent information night re: revisions to health curriculum? Suggest for last week of September - September 29, 2016 or October 6, 2016.

- Parent Council meetings to be 3rd Monday of each month.

Ms. Cheung

- French Exchange dates - March 1-March 17, 2017. Information will be sent home with report cards in June. More information will be sent out in September package.
- Dance/Activity afternoon - Friday, May 27, 2016. Form to be sent out tomorrow. Need form back by Friday. First come, first served.
- Orientation sessions for Gr 5 & 6 students - May 31 & June 2 in the mornings.
- Teacher transition meetings with feeder schools starting on May 26, 2016. Ms. Cheung and others go into feeder schools to assess student needs.
- School Council Survey - Completed as a group.

David moves to approve most recent council minutes - second by Tania.

Mr. Edwards

- A lot of sports teams practicing and competing now.
- Gr 7 badminton team finished 5th in pool.
- Ultimate Frisbee - Gr 7 - 3rd in pool. Gr 6 team plays May 19th. Grade 8 will be May 31.
- Chess team second in quadrant. Lost in finals.
- Working on date for Olympics.
- Track and field teams did very well. May 3rd was competition. Several first place finishers. Most competitors will be returning for conference championships - June 8th.
- Boys Gr 6 soccer team played today at Hollycrest.
- Gr 6 girls team and Gr 8 teams playing.
- Math contest took place today.
- Albion Hills - November 21, 2015 and December 5, 2015 for Grade 7s.

Graduation - 3pm June 27, 2016