

## **Parkinson School Council Meeting**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

Present: Kim Zettle, Jenny Petryna-Brownrigg, Jennifer Cluley, Susan Pottle, Stephanie Lefebvre, Jennifer Bell, Patricia Josephson, Paola Argentino, Samantha Stevenson, Hailey Bell, Brendan McDermott, Alex van der Wijst, Carol Waffler, Jenn Harrison, Melissa Milley, Melanie Horton, David Lee, Alisha Lee, Lisa Lanhof, Tricia Hebert, Jenny Shelley, Tara Dean-Whitt, Laura Dilba, Stephanie Kusi Boah and Lindsay Sadowski.

Meeting started at 7:08pm

Minutes from previous (June) meeting were not reviewed.

Introductions and brief explanation of the executive positions.

### **Executive Elections:**

- Co-Chairs: Lisa Lanhof & Samantha Stevenson ~ no voting required as only two people interested. Lisa & Samantha decided to be co-chairs as opposed to Chair & Vice Chair.
- Co-Treasurers: Tara Dean – Whitt & Jenny Shelley ~ Tara offered to train Jenny in the position as Tara is only with the school for two years.
- Secretary: Jenny Petryna-Brownrigg.
- The role of the Parent representative was explained; must be present for 80% of the meeting in order to retain voting privileges. Parent Reps will be voted upon during October's meeting. Parent Reps from the previous year at both Parkinson's and PEPS will be grandfathered in, no voting required. Those Parent Reps members are; Melanie Horton, Kim Zettle, Tricia Hebert and Stephanie Kusi Boah.

\*\* it is not necessary to be a Parent Rep to be part of council. Anyone is welcome to attend any meeting and to volunteer whenever they wish.

School council Norms were read aloud. A copy is attached with the minutes.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- There was no report due to the fact that we have two new Treasurers and they have not had a chance to review.
- Current balance in the bank \$19,685.82.

### **Items discussed:**

- We have a Party Rockers night on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We need 12-14 parent volunteers from 6:30-10:30. If interested, please let Samantha know.
- A lunch committee was started, and met directly after council meeting, with the goal of starting lunches as soon as possible.

- Although not a council program, the Breakfast Club needs volunteers, if interested/available, please see Kim.
- The reason the back to school BBQ, chocolate fundraiser and pizza days have not commenced yet, is that we knew it would be a brand-new council this year and we didn't think it would be fair for them.

Teacher's Report:

- Meet the teacher night is the 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7
- Junior soccer tournament is Sept 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten trip to apple orchard on October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Cross Country is October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- It is in the planning stages to take the primary students to see the Snow Queen at the Orangeville Theater as it is presented in both English & French. This would likely be in February.

Principal's Report:

- Two kindergarten classrooms have been added to the end of the primary hallway, the guts of the building have also been worked on (lighting, ducts, plumbing upgraded)
- Teachers were allowed in the school briefly on the Tuesday before school started. Most teachers started on the Friday of the long weekend and worked continuously over the weekend get the classrooms ready for the children.
- Regarding the parking lot grumblings; the first day of school brought 120 new young students, seven buses and the intermediate students could no longer access the one side of the building. There was concern for the safety of the students and that's why the parking lot was temporarily closed. The teachers have been asked to park in the back of the school so that parking is available at the front. CAA has trained older students to help students cross the road.
- The student population has grown from 313 to 434. Classroom restructuring has completed; excluding the kinder gardens, the largest primary class has 19 students, followed by 17. There are 20 classes now.
- The French Immersion budget was spent as following; \$15,000 library books, \$60,000 resources and the remainder went to furniture. F.I classrooms would welcome the donations of books.
- The subject of the playground was raised; Paola explained that any new playground that council puts in will only have a 15-year life span. Playground equipment is only accessible to the children during the months of September, October (until there is a freeze), May and June. The board is looking for a more natural solution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jenny Petryna-Brownrigg.