

# Howard **Public School Home & School Association**

Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014

7:00 - 9:00pm

**Howard Public School Library**

## 1. **Welcome**

2. **Approval of the Agenda** - Laura Zeidler, Ryan Apps

3. **Approval of Minutes** - Kathy Narraway

## 3. **Positions Available** -

Co Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer

4. **Principal's Report** - Rosanna Sardella

- Overview of budget

5. **Kids at Play** request - selling small **Kids at Play** signs with proceeds to put up big signs outside schools to request drivers slow down

## 6. **Committee Updates** -

a) **Fall Fete** - Treva Thompson - very successful, approx. \$27,000 raised, volunteers required for next year including new Fall Fete co-ordinators

b) **Magazine Drive** - Julie French - down in sales from last year, \$14,000 profit

c) **Arts Council** - Lara McKinnon - visual arts focus this year, booked visiting artists, also artists from the Ontario Arts Council coming to help create a mural for Earth Day, still coming in under budget

e) **Election Day** - Monday, Oct. 27th

f) **Sports Committee** - Kindergarten teachers ordered outdoor play equipment

g) **Enviro Committee** - Elise Beauvais - Stone Soup went well, school audit completed, question about recycling bins outside

## 7. **Financial Update and Budget** -

a) **Sept. 2014 Financial Update** - Dorothy Chen

b) **Review of Present Home and School Spending Guidelines** - 1) Support and Enhance the Curriculum (\$ to individual teachers), 2) Areas of Priority: arts, music, science, physical activity and environmental awareness, 3) Promote activities that support Inclusion and Equity 4) Money spent equably across grades and streams, 5) Some money can be donated as charitable donations (to be voted on)

- c) **Vote on Charitable Donations** - no interest in supporting this initiative at present  
d) **Vote on draft budget for 2014** - spending request initiatives listed below:

Direct Classroom support  
Arts Council  
Athletics Council  
Tradansa  
Scientists in the School  
Forest of Reading, literacy books  
4 laptops for the library  
Environment Committee  
Chess Club  
JK Orientation Bags  
SHAC  
Graduation  
Year End Potluck  
Staff Lunch/Appreciation  
Staff Retirement  
Holiday Hampers  
Babysitting  
Office

Motion to approve everything above (leaving \$9000 set aside to be voted on in future for the Technology Committee) - Motioned by Ian Newall, Kathy Narraway seconded

8) **New Fundraiser - Bag to School** - Clothing Drive in schools - free fundraiser

9) **Upcoming Parent Workshop** - Nov. 12th - Anxiety & Children  
- funded by Parent Reaching Out grant - \$1000

Meeting Adjourned  
Next Meeting - **November 19th, 2014**