

Agenda
21 February 2018
Howard Public School Council
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Library

- 1. Welcome – Laura Boudreau**
- 2. Approval of the agenda**
- 3. Approval of the minutes of January 2018 KN, LB approved.**
- 4. Principal’s report – Rosanna Sardella**

RS: things moving along nicely. Report cards out last week. Teacher meetings last week. IT budget 10 new laptops for library. DC and Ms Simanic took old ones and gave them to classrooms. Ordered 2 tech tubs with 10 new i-pads for primary grades. Ms Casey and Madame Caruso housing the i-pads. STEM area well used.

Professional learning community. Presentation by Mr Wolfe, lead teacher. Data management curriculum, math. Renewed math strategies, making math equitable to all students, making sure questions target all students, question of biases, equity. Questions for incidence on march break travel plans, for instance problem with those who don’t travel etc. Equity issues need to be addressed. Other leads Ms Casey, Ms Simanic. While teachers in PLC, VP and gym teachers run assembly.

KN, without workbooks, are teachers sharing resources that they are using with other teachers? Yes, many teachers sharing resources on google docs.

Equity staff committee: two focuses how to teach students for special education needs especially around equity and how to address different heritage months. Had two TDSB psychologists in on how to deal with trauma, special education coordinator to come in to help teachers better deal with behavior issues. Accomodations around universal design talked about with staff in fall. Good for one is good for all.

How to bring black history month in to whole year. Need to broaden it out. Have to expose children to different heritages, do different one each month. Chinese heritage, Tamil history, indigenous education. Getting more resources for library.

Met with staff and parent wellness committee. Sending 5-10 students to wellness conference on April 5th. Kids from SHAC. Will bring back ideas for mental health week

Teachers asking for Ross Greene approach to be used in school as broader approach. Starting teacher book club to learn ideas.

5. **Dance-a-thon – Erin McCaughan**
\$4300 raised by dance a thon.

6. **Finance Update and Budget -- Heath Feldman**
Revenue down this year over previous as silent auction in spring instead of fall. Successful dance-a-thon and commitment of silent auction at spring social means we can fully fund all committees, had deferred some spending in October meeting. Will need \$5000 revenue from spring social to break even, if make more will be used in fall.

Will send out spreadsheet on financial details.

7. **Committee Updates – update on financial spending and program goals**
Mental Health and Well-being – Michelle McBride
Planning to buy wiggle stools, stress balls, book in a few parent evenings.

Food and Spirit Wear – KN
Should be closer to 9500, up around \$1000, will do another spirit wear in spring.

STEM – Liz Phillips
Teachers getting involved with STEM in classrooms, some teachers using scientist in school, others buying manipulatives. Want to do STEM night in spring, possibly parent night. May not spend all budget this year. Will send an email to teachers that can book scientists still. No tech club this year as no teacher able to do it. Mme Rachadi doing robotics club with grades 4-6.

Tech – Dorothy Chen
Library lab in good shape, new laptops and ipads from RS. Library cart of 10 chrome pads, want to buy 10 more chrome books and bring them up to 3rd floor where high demand. Bought headphones and splitters for reading centers in a couple classes. Two Mindstorms (for robotics club) and osmos (younger kids). Some money for maintenance of chrome books.

Arts – Candice Levine
Will spend her full budget.

Sports – Kathy Narraway
Uniforms, basketballs, cross country busses, money for spring dpa, money for kindly revamp. Want to put money towards water bottle stations. Will have spirit wear in spring.

Nutrition – Zoe Traiforos
Lunch seems settled down. Plans to tackle mindful eating. Looking at buying a vegetable tower (plant tower on wheels, kids do plantings, take care of herbs, plants,

learning curriculum around food growth etc). Will talk to teachers and see interest level. Bought hand sanitizers etc for lunch room.

Also looking for feedback on if we should try another hot lunch program. Currently nothing for grade 1-6. Kindies and daycare only ones on plan. Lunch lady, Rose Reisman, a couple options. Real Food for Real kids not enough enrollment to continue at school. Question about quality of food? Environmental waste? Will look at options. Survey of interest.

Environment -- Leslie Nicholson

want to fill planters between field and playground, kids jumping from one level to another getting hurt, maybe shrubs etc, have money in friends of Howard to pay for some of this. Can maybe help out with water bottle refiller.

8. Carnival d'Hiver

Moved from March to June 25. Summer playday. Outside stations.

9. Call out for Grade 6 Graduation Organizers

June 26th, 5-6pm, \$750. Will need organizers, volunteers.

10. Musical Update

Samantha Schieman and Karin Millar co-producers

May 2-3rd dates of play.

Volunteers needed, Andrea Clements volunteer coordinator. Need people in wide variety of roles including lighting and production. KN to handle ticket sales. Need someone to produce dvd of play.

11. Spring Social – Julie

April 6th, silent auction, have liquor license. Held in gym. Blog post heads up coming. Can buy tickets online. Auction not just stuff, also services this year. Will have Leafs tickets as an early auction item (March 24th, Leafs v Redwings).

12. Fundraising Committee Update – Leslie Nicholson

Denise, Sheila, Leslie, Sara, Gail trying to figure out fundraising options. Want bigger picture to fundraising. Idea of direct donation request at beginning of school year. Questions around if we want to continue with QSP (equity issues, environment issues). Thinking about ask of \$50, classroom benchmarks? Idea of prize for classroom instead of qsp keychains etc. Have a Howard spirit reward. Then could run scaled down qsp (less prizes, less individual prizes).

13. Other Business

Next Meeting: 21 March 2018 at 7pm.