

**Agenda**  
**18 April 2018**  
**Howard Public School Council**  
**7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Library**

**1. Welcome – Marcela Saitua and Sara Tweedie**

Huge thank you for the Spring Social. Job well done!!! Katrine updates us – Heath has the financials. \$17,700 revenue. Net funds raised \$13,500-\$14000. Auction brought in \$12,375. The silent auction at the Spring Social seems to have been more appealing to parents than the silent auction at the Fall Fete. The gym looked awesome.

Mandy will ask Teresa Jansen about the decorations. The grad committee wants tips, because, again, it looked awesome.

**2. Approval of the agenda**

Heath has something to add. One parent has donated several months of SHAC food for free and has volunteered, so the suggestion is to give that person a plaque for his business. Catherine was thinking that this might be a good idea.

ST - Master Mechanic, Evolve Chiropractic also provide a lot of support. We should think about this. There may be other organizations which support the school that should be considered.

Perhaps a certificate would work. A standard form of certificate to show gratitude might be a good idea. They could be framed.

**3. Approval of the minutes of March 2018**

**4. Principal's report – Rosanna Sardella**

Staffing models are shared. The parent and teacher committees helped to come up with a solid model. Certain combined grades are mandated by the board, unless we are given exemptions on caps to move kids into larger single grade classes. However, exemptions are not given until the fall.

In French track - we have asked for one exemption. We will have to see if it is granted. There are combined classes in grades 1/2, 2/3, and 3/4. In the 3/4 there are 19 grade 3s and 4 grade 4s. Only 4 grade 4s is not ideal, so Rosanna is seeing what she can do to move kids around through exemptions.

English track – there is one 3/4 and one 5/6 combined.

KN – 40 kids generates 2 teachers. 2x20, but sometimes kids don't wind up at the schools that are expected. The splits are meant to help accommodate for that.

Keep in mind, these are all projected numbers. There may be more kids registered in the fall. For next year, we have 14 SKs staying in English. That's the highest number that we've had to this point.

These are the approved models. The teaching assignments are given to the teachers, but they are confidential until June, as teachers are given the ability to move around as per their union.

Mme. Barber is coming back from leave ½ time. The other teachers on leave have extended their leave.

We hired a new office administrator, Nancy Janes. She had worked half time with the school before and will now be in a permanent position.

Home School Program – it is not going to be removed, but it will look different. Now, it is a withdrawal program. The teacher takes kids out of class for instruction. Next year the HSP teacher will co-teach in the classroom with the teacher. If necessary, teachers can still teach kids separately, but the first avenue is co-teaching in the classroom. Next year it will be grades 3-6. Kids with 51% special education needs. Now kids break out at times. Next year break out will only happen if it's needed. The kids will continue to receive support, but it will be in their homeroom. The requirement to be in the program is that the child is working 2 grade levels behind in language and math. The goal is to give them extra support to catch them up, but it hasn't been working as expected, so the board is moving to a more integrated model.

Lice update – Out of the whole school, there was only one case discovered of which the school was not already aware.

Dental check up – every kid in the school can get it unless parents decline the check up.

5. Staffing Committee Update – Kathy Narraway – done as a part of the Principal's report.
6. Finance Update and Budget -- Heath Feldman (with Sophie Ella "helping")

With a very successful Spring Social, we have had a wild swing from our position 3 months ago. Also not as much spending as forecast has happened. \$57,000 net has come in through main fund-raising. With some other sources, it will be over \$60K, but as more expenses come in, we should land somewhere around \$59K.

There is some spending which is still coming – receipts from Arts Council, for example. However, STEM may come in lower than budgeted for. Fewer Scientists in the School have come in so far, although a lot are planned for before the end of June.

The spending may change now that we have funds coming in in the spring. The TDSB says that unless funds are specifically ear-marked, they need to be spent within two years. So, funds raised this spring should be spent this year or next.

Water-bottle station will be another \$1,500 or so. That has been approved and projected, but is not included in the budget spend YTD at this point because the invoice has not come in yet.

After the year is through, we will probably have about \$13,000 in reserve.

KN – can we approve the last water-bottle station for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor? We will have one for the first and third floor. Can we approve the remaining station for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor?  
Unanimously approved.

Music is something that we haven't looked at much this year. The choir has traditionally had student contributions, opera and Marlies tickets (\$2,800 this year), but choir hasn't even spent the student contributions this year. The musical will also break even or bring money in. We may no longer need student contributions. If we don't need it, dropping it may remove a barrier to participation for some kids. Perhaps that's something that we should discuss in May.

We are also in good shape in terms of technology/computers.

## 7. Committee Updates as required

Arts Council is working on the play right now. Tea is leading workshops and putting in a tonne of work. Tomorrow is the last workshop.

KN – 3 more teachers got some Daily Physical Activity equipment. Mr. P and Katherine went to a new DPA workshop. Spirit wear will arrive in your home when you order it this time.

Erin – Mental Health Committee – had a really good workshop. There is another one on Monday on social media. Jillian Cambridge, a parent at the school, will also be giving a talk. She has some coaching experience.

## 8. STEAM night

It is in May for parents. More info to come.

**9. Parenting Talk: social media, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Chris Vollum**

We need for this to be advertised more broadly. There is a pdf flyer that Heath will work on and circulate.

**10. Call out for volunteers**

- a. Grade 6 Graduation is coming – Is there a grad committee? Rosanna and Elizabeth do the ceremony at 5, and the parents take care of the program after 6 pm. The gym is permitted for that. \$750 has been budgeted for Grade 6 Grad.
- b. Pizza potluck is coming – It is a community event. Master Mechanic donates a tonne of pizzas. Families are invited to come for dinner and to bring a dish. Some items are purchased too. This year perhaps we should encourage people to fill water bottles. We should sell water bottles there too. Parents should be reminded that this is not a child drop-off event. Families are expected to attend together. Jillian and Liz organized it last year. Sara will reach out to them again.
- c. Aristocats is coming – Sam needs some volunteers for the musical. There may be an online sign up system. 229 tickets have been sold so far. Spread the word. If there's room, tickets will be sold at the door if there is room. Capacity is about 350. Right now nothing is sold out, but last year things did sell out. Capacity for the day is 100. We have lost a couple of rows due to the stage being larger.

**11. Ward 7 Update – Marcela and Mandy**

No notes taken, but Minutes of the Ward 7 meeting are attached.

**12. PRO Grant Ideas**

We need to be thinking about ideas to have program money for next year. Deadline is June 5, 2018. Chris Vollum is being paid for out of the PRO grant for this year. Michelle usually takes the lead on this. Sara will ask her if she has ideas for this year's application. She usually writes the application for the grant. If anyone has ideas, bring them next time.

**13. Other Business**

None.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: 16 May 2018 at 7pm.