

**Minutes
16 May 2018
Howard Public School Council
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Library**

- 1. Welcome – Sara Tweedie**
Huge shoutout to amazing Aristocats performance. Amazing work by teachers, Ms Jonas, parent volunteers to make performance happen. So great!

Thanks to STEAM night coordinators and volunteers for last week's parent steam night.

- 2. Approval of the agenda, motion by Midori, seconded Zoe**
- 3. Approval of the minutes of April 2018, motion by ST, seconded KN.**

- 4. Principal's report – Rosanna Sardella**
Things moving smoothly. Staffing model $\frac{1}{2}$ split in French will be a straight grade. $\frac{3}{4}$ split in French will be a straight 3. Good news. English no changes. Teachers still have ability to move schools, may have staff changes in June for fall. Mme Garber moving to another school.

Working on student placements currently for fall. Best fit for students. Helpful to have some parent feedback ahead of time. Will have classes listed on report cards.

Meeting with TDSB and city over Marmaduke fence. Will be putting chain link fence in and repair retaining wall.

EQAO next week for grade 3 and 6 students. May 23- June 1.
June 1 assembly, 1pm, strings and band, guitar club, 2/3 sing
June 6 bike rodeo
June 7 Provincial elections in gym.
June 8 PA day, teachers writing report
June 12 teacher appreciation luncheon
June 18 Chris Vollum parenting talk. Social media, 7pm
June 19 pizza potluck, 5pm
June 20 volunteer tea, 3-4pm
June 21 STEM night with kids
June 22 Hot dog and freezie lunch, Awards Assembly at 915.
June 25 Carnival play day
June 26 Report cards, home
June 26 Grade 6 grad
June 28 Last day of classes

5. **2018-2019 School Council Elections in September**
Meeting Sept 26, hold election for new executive. Chair, Vice Chair, treasurer, secretary.
6. **Finance Update and Budget -- Heath Feldman**
Committees underspent. Have a surplus of potentially up to \$10,000- 15,000 for fall. Spring Social successful

7. **Committee Updates**

Tech: DC, will have spent full budget by end of year

Replacing desktops, buying new chrome books. Want set for each junior classroom eventually, right now 2.5 classroom sets in total. I-pad tubs popular with primary grades. Kids using dot and dash, green screen, learning games. Some teachers teaching typing skills.

Equity – Midori and Haley

New committee, no funding this year. Worked with RS, talking to parent community (survey), other equity committees at other schools. Want to put some plans in place for fall. On survey parents asking for in-class projects, equity built in to curriculum.

Organized book fair with Another Story that is currently ongoing.

Want to get students involved. Student voices included. Do more with pink day, anti-bullying campaign, heritage months, international women's day.

MHWB -- MM

Will have spent our money. Buying bicycle for third floor. New wiggle seats for class. Bands for under desk.

Eco-committee

Planting with classes ongoing.

Musical

Anticipated to have made \$2000.

Sports –KN

New sand and toys for kindy area. Two water bottle filling stations are coming in. Will have one for each floor. Spirit wear coming late May. Funding spent.

STEM – LP

Several classes doing science in the classroom.

U of T STEM programs

Buying another we-do kit

Good turnout for parent STEAM night, night with kids coming up.
Anticipate spending \$4000, 7000 budget so some money back to general school council budget.

Arts – CL

Exterior Mural with artist Sandra Tarrantino working with three grade 6 classes.
Interactive game mural?

Food and Nutrition – ZT

Goal of mindful eating campaign not met. Focussed more on nutrition programming.
Bought plant tower. Can hold up to 50 plants, grow salad fixings.

Apples a big hit at pizza Friday. Each primary kid got given an apple, Junior kids given choice to take one or not. Will continue apples going forward. Some talk about getting healthier snacks in to the classes in fall.

Q; turf as fundraiser? Artificial grass. RS will talk to TDSB to see if TDSB can fund portion of it.
Q; can we move forward on outdoor classroom idea, more plantings etc.

8. PRO Grant: ideas wanted

Grant due June 5, topic decided on equity.

9. Parenting Talk: social media, June 18th with Chris Vollum

10. Call out for volunteers

- a. Grade 6 Graduation June 26, grad committee underway. Repurposing sets from Aristocats to have Paris theme. Mr Wolf slideshow. Andie McGeachie yearbook. Watch blog for more details.
- b. Pizza potluck June 19th. Liz Phillips, Liz Poundset and Gillian Cambridge to organize. Potluck depends on everyone bringing food. KN to talk to Master Mechanic about donations for pizza.

11. Cribbage Math – KN

Grade 2 and younger kids KN running cribbage math with Ms Casey. Use dice and cards to help with mental math. Going to do cribbage day. Hoping it spreads.

12. Other Business

French as a second language advisory committee – asked how to get kids speaking French. Recommended frenchstreet.ca. French survey by TDSB, includes immersion, core French, give input, how to improve program. Consultation meetings on French until end of May. TDSB starting to recruit more French speaking teachers. Mandy the ward 7 rep for French as second language.

Next Meeting: 26 September 2018 at 7pm.