

Henry Munro School Council - Meeting Minutes -  
**October 2, 2017 @ 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Parents:** Christine Lalonde, Trish Johnston, Crissy Hallock, Aasha Loganathan, Paromita Deb-Rinker, Kang Hu, Diane Bourque-Sirrs, Chafuri Sear, Tila Chuwan, Nandu Chuwan

**Staff:** Céline Leduc, Barbara Gorman

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS (6:35PM)**

- Trish-Thanks to Christine for all her hard work so far!

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

- Both approved

**3. REPORTS**

• **Principal's and Teacher's Report(s)**

- PD day – Teachers will address; Math instruction; Making Henry Munro a safe place for students. Q: How do the staff get that 'empathy' piece across to children? A: By engaging and placing the children at "the front of things."
- Many staffing changes at the start of this school year which led to a bit of a bumpy start.
- The school is looking to fill the position of Library Technician.
- Significant growth in the French library material.
- Junior Soccer, Cross Country, Fencing, Robotics, Animation clubs, etc., have all started up this year. Robotics Team will need 'jerseys/uniforms' of some sort.
- Virtual Reality Goggles - school has received an entire class set and the teachers will be taught how to use this equipment in their classrooms so that children can begin to explore this technology.
- First school wide assembly was held, what it is to be a 'Lion,' 3 theme words, Responsibility, Acceptance and Perseverance.
- Eva Olson, holocaust survivor to speak at school this year.
- Meet the teacher night, change in format of presentation to parents and met in the gym
- Principal profile – parents review the principal's profile and can modify it with the purpose of creating a description of the type of principal our school community would like to have replace Céline. This will be circulated amongst council members and other parents interested to contribute.
- New School Superintendent of Instruction –Mary Jane Farrish - portfolio = equality, diversity, focus on new-Canadians, she would like to visit the school again soon.
- A suggestion for Henry Munro to have more of a connection with the secondary schools, Colonel By and Gloucester. Céline suggests that we try to share evening events, such as, math nights, speakers, etc.
- Terry Fox Run, 20-Minute Run Challenge, have both been widely accepted/enjoyed by the children at HM
- Trish suggested council supports the student's accomplishments, perhaps a plaque or a wellness banner that the children can sign and hang at the school.

- **Pizza Day Update**– this year less seemed interested in the option to buy the day of.
  - Need more parent support to hand out
  - Shawarma funds - \$1300 last year, paid for sugar bush trip-Canadian experience for ESL specialized materials
- **Finance Report**– Paromita and Barb presented budget (see proposed budget attachment)
  - Set out priorities for this upcoming year
  - Metro Grant applied for and PRO Grant received – partially spent on bus to bring children in from Donald street area. – Set up, Brad suggested, a basket of apples in the office

#### 4. **PARENT COUNCIL 2017-2018 BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

(continued from Finance Report)

- Budget is agreed upon/passed.
    - Thanks to the council support for the garden, council parent has arranged for a donation of mulch.
    - Keep in mind that we may need \$3000.00 as a cushion going into each new year to support our lunch programs.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR 2017/2018 MEETINGS.**
- A reminder that at every meeting there is opportunity to voice your opinion.
6. **GRANT APPLICATION**
- Already talked about in the budget but if anyone comes across any grants of interest please bring to our attention and we can try to get someone to tackle the application.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- Any suggestions for a fall or spring fundraiser, there was a successful fudge fundraiser held last fall.
  - Teacher appreciation day – Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please notify Christine if you are able to send in any baked goods for the teachers to enjoy on this day.

#### Action Items

- Christine:
  - Ottawa-Carleton Assemble of School Councils (OASC) OCAS
  - Mulch donation
  - Email Judy about the fudge.
- Crissy:
  - Principal profile to be circulated (attached with the minutes).
  - Member list of email to be prepared and circulated.
- Parents to review and add any suggested modifications to the Principal Profile by mid October.

#### **CLOSING**

- Closed meeting at 7:55pm and promised to be shorter next time – the budget, was a large portion of this meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2017 at 6:30pm in the library**