

# **School Council - April 19, 2016**

**In attendance:** Helene Chatterton, Stephanie Morris, Sarah Lennox, Jaime Demsey, Tina Sweeny, Andrea Michelutti, Sherri Davidson, Kevin Phillip, Kelly Wildi, Kelly DeCoppel, Christine, Kim, Aniko, Sarah,

## **Call to order: 6:00 Helene**

- Minutes from March approved by Sarah (future minutes to be sent to Sue - to post on website and Andrea to post on School Days)
- Consideration of agenda - no new items added
- Family Fun night meeting to be held immediately following this council meeting - Planning is coming along well, major items have been booked - No booths in the gym this year - more like a show and tell from different groups (ie. bucket drumming, spheroballs etc)
- Next Family Fun Night meeting -**Tuesday, May 10 at 7:15pm e-mail Helene at [helenechatterton@gmail.com](mailto:helenechatterton@gmail.com) for the location**

## **Principal Report: Andrea Michelutti**

- 107 Students on School Days - Please encourage other families to sign up
- There are lots of pros to using School Days - beginning in September all options will be open on School Days (Permission Forms, purchasing of planners, lunches etc.)
- Parents will also have the option to send money in the traditional way as well
- Andrea will send out a principal report only on School Days for the rest of the year
- Andrea will have a booth set up at Family Fun night to help families register
- Andrea thanks all parent volunteers for their hard work and dedication around the school, especially on special food days
- Staffing has begun - this will begin a very busy time in the school (She is unsure how many portables this may mean for JSPS next year)
- Andrea asked all parents to share one proud thing / idea that they have witnessed about Jean Steckle on a post it note - She will be sharing these responses on twitter along with different responses from students and teachers

## **Vice Principal Report - Sherri Davidson**

- Natasha Bruce has been replaced by Katelyn McBride
- Grade 7 classes are going to Leap at the University as their overnight trip (\$150/student)

## **Teacher Report: Jaime Dempsey**

- April 1st some of the Kindies went on a field trip to the Sugarbush
- April 4th and 5th some Kindies went to the museum
- Skating almost done for grade 1 classes - they have really enjoyed it
- Hotdog day was April the 14th
- Some of the Kindies went on a field trip today to the outdoor birds of prey centre
- April 20 - school Pride assembly - official welcome to Ms. Michelutti - students are encouraged to wear green and blue
- April 22 is a PD Day
- April 25th is class photo day

- Jump rope for heart has been explained - pledge forms are due on the 28th - Jump rope will happen on Friday April 29th
- Book fair will begin April 29- May 4th (hosted in the library)
- Terry Fox run has been moved to May (Due to fall job action) students are encouraged to bring in "toonies for Terry"
- There was a big wrestling event this past weekend and the team was very successful - three students are going to provincials
- Track and field day will be announced will be May or June
- Koday Choir - two JSPS students have solos - May 4th is event at Center in the Square

### **Treasurer Report: Kelly DeCoppel**

- Pizza and hotdog money came in for the last order of the year (\$8000 - but this does account for the expenses)
- Designated spending is up to \$35 000 (which includes a lot that has not yet come out of our bank account)
- We roughly have \$9000 to look at spending
- **HELENE** will follow up with Sue to make sure the \$3 bus allocation does get applied to classes for this year
- Link to detailed April report [Click HERE](#)

### **Presentation by Ms. Donegan's Grade 3 Class**

- Students made a presentation about Buddy Benches
- They would like a blue bench made out of recycled plastic
- Students presented lots of good ideas about why they would like
- The cost of the bench is \$529 plus tax - the shipping is free
- They would like the buddy bench to go beside a tree located beside the portables - by the hut and sand pit - this is a good spot to keep out of the way of the students playing on the field - but in the shade
- Proposal was made to approve the purchase of two benches - Discussion followed about council's decision to purchase a buddy bench - motion unanimously passed
- Mrs. Donegan and two students came in to the meeting and the news was shared with them - they will share our decision with their class tomorrow
- **HELENE** - will speak to Sue to purchase the benches in the morning
- **MRS. DONEGAN** - will contact Rob and let him know when the benches will be due to arrive so he can be prepared for installation

### **Huron Community Association Update - Kevin Phillips**

- Shared some information about what the Huron Community Association is up to
- They have events published in the Leisure guide
- The group meets monthly
- Kelly Seallock-Galloway attends regularly
- Kevin shared about the Festival of neighbourhoods - Every community event run in the neighbourhood earns our neighbourhood a ballot into a draw for \$25 000 community improvement grant - Every time there is a neighbourhood event (street party etc) we can submit a ballot
- April 23rd is a neighbourhood Earth Day cleanup day
- June 11 - there will be a neighbours day event in Huron Heights

- June 11 - Fire hall event /tours etc.
- June 11 - Community Garage Sale
- Kitchener Honda wants to put something on for the neighbourhood as well (a movie night)
- Family Fun Night will be a community event and will count for a ballot
- Ballots are available on the city of Kitchener website
- To check out more visit the website [www.huroncommunity.ca](http://www.huroncommunity.ca)

**New business:**

- Gift Card fundraisers got out tomorrow - They are due back on May 5th and will be back in time for MAy long weekend
- Trees - Sherri Spoke to Rob Sealy - He will come out in spring - **Sherri** will follow up with him again - Jaime will follow up with her contact at Tri-City trees

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday May 17, 6:00 in the library

Tuesday June 14