

Hawthorne PS School Council

Minutes of Meeting held on
Tuesday, 12 January 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Attendees** –Mary Conroy (Principal), Nik Panter, Michele Simpson (secretary).
2. **Review Minutes from last meeting to ensure no changes need to be made** – approved with no changes by consensus.
3. **Principal's message** – see attached report.
4. **Open floor**
– discussion topics – Discussed what council could do with the moneys currently in hand. Due to the low number of attendees, we thought it best to push the conversation until we have an idea from the Teachers, and council could discuss better (possibly via email)
5. **End of Meeting** – Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next meeting date: **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

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Hawthorne School Council Principal's Report January 12, 2016

Return to school

1. Smooth beginning.
2. School yard has seen a lot of change in the last month. Students are adapting well.
3. Staff has begun to work on our school learning plan. We will be focusing on the use of Math Talks in the classroom to support the development of critical thinking and the use of vocabulary in numeracy.

New Staff, staff coverages

1. Jill Williams, Office Administrator
2. Sandra Stewart, 0.5 Acting Vice-Principal
3. Karen Reyburn, 0.5 Long Term Occasional Teacher, Intermediate Science
4. Nick Gagnon, 0.5 Educational Assistant
5. Joanne Sawyer, 1.0 Long Term Occasional Teacher, ESL teacher – covering for Karen Kelland who will be off until at least mid- February
6. We will be adding another 0.5 EAs to the staff in the next few weeks.

Coming Events

1. Ice Skating continues.
2. We will be completing 1st term report cards in the next few weeks. They will be sent home on Feb. 4th.
3. Mobile Vision Clinic – The Canadian Council for the Blind has sponsored an on-site clinic. Students who have signed up will receive free eye exams on Thursday and Friday. We expect 30 students to undergo the examinations.
4. January 20th is our Kindergarten Information Evening aimed at introducing the OCDSB to Early Learning and Board programs. Registration begins on January 25th.
5. High Schools will be visiting next week and the week after to speak to grade 8 students. Registration and student course option sheets will be filled out between January 25 and February 15th.
6. Feb 2 and 3rd – HPS will have Rocks and Rings from Curling Canada in. Every class from JK to grade 8 will be participating

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OCDSB Updates

1. Revised recommendations to French Instruction in Kindergarten and Primary grades (Core French and French Immersion). Consultation has continued Through December. The school board will be reviewing accumulated data and a decision will be taken at the Feb. 2 OCDSB Committee of the Whole.
2. The Elementary Teachers' Union has ratified an agreement at the central level and a tentative agreement has been reached at the local level. Support staff has reached a central agreement. Negotiations continue at the local level for this group.
3. Notices of Incomplete immunization from Ottawa Public Health were mailed to 101 students on Dec.1. A reminder call out was made on Jan. 6. Students who have not submitted the needed documentation before Jan.18th will receive a notice of suspension by mail from OPH. Suspensions will start on Feb. 8.