

Hawthorne Public School

Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

1. **Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm**
2. **Introduction of Attendees** - Brigitte McGuey-Twiner (Chair), Michele Simpson (Secretary), Jennifer Andrews, Kim McKenna-Byers, Paul McAnany (Vice Principal), Mary Conroy (Principal)
3. **Apologies** -Hima Murthy.
4. **Principal's Message** - Highlights (see attached) -
 - a. Developing representations for students using numbers. Open number line - has no delineation and no numbers attached. Students put in the numbers or delineations. Circle strategies work just like a clock and students practice number relationships based on a pattern. They must predict what the end should be. Practicing with Grades 1 - 8.
 - b. Creative Commons Room - where the computer lab was (dead/dying computers have been removed). Whiteboards have been put up for planning and also used for robotics. Space where kids can work (on or off the carpet). Allows them to do different types of thinking in a different space.
 - c. Student Action Council - very excited about doing spirit day, dances, and many events planned for the coming year.
 - d. Master Corporal Chris Kelly from Canadian Military came to talk about role of the military and impact on international relations. Also talked about career path in the military.
 - e. Gifted Program Review - was presented to the board after our last Council meeting. Recommendations were presented with changes to the gifted program. Currently on hold as the board has asked that they review their recommendations. Not likely to be implemented for Sept 2017 as it is now on the back burner.
 - f. Elementary School Program Framework - huge poster at the entrance to the school which will eventually tie back to exit outcomes from Secondary school. Reviewing -
 - i. School Configurations (JK-8, JK-6, JK-5, 6-8, 7-12, JK-3) - trying to develop some consistency within the board
 - ii. School size and programs being delivered - Recommended some schools to be closed. Looking at distribution of resources especially for under-utilized schools. Hawthorne is at 45% capacity with some rooms closed/unused and the 2nd floor unused.
 - iii. Full Day Kindergartens - 2 year program and the switch from English to English/French (50/50) for 2 years.
 - iv. Elementary Program Options - English, Early French, Middle French, Alternative program. Looking at single track, dual track or triple track schools.
 - v. Consultation - Nov 4 - Dec 21 (not yet started). Surveys are available on the school board website.
5. **Pleasant Park Book Fair** - Held last weekend. Thank you to all who came and helped. Raised \$1,000 from that fair. Thanks to Pleasant Park for allowing Hawthorne to join so late in the year. Cheque to be collected and once deposited in the bank we will discuss at December's meeting what we would like to spend the money on.
6. **Movie Night Nov 25** - Added to the school calendar. Start time at 7 pm. Doors at 6:30 pm for popcorn, juice. Movie titles - the new Ice Age, Finding Dory (comes out Nov 15). Kids to vote on the movie of their choice. Brigitte to purchase DVD and donate to the school for raffling at the end of the movie. Brigitte's daughter will design the flyer with a selection slip at the bottom for each class for Friday November 11. Flyers to be handed out for Thursday, November 17. Poppa Jack will be approached for popcorn, Giant Tiger for juice boxes. Will charge \$1 for popcorn or juice box. Raffle tickets will be offered free of charge for the 1st movie. Will need volunteers for Movie Night to greet persons at the door, distribute raffle tickets and sell popcorn and juice. Jen, Kim, Michele and Brigitte will be on hand that night.
7. **Giant Tiger Fundraiser** - Thanks to Jen for making the flyer. Flyers to be sent out by Friday, Nov 11th and returned by Friday, Nov 25th. Returns will be held at the school and collected by Brigitte. Jen and Michele will join Brigitte

to sort money (during Movie Night to cover the dual custody requirement) and purchase cards for distribution on Monday, Nov 28th.

8. **Canadian Tire Money** - To be deferred to December. This will be an effort to collect any spare Canadian Tire Money. Could prepare a list of items that are needed by the school and persons could pick items up while at Canadian Tire. This would facilitate those persons with Canadian Tire cards.
9. **Topics for December Meeting** - Kim offered to coordinate/sort items for gift baskets for families at Christmas. Last year had 28 families - became unmanageable for the coordinator. 2 staff members have offered to help.
10. **Round Table** -
 - a. Council corner to be added to Hawthorne Herald.
 - b. Community room is now emptied - Kim and Jen have volunteered to open the room once a week. School to ask for donations.
11. **Meeting adjourned at** - 7:56 pm