

Bessborough H&S Council

General Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Present:

1. Lisa Suutari
2. Robyn Israel
3. Alison Steinman
4. Laura Rumble
5. Various Parents (Please refer to attendance sheet)

Meeting:

1. Meeting Called @ 7:09 pm

2. Welcome and Housekeeping (Robyn)

- Welcome to the second last meeting of the year
- February General Meeting Minutes approved: 1st Jenn)'Donnell, 2nd Saba Al Mathno
- Overview of agenda items

3. Financial Update (Lisa)

- All financials are unfolding as projected
- The current operating budget includes our reserve
- The current operating budget includes: welcome nights, kindie welcome etc.
- Also a reminder that we set aside money for things like our required minimum bank balance
- Enrichment budget \$38K was voted on and is being sent to the school
- \$18k has been spent already and we are low on what we actually will spend
- Things have come in under budget leaving us with a surplus - there have been savings

4. Enrichment Proposal (Robyn)

- We have an opportunity to reallocate our surplus
- We have a strong empower reading program
- \$3500.00 from the outdoor classroom/enhancement project is no longer moving forward
- We also have money from savings on the pernethium boards - Pat saved \$\$

- We have been advised that there is a need to fund the intermediate senior empower reading program
- Robyn - Asked the meeting attendees if it is ok with them to vote based on a show of hands for the empower reading upgrade since we are a small group.
- No H&S had a problem with this form of vote
- Pat reiterated again the importance and success of the program
- It is research based and has been around for over 15 years and is showing great success
- There is also a growing need for this program at Bessborough
- The cost is only \$1k to train a new teacher if a teacher moves on after their training
- Robyn called for a show of hands in favour. All in favour

5. Event Dashboard

7. Mayfair Update (Kristine and Jenn)

- Mayfair is May 27th
- Some sponsorship has already been secured
- H&S teams are coming together to organize the Mayfair poster contest and the communications strategy and logistics
- Silent auction items are welcome and needed
- Question : Wristbands? almost everything except food will be included with the wristbands. There is a new climbing wall planned for this year and that may be extra

8. Final Words from H&S (Robyn)

- We are still looking for new volunteers and have a number of roles available
- We will be advertising this in the bulletin
- The next meeting will be held on June 12th - the Operations Budget will be reviewed in detail.

9. School Council Update (Ms Broderick and Mr. Mercieca)

- we are an extra ½ staff above plan for next year
- Pat presented the planned class structures for next year based on Board projected numbers. Actuals may be adjusted
- 514 students this year
- This number is up year over year. The Board average is 26.5 kids per class
- There is no cap outside of primary classes
- Class divisions always take into consideration dynamics and class overall personality. Since some groups can be very large and function very well - others need to be split.

- The administration and the staff all aim to promote healthy relationships
- Q&A: How involved can administration be in residential development proposals? Where anticipated that the development will contain children - the TDSB will inform the administration
- School update -
- Water has been confirmed safe to drink
- Wellness day is May 17
- EQAO last week of May
- Lunch supervisors are greatly needed!

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm