

# HURON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES            September 24, 2012    6:30-8 PM

LIBRARY

TYPE OF MEETING    Parent Council Meeting #1

FACILITATOR            Ashwin Ranjit

ATTENDEES            Jim Stathopoulos, Ashwin Ranjit , James Eberhardt, Veena Gupta,  
Joanne Dolfato, Lori Kroeker, Karin Trevett, Xenia Mustapic,  
Nasreen Siddiqui, Prem Sharma, Kristin Roff, AnaDomingues,  
(Phil)Feliciano Fernandes, Mailin Brevivier, Monica Delmos, Sue Gowans,  
Jessica Rosales

## Agenda Topics

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### DISCUSSION

- The June Minutes were reviewed.
- Let's discuss the level of importance for a Parent Council for those who may be interested in participating in this responsibility to attend Your School Council meetings and eventually be involved if one chooses to.

CONCLUSIONS    The June Minutes were amended and APPROVED (motioned by Joanne Dolfato, seconded by Lori Kroeker).

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

JIM STATHOPOULOS

- Discusses the duties of School Council.
- We do not have formal by-laws. On average 15-20 people at council meetings.
- The School Council enables the parents to be involved with the kids, our staff and community. Aiming to keep meetings an hour in length
- Parent Council member volunteer their time and getting involved gives you a better sense of what is happening in the school.
- Key piece of SC is fundraising.
- Always have a good turnout at meetings
- Huron Street Junior Public School now has 427 students. 450 students warrant a VP, but that number is based on projected enrollment (wouldn't get a VP if we got to 450 this year).
- Grades 5 and 6 classes with Ms. Ross, Ms. Delaney, Mr. Levy and Mr. Goodyear are in the Superfriends Building.
- Fewer Grade 5s this year (gifted program, back to home school, etc)

- Grades KG-3 are all in check at 20 students except for two Grade 1 classes that are at 23.
- Flood in the Library the weekend before school. Started on second floor, spread to Room 12 and 13. Greatest damage in the Library (approx. \$3800 damage in the library and \$500 in Room 13. The necessary repairs have been made and funds recovered via insurance .
- Bill 115 has been passed. Check tdsb website for more information.
- Things are changing for teachers at this time.
- Cross country, Robotics and Choir are going to be postponed in the next week or so.
- Teachers responsibilities fall within in the instructional day (8:45-3:45) most other items are extra-curricular).
- Band and Strings are during instructional time (enrichment), not being postponed because they are not extra-curricular.
- Parents need to get involved to voice their children's needs, as finances have us in uncharted territory right now.
- Broadcast/ email continues to keep parents up to date. That will continue to JimS main form of communicating with the whole school community.
- Curriculum Night which went very well and our staff were committed to this event taking place.
- We had our first Coffee Break out in front of the school last week for our school community. Joanne, Rebecca, Stacy and Sandra participated in the set up, and lots of thanks. Sponsored by Cobs on Bloor and Starbucks on Beford. Great way for parents to connect with one another and with the school.
- We will be having the next one in May next year.
- Pizza Lunch is all set to go (once a month). Bo Green takes care of electronic sign up.
- Lina Lomheim looks after the financial component of PL.
- Sandra looks after purchasing and set up on the day of the event.
- All proceeds from the PL are used for Scientists in the School (one visit per class).
- Each students will also get ½ a banana with their pizza
- Approximately 70 students participate in the Real Food for Real Kidss. The first lunch is on Tuesday September 25, 2012.
- The lunchroom is supervised by three supervisors (Linda, Prema and Brenda) for an hour and fifteen minutes per day covering the whole break. Sometimes the Principal also supervises.
- We are now fully wireless (4 hubs located throughout the 2 buildings).
- We are expecting 30 new laptops from the board with a locked cart any time now after a proposal was written by Goodyear, Gupta, Yu and Stathopoulos. Possibly getting a second cart of 30 but not yet approved. The computers will be used in the Annex Building. The focus is using the computer for non-traditional methods/improve communication, improve thinking.
- We now have 20 desktops in the Library, 10 Netbooks on a cart, at least 2 desktops per classroom, 12 iBooks, and are expecting 30 more laptops

- We have 10 ELMO digital projectors combos on a cart. We need at least 2 more so that each class in Grades 1-6 has this necessary tech tool. Jim may be asking for more to ensure all classes have one.
- **School Council meetings scheduled** for Monday September 24, Thursday October 25, and Tuesday December 11, 2012. For 2013, meetings are tentatively scheduled for Thursday February 21, Tuesday April 23, Thursday May 23, and Tuesday June 18.
- A School Statement of Needs will be provided when the time comes for your opportunity to report what you are looking for in your next School Principal. This form will be handed to the Superintendent and will reflect directly a Principal Profile.

### **REVISIT THE SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS**

Co-Chair – Ashwin Ranjit

Co-Chair – Xenia Mustapic

Treasurer – Jeremy Trevett

Secretary – Joanne Dolfato; consistent record keeping and would welcome a volunteer to join as a secretary for prepping the minutes for everyone to see thank you.

Fundraising Chair – Rebecca Scovel

Volunteer Coordinator – Joanne Dolfato

Ward Reps – Leslie Carlin & Karin Trevett; this position allows you to connect with the Ward and the TDSB to take back to the school and other representatives.

Class Representative Coordinator – Nathalie Foy

**CONCLUSIONS** The success of the School Council is reached when more parents attend the School Council Meetings creating a larger parent council necessary to represent the children's needs in development and present interest requirements for extracurricular programs requested.

### **STAFFING UPDATE: New or returning to Huron**

- New Office Administrator is Angela Vallely.
- New clerical Assistant is Donna Carson (pm only)
- Gr. 1 – Ann Weir
- Gr. 11 – Iben Stothers
- Gr. 5/6 – Anthony Levy (returning to Huron)
- Special Education Assistant– Lilia Rebelo
- Special Needs Assistant – Leonilde Cafua

Conclusions: We have an exceptional team at the school where things are operating very smoothly thus far.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lori Kroeker

- Year end statements need to be approved.
- The majority of the treasurer's report was discussed through the Picnic for the Arts Fund as the school's largest fundraising event.
- Picnic for the Arts brings in excellent performers.
- PFA money last year was allocated to supporting students and teachers with visiting artists in the classroom specifically to address the dance component of the Arts curriculum.
- Dance for Grades 5/6 was a great learning experience and was a success.
- Both the General and Charitable Funds were also discussed.
- At our next meeting council needs to decide how the PFA money is going to be used. We are now raising more money via the PFA than in previous years.

CONCLUSIONS n/a