

Beacon Hill Public School Parent Council

March 24, 2015

In Attendance: Waleed Najmeddine, Selena Klapp, Jenny Ridley, Christie Bryksa, Andrea Popejoy, Rhonda Blanchette, Kelly Shiner

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Kelly Shiner

Approval of Agenda: Andrea approves, Christie seconds

Approval of October minutes: Selena approves, Kelly seconds

Grade 2 -Open Minds-Rhonda Blanchette:

- Journals from the grade 2 classes trip to Open Minds at heritage park on display
- Journals were written by the grade 2's, and were encouraged to be as descriptive as possible, not focusing on the grammar or punctuation, boys more inclined to write because of this
- Each day there were speakers/presenters and were shown around heritage park and then asked to write about their observations, drew pictures of their observations, shared their writing and art to their peers,

Networks report:

- Lorna Spargo presented a motion to ASCA to change the \$300 per parent allocated to attend to \$600 per school. It was planned to be voted on Feb 18, and was approved, too late this year
- Special networks meeting on March 30th at 6pm

Teacher Report: Rhonda Blanchette:

- Hokki chairs have arrived, 20 were ordered in 4 sizes, promotes fine/gross motor skills
- Thank you to parents plus for the staff appreciation week
- CAT4 administration will be from May 19-27 for grades 2/3/4/5/7/8
- May 13 for grade 6 LA PAT, others will follow in June
- PAT is Alberta curriculum and compared provincially, CAT4 are basic skills (reading, writing/numeracy) and are compared to all of Canada
- Power skating with the Keyano Huskies hockey team ended March 24 for the year. Positive feedback from everyone involved. School would like to continue with this program next year and are submitting a request to Parents plus for funding for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Would like to do the skating program every second week on Tuesday and start in September and go until March

Principal's Report: Waleed Najmeddine:

1. Tell Them From Me Survey results

- Open-ended responses (attachment provided) - "Please tell us some of the things you really like about your school, or things that would make it even better?"
- 39 responses from grades 4-6, 34 responses from grades 7-8

- Overall the answers were very positive, requests for vending machines, JH interested in more option classes, and they like their teachers
- Student Council "Thinkk Tank" to review the answers and hear their input about possible changes/reconfiguration
- Questions were 5 multiple choice questions and 2 open

2. George Decker Memorial

- District award to support new leaders; pledges and donations are welcome and are tax deductible
- Front foyer display will come down after April 2 monthly assembly, ad a hallway picture dedication will be put up

3. Science Fair February 18

- Projects /teams entered into Regional Science Fair March 27 at SSWC

4. "Power Skating" program

- Final session on March 24, 2015 pizza party and thank you card/gifts
- Very positive feedback from all involved, interested in continuing partnership in Fall 2015
- Need to book ice time with Frank LaCroix before June
- Special thanks to Mrs. Maher and Mrs. Blanchette, and to parents for the support

5. Technology

- New laptops are still on order, problem with the distributor
- Request to parents plus for iPad/keyboard/case for BH principal to use at assemblies/meetings/presentation

6. Important dates

- Friday March 27- day in lieu for PTI's
- Saturday March 28- Big Brother/Big Sister "Curl for Kids Sake"
- March 30-April 2- Scholastic Book Fair (library)
- Thursday April 2- Monthly assembly (gr.7-empathy) at 1:30pm
- April 3-12- Spring Break-No Classes
- Friday April 17- School based Professional learning day
- April 23-24- Kindergarten Open House
- Thursday April 30- MADD presentation to grade 7-8 at 8:30am
- Friday May 1- Professional Learning day (no school)
- Saturday May 2- FMPD Spring Splash at Ecole McTavish
- Wednesday May 13- Grade 6 ELA PAT, Girl Power at SSWC
- Friday May 15- Professional Learning Day
- Monday May 18- Victoria day (no school)
- Wednesday May 27- Mega Boyz at SSWC
- Thursday May 28- Fine arts extravaganza
- Saturday May 30- FMPD Family Fun Day at Timberlea school 11-3 (Need volunteers)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm

Next Meeting date: April 21st at 6pm