

Dr. M.S. Hawkins School Council Monthly Meeting
Thursday November 23, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
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Present: Sascha Elassal, Sarah Turck, Carin Avery, Laura Smith, Leslie Mountjoy, Stephanie Bradley, Emily Fairservice (teacher representative), **Virtual:** Jacquie Aldred

Absent: Lisa Lundeborg

Meeting commenced: 6:05 p.m.

1. **Welcome & Approval**

Call to order at 6:05; Sarah approved October minutes; Laura seconded

2. **Principal's report**

- Grade 6 EQAO results from last year (students in grade 7 now) were sent home over the last two weeks
- In collaboration with PHHS and the daycare, Hawkins will be running a Food & Toiletries drive for the Fareshare foodbank and Rose Quest. Two Christmas trees will be set up in the PHHS; drive will run Dec 4 – 18; Kickoff assembly on Tuesday November 28 with the students; Rose Quest is asking for full size toiletries; LLS students will help sort the donations
- Trustees and Superintendent will have their annual visit to the school on Tuesday November 28
- Students will be able to take part in a school skating event (free); school divided into two groups and 1x/week for the last three weeks in December will walk down to JBSC. Students will need helmets and skates, but can be borrowed if we have notice; permission forms will go home soon.
- PHHS is hosting their Open House on Wednesday November 29, 630-8pm in library, December 7 is when course selection opens; French Immersion is same date at CCI, unknown when course selection will be
- Grade 8s will be participating in the Innovation Project – PHHS applied for a grant to help get kids to promote PHHS and stay in Port Hope. For this project, students will look up different UN concerns in the world and come up with ideas on how to solve the problem, then design a prototype to solve the problem, coding, solar, wind, options etc; Dec 14 build day in the PHHS gym; Judges will vote on best solution and the winners will be able to build their design
- Class bins were purchased for each class to help distribute items
- Booklists from teachers are coming in for what to purchase for the library with our fundraising money

- Grade 8 trip update; only about 30 students have said they will go to date; permission forms won't go home until closer to event; Money raised through the chocolate sales must be returned asap as there is a lot of money still outstanding
- School spirit wear will be available in the future
- Grad committee to come together after March Break for planning the graduation event

3. **Teacher's report**

- Lots of sports and clubs are ongoing; area meet for Volleyball very soon, basketball, hockey and more starting in January
- Lots of classes heading to the Outdoor Education Centre
- Some students will be attending the Best Christmas Pageant Ever play
- Clubs currently running: Dungeons & Dragons club, cage fitness, skittles club and reading club
- Christmas cards for seniors are being created by students for local nursing homes
- Leadership committee is organizing a dance and a door decorating contest in December, a Talent Show in January; Spirit Days to be planned
- Leadership committee to create a fundraising thermometer for library book fundraising

4. **Treasurer's report & Healthy Hunger update**

- Balance \$3,001.37; pizza day tomorrow \$240.55 has not been included in this
- HealthyHunger: Monthly profit: \$221.56
- Swiss Chalet – Laura has a call scheduled for tomorrow \$9-\$10 approx for ¼ chicken meal, but other meals can also be offered
- Pizza day 1x month will continue
- LLS will help with hot dog day on January 26; Courtneys does offer Jumbo Schneiders 60 per box for \$50; will need buns & condiments; Giant Tiger often donates buns but we would need to approach

5. **New Business/Fundraising**

Fundraising focus 2023/2024: Library restock as the library is very short on books.

- *School Council Fundraisers (3):*
 1. *Big Box Card fundraiser (March)*
 2. *Mother's Day theme vendor event (Sat Apr 27)*
 3. *TBD*
- Leadership committee did candy grams last year; if they don't do that again, School Council could arrange
- Big Box Card fundraiser is still planned; Laura will reach out in the new year for information on the new boxes

- Ganaraska Trails wants to partner with us for a speaker Paul Davis on How to Use Tech Safely at the beginning of June; combine our Grade 6,7 & 8s with the Grade 4s&5s; parents would also be invited to an evening presentation; \$1500 fee plus possibly offer pizza dinner; adjust grant to accommodate the fee and refreshments
- Grant available for above; due December 22
- No regional council meeting this past month; next one scheduled for January 2024

ACTIONS:

1. **Sascha** to distribute the Food and Toiletries Drive poster
2. **Laura** to find out about presentation type for the How to Use Tech Safely; is the same presentation for Grade 4s fit for Grade 8s
3. **Carin** to promote on social media the PHHS Open House
4. **Carin** to promote on social media the Food and Toiletries Drive
5. **Carin** to promote on social media the need for funds to be returned from the chocolate sales

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday January 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm VIRTUAL ONLY