

Hopewell Avenue Public School Council
Minutes
Tuesday, June 12th, 2012
Hopewell Library
7:00 pm

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes From April and May's Meeting
3. Chair's Report– Jen, Lisa
 - Year end reports: Each committee was asked to prepare a year end report. A binder of a How To Do Events is being produced.
 - Principal profile: This will be done by Jen Small.
 - Year end party for students? There is no year end party this year.
 - Cultivation of the English program is being looked at board-wide and consultations will begin soon.

4. Principal and Teacher's Report

It has been a beautiful year at the school. Focus was on better communication with the parents. Synervoice via voicemail and email was the best way to communicate. Newsletter is more organized with important dates.

We have won every board-wide banner and the national diamond award for phys-ed, our 4th banner. Music festival participation, math competitions were entered. Hopewell Creations magazine will come out for primary and junior. On the National news in June for All About Yoga program at the school.

Grade 6 space camp went well and Bark Lake and Quebec City trips for intermediates will take place next week. Will review trips for next year.

The accommodation review means numbers will drop a little. MFI numbers have dropped.

School improvement plan focus is still numeracy for next year.

Budget \$3000 for Math manipulatives, \$5000 for books, donated \$2000 to Education Foundation, each division got wish lists fulfilled, \$2700 for library, robotics program got money. Still trying to get one media cart per classroom.

Technology committee will continue next year, as well as a safe and caring schools and need a fundraising committee to figure out when money is asked to parents.

Ash trees will be treated in June.

Thank you to Richard Simpson for his amazing work in the school over the past two years.

5. Financial Update – Sylvie, Kerri

- Financial update: Heather Barrett makes a motion to bring back Tina Daniels for “It’s Cool to Care” assembly. Cost \$650. Christine Franklin seconds the motion and all vote in favour. Passed

6. Teacher appreciation breakfast – Jen

Tuesday June 26 at 8am, bagels, scones, fruit and coffee. Thank you gifts for teachers leaving the school. Legris, Everman, Berri and Parent are retiring. Volunteers needed to help out.

7. External Environment Committee Update – Mike

The grassy area has made a huge difference to the school; it is being used all the time. A budget will be made for September to make borders in the yard.

8. Safe and Caring Schools Update – Vanessa, Richard

Thank you supporting the initiatives this year. Built some great capacity in the school. Good to do a survey with the students at the end of the year to see how safe they feel in the school.

Next year need to focus on the Primary grades. Poetry "You Speak" was a success after the Bully movie. "You Can" will be brought back. Need to do something every 10 weeks in the school next year.

9. Technology Committee Update – Mike, Christine

Google docs suite has been very useful for the students this year. The question is to now decide whether students should be allowed to bring in their personal devices. Need to have a new code of conduct as the one we have is outdated and vague. Maybe need a different code of conduct for different divisions. Education will be key and enforcement of appropriate use of technology is important.

10. New Business

Motion: To allocate \$7,200 to defray the costs of the grassyard. Neal Hill proposed. Heather Barrett seconded.

Space Camp: Due to cultural and financial issues we are looking to cut space camp to a day trip. Comments: This overnight trip is important to mix up the three streams of students in grade 6.

Motion: Allocate \$5000 for a deposit Space Camp for 2012/13. Proposed by Neal Hill. Seconded by Judy Calder.

Band: The band will be extended to grade 6 students in September 2012.

11. Adjournment

Adjourned by Kerri Martin

Seconded by Nicola Maule

8:50 pm

