**HAGERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PARENT COUNCIL**

*September 25 2018*

**Welcome & Introductions**

Acceptance of June 12 **Minutes** motioned by Bessie & seconded by Michelle

**Additions to Agenda** - none

**Strong Start Reading Program**

* Margaret spoke on behalf of **Ms. King & Mr. Butcher** who are program leaders; program run in conjunction with Board; led by **volunteer parents** to teach young children basics of reading; training for program to begin this week; schedule is flexible

**Principal's Report/Items**

* **School website** still a work in progress, some IT/HR issues to be worked out, calendar on website with ability of teachers to add their own activities on it as well, monthly newsletters with calendars will still be provided at school
* **Pizza days** will begin Oct 19, alternating Fridays for whole year, if PA day on a Friday then will serve pizza on Thursday instead
* First **Recognition Assembly** to take place on Oct 9
* Also coming up is **Terry Fox Run** on Sept 27, **Picture Day** on Sept 28 & **orange t-shirt day** on Oct 1; discussion of possible photo of all students in their orange t-shirts to be taken from school roof top

**Chair's Report/Items**

* **Vice Chair & Fundraising Coordinator positions** still open on Parent Council; **Chad** is considering helping with **Fundraising** **- thank you!**
* **Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser** was discussed including sending flyers/order forms home with students on Sept 26, orders due back to school by Oct 11, delivery to occur sometime between Nov 5 - Dec 6; school will be advised of delivery date 10 days in advance; Chad to email Parent Council for volunteers to count money as well as help on delivery day to unload/organize/hand out products
* **Other fundraising initiatives** were discussed such as Box of Cards, Gift Cards, Gift Baskets, Chocolate Bars, etc; **Chad volunteered to send emails out** to various local organizations who also fundraise to inquire as to their initiatives in hopes of avoiding duplication with HES
* Council also reviewed **what funds raised could go towards at HES**; Margaret indicated that **Learning Commons** is an ongoing project providing various STEM activities & other services not usually covered in classrooms, teachers sign up for 80 minute blocks of time, Margaret may ask for additional funds from Council in future
* Doug indicated that **additional newer lighter tables** may be useful to have for large gym functions (ie. Grandparents Day), discussion of looking for sales on these after Christmas; Doug also stated that installing **two ceiling fans in each classroom** could help with cooling & circulating warm air better as school is not equipped with air conditioners & some rooms have poor temperature regulation; Doug confirmed that **school jerseys** are still in good condition so new ones are not needed at this time
* Rachel raised topic of **usual Council donation to each classroom of $100**; Colleen expressed how **high bus costs** associated with school trips are as well so Council may contribute an **additional $100 per classroom** to help towards bus expenses, thus a total **Council donation of $2 800 (14 classrooms) may be considered**
* Council noted current **soccer posts** are old & rusty, could either be replaced or at least painted perhaps
* HES won a **Hydration Centre** last year as part of a school fundraiser, still pending installation; discussion of having a second one put in as part of CPIP grant as well
* **Outdoor shed** has been built, is now storing items used for primary grades' recesses; discussion of having shed available for storage of items for all grades; reviewed last year's Council donation of $100 per classroom towards recess activity items, those items currently kept in most classrooms, perhaps now they can be stored in shed; Margaret to **ask all staff about their recess activity use/storage needs**
* Colleen to **ask all staff about their requests** to Council from money fundraised & will report back to Council at Oct meeting
* Chad suggested **promoting completion of all Fundraising projects** on social media to show parents what money has gone towards
* **School Council Start Up Meeting** to take place on Oct 18 from 6-8 pm at Waterford District High School; please let Rachel know if anyone is interested in attending, especially as Rachel is unable to attend herself

**Treasurer's Report**

* Tricia reported that **Parent Council account** currently at $3 672.65 while **Snack account** currently at $5 170.12 with cheque which Jen had received from Student Nutrition Program to be added in as well
* Tricia reviewed **last year's Fundraising** including a profit of $6 223 from chocolate bar sales, $1 260 from Ohsweken Speedway sales & $574 from pizza sales (put towards Grade 8 costs)

**Snack Program**

* Jen discussed that Snack Program will **begin next week** (first week of Oct)
* Core group of 3 parent **volunteers** preparing snacks in morning with 2 occasional volunteers (every other week) & 2 future Libro volunteers (alternating weeks as well) to help as well
* Hope to have **student volunteers (for clean up)** signed up by end of this week
* Pending **food vouchers** which hopefully will come in soon
* Will continue to order from **Food Hub** in Simcoe
* Jen mentioned that there might be a **new vendor option** for snack food ordering & delivery in future, will discuss further with Sharon from Student Nutrition Program
* **Apple juice** will not be served this year
* From Sept 13 - Oct 5, Walmart will be fundraising for various area snack programs, HES may receive **Walmart Gift Cards** in future as a result of this
* Tara will continue as **purchaser**, hopefully ordering & getting delivery from Foodland at this point
* Colleen indicated that **Miss Erin's lunch program** is going well

**Fundraising** - previously covered under Chair's Report

**Social Media**

* Bessie reported that coverage of school information is **going well**, with many views recorded
* Suggested **adding Media links to front sign**

**Teaching Report**

* Margaret stated that **school activities** have begun such as contests for Caledonia Fair, Agstravaganza trips, intramural sports
* **Student reorganization** is to take place tomorrow (Sept 26) for primary grades only, will be adding an ECE now as well
* Margaret has also been in contact with **Janice** who is loving being in Holland!

**Non-Teaching Report**

* Doug confirmed all work on **school grounds** has now been completed
* **Learning Commons floor** has been replaced
* An outside **permit** has been approved for Girl Guides organization to use school every Tuesday night with rental funds going back to Board
* Doug went to **Humboldt** over summer & delivered school flyer to hockey association there, very emotional experience
* Sad to note that **Val Leveille** (retired teacher) passed away over summer as well

**Follow Up**

**Next meeting** is scheduled for *Tuesday Oct 23 at 6pm*

**Meeting adjourned** as motioned by Chad & seconded by Michelle