

HAMMARSKJOLD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES
October 24, 2017

Present: Jennifer Picard, Derek DiBlasio, Donna Flasz, Cheri Lappage, Laura Pattison, Paul Fayrick, Allison Jones

Regrets: Aleksu Luoma and Constance Nowagesic

1. Welcome and Introduction

Principal Derek DiBlasio welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Add to agenda – South side renewal update.

3. Review and Approval of May Minutes

Correction to previous minutes – spelling should be Mr. Philp. Minutes were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Elevators working now – waiting for inspection which should be within the week

5. Teacher/Staff/Administration Report

- Enrollment currently 810-815
- Swipe cards for doors – pictures have been taken of staff now and should be printed next week. System will hopefully be in place mid November. Front doors and one parking lot door will be left open. Ultimate goal is to improve safety.
- Upcoming Kingfisher Leadership Retreat Thursday and Friday. Grade 12's leading Grade 9's. 56 kids attending
- FNMI-CI (First Nation Metis Inuit Collaborative Inquiry). Last year went to mentorship in Windsor. This year's goal is to get student voice and to feel more comfortable in school. Open Gym every Thursday for activities such as floor hockey, volleyball, basketball. Lots came first day, more came second time.
- One French class over capacity – split class. New teacher is Paul Wojda
- New paint on doorways near gyms complete, with painting to continue in some hallways and stairwells also
- Hammarskjold clothing on display outside office for sale. Sample sizes to try on. Next order going in next week.
- Online store also coming soon. Hoping orders will arrive before Christmas

- PIC meeting took place on October 2. Some Trustee and Board members attended and toured Hammarskjold (including tech wing, gym, weight rooms, cosmetology, lecture theatre, special needs area & bikes, courtyards). Lots of positive comments – they couldn't believe how big, how many classrooms, how big the field is. They didn't realize the potential.
- Still waiting for this year's budget information
- Currently identifying high needs
- New data secretary – Amanda Tavares
- Phone system upgrades have been completed
- South Side Renewal Update – Sherri-Lynne Pharand came from meeting with same company that build Woodcrest and Superior. Research is being done to determine improvements. Hoping to start building in April; to be complete in June 2018. Currently determining locations for gym/library/childcare/bus drop/kiss & ride, etc. Considering where and how to put addition in future if needed. Transition plans for students being discussed

6. Correspondence

- N/A

7. Student Council Report

- Grade 9 candidates have been selected - Anna Stewart & Liam Francis
- SAC – amazing energy already!
- Lots of positive feedback from Pep Rally
- Belluz Farms event has been put on backburner. Suggesting spring or next year
- Halloween Dance October 25
- Spirit Dance or Spring Fling in Spring
- Reverse trick or treating will take place on Monday
- Haunted orphanage October 31
- United Way Fundraisers this year include the dance and haunted house donations
- Youth Granting Committee in March – Katie Kawahara, Ali Jones and Abby Brown
- Allocating funds to different agencies
- Christmas events still tentative
- Discussing with Ms. Murphy to maybe have an indigenous celebration day
- “The Viking” was revealed – possible contest to name the mascot

8. New Business

- N/A

NEXT MEETING DATES:

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 @ 6:30

TUESDAY JANUARY 23 @ 6:30