

HSS Parent Council Meeting: Thursday, April-28-16

Present: Laura Lee Hrabok, Sheryl Majic, Wendy Anhorn, Tracey Pound, Sheila Raposo, George Thomson, Heather Gottenbos, Tilly Heenan, Sheldon Ball, Tammy Zuurbier, Michelle Halvorsen

1. Review of March minutes. Approved.
2. **Fundraising.**
 - a. \$8826.00 profit to HSS from **Big Box of Cards**. Look at doing the same fundraiser in 2 years. Admin support (Sheila) helped to make it a success. Only 6 boxes not accounted for. The full amount of proceeds will be put towards Trixster (to take place February 2017).
 - b. July 9/10, 2016. **Casino**. We are in the process of getting our proceeds organized. Waiting to put in licencing application. We need volunteers! Office will look into getting it out to parents. We could potentially make \$27 000.00. Access to these funds by school groups would need to be done through an application – Casino Committee/Admin will head this up.
3. **Student use of gym.** Supervision and liability issue. School is in support of offering the use of the gym to students. Potentially, looking into creating a Workout Club, in which there is a set time/supervisor to support student use.
4. **Gardening Project.** Not a lot of support with the group starting out. One member is currently networking with other groups in terms of how to get started. We need support within the school to get the project organized, then the support of the community to keep it going. Laura Lee has advised that we consider the maintenance of the project once the enthusiasm wears off.
5. **HSS Parent Engagement Group.** Had an initial meeting – Sheryl presented what Parent Council does. The group wants to have their own meetings (during the day) and look at some elementary specific items. The next meeting will be May 4th at 11:30. Sheryl will stay connected with the group. Involvement in both groups is encouraged, regardless of grade level of your child.
6. **Bus Driver Appreciation Day.** May 2nd. Laura Lee mentioned how nice it would be if the parents could recognize the drivers. Sheryl suggested cookies from the parents. Classes will do a little token of appreciation (banner, signs, letters, etc...).
7. **Teacher Appreciation Lunch.** Parents bring in a potluck item for teachers to share. Tammy and Sheryl have suggested that it be brought up at the Engagement Group meeting in an effort to provide potluck items and supervision of students. Administration will provide a date. George put forth that the lunch be referred to as a **Staff Appreciation Lunch**, so it includes all members of HSS staff.
8. **Chinook's Edge: Sheldon Ball.** The "carbon tax" will have a huge impact on budgeting (transportation, heat). Sheldon put forth the notion of school boards being exempt from paying the carbon tax. He states that we are losing in every area of transportation (purchase of new buses, higher taxes on diesel, total kms driven daily). Drastic changes need to take place (higher fees, discontinuation of urban bussing). Sheldon will keep us up to date.
9. **Principal's Report.** Grade 2/3 Transition (June 2nd). District Level Parent Survey/Accountability Pillar Survey results will be reviewed at next meeting. Band Concert: June 8th.
10. Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00pm.**