**Highbush Public School**

**School Community Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday March 05th, 2020

**In attendance:** Val Brooks, Dawn Vasey, Georgina Pearce, Susan Mahabir, Sandra Gray, Jamie Mitchell, Nicole Mitchell, Kendra Strong, Annasha Martin, Betty Makis

**Regrets:** Bree Thomson, Kristina Ali

**Call to Order:** Val Brooks

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory and Treaty:** Dawn Vasey

**Approval of minutes:**

**Chair/Vice-Chair: No volunteers for these vacant positions. Ms. Brooks will facilitate SCC meetings for the rest of the school year.**

**Principal’s Report:**

The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) will be in Phase 7 of its strike action after March Break. From November 2019, teachers withdrew from Ministry of Education and School Board activities resulting in all extra-curricular activities being cancelled and rotating strike days. This also affects EQAO preparation in classes.

X-Fusion (a self- regulation program that fuses high intensity fitness, yoga and meditation to help students identify their emotions and choose actions to transition into a calm, focused and balanced mood.) is wrapping up its program this week at our school. There is a remaining balance for this program which our principal will pay.

There have not been any guest speakers at the school until now. Grade 5 recently booked ‘Scientists in School.’ The only extra-curricular activity that will run during teachers’ work to rule strike action is grade 3 “Swim to Survive” program. Three classes are scheduled for April/May and the final two classes for June.

The Forest of Reading books have been ordered and students can read the books suitable for their division. The competition portion of it has been cancelled but students can still go into the Google classroom to check off any books they have read

Lunch Lady is back at Highbush this year. Profit sharing cheque will be mailed out in September.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Jamie Mitchell presented February financial reports and to date, our account balance is **in very good standing.** This amount will be adjusted to reflect Fun Fair account balance of $2500.

**Teacher’s Report:** No Report

**Budgetary Requests:**

1. Sandra Gray, SCC member requested funds in the amount of $700-734 for hiring of a DJ for our upcoming dance-a-thon. . Motion to approve Nicole Mitchell, seconded by Betty Makis. **PASS**

**New Business:**

* At this year’s Dance-a-thon, pledges will not be collected; glow sticks will be sold for $1 on the day of event. Our administrators and volunteers will assist in running this all day fun event scheduled for Thursday March 13th. A DJ, either Interactive Entertainment or BOLD will be hired at a cost between $700-734 for the full day. Package includes all equipment, digital club sound, lights, song request system, interactive DJ, clean music and 100 glow sticks (Sandra)
* Nine hundred glow sticks (3 boxes of 300 for $65) were purchased through Amazon and there are 40 in storage from last year’s event. (Georgina)

**Updates:**

* **3rd Annual Fun Fair(June 4th, 2020** from 4-8pm) - At the next meeting on March 26th at 7pm, a final decision will be made if to continue planning of Fun Fair. The committee is seeking 6 more committed parents to attend three meetings and assist on day of event. Budget $2500. Food will be organized by Betty Makis and Caroline Pratt. (Betty)
* **E-Waste Fundraiser** – Reimbursement for electronics will be paid to us once the last 5 (total 50) working items are collected. SCC will run fundraiser again from March 23rd-31st to receive all last minute donations from the school community. (Annasha mom’s workplace is updating their computers and will donate their old ones to us). (Jamie)
* **Krispy Kreme donuts–** Fundraiser date range March 27th- April 11th and sold through school cash online. Cost per dozen donuts is $10. Pick up date from factory in Mississauga is scheduled for April 20thby a number of our members (Bree, Sandra, Kendra and Nicole) in the afternoon. Maximum order from any school that can be placed is 800 dozen donuts**.** Motion to approve, Nicole Mitchell, seconded by Georgina Pearce. **PASS** (Sandra)
* **Kernels –** Annasha suggested doing this fundraiser since she is receiving 50% of large bags of popcorn. **NO**

**Miscellaneous:**

* A series of Children’s books on Mental Health priced at $49.99 for our library was suggested by Sandra.
* Grade 8 Graduation- An online survey asking preference of celebration after graduating ceremony was completed by grade 8s. Eighty percent (80%) of graduates chose going to a restaurant over pizza party at school. Planning meeting scheduled for April 02/2020.
* School roof is now under repairs. Extra basketball nets are also suggested for primary play area after pavement is extended and fixed.

Meeting adjourned by Susan Mahabir and Betty Makis at 7:25pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday April 23rd, 2020.**