



## Humewood Council: Meeting Minutes

DATE	November 12, 2019
TIME	7-9 pm
FACILITATORS	Lori Litman, Jordana Joseph
SECRETARY	Bari C.
ATTENDEES	Lori L., Jordana J., Bari C., Jen K., Steve G., Rae Ann F., Tanya B., Naomi G., Yasmine A., Einat D., Joanna T., Natascha C., Lisa L., Lisa K., Rachelle N., Julie W.

### 1. Introduction

- Welcome everybody to the 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting of the year

### 2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Approved by Naomi G., seconded by Rae Ann F.

### 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No new conflicts of interest

### 4. Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Approved by Rae Ann F., seconded by Tanya B.

(NOTE: For environmental reasons, meeting minutes will no longer be printed, only circulated electronically, please review before each meeting)

### 5. Principal's Report

- Message from Mr. Polak: choir still accepting members, grades 3 & up, essentially a free After 4 programme, Tuesdays after school, no audition required
- Beautiful Remembrance Day assembly yesterday, thank you to the community members who helped to make this a special event
- Optional attendance for 2020/2021 is closed, we are currently over-capacity
- Status quo for FI transportation next year, not sure what will happen after that
- First ever student elections were recently held: grade 7 reps are Aviva and Frannie; grade 8 reps are Alex and Theo, the reps will also represent additional grade levels so that every student has a voice
- Going to launch the Holiday Gift Card Drive on Thursday evening when parents come in for interviews, each grade will raise funds for one family, looking for cash donations at this point, great initiative to help students understand that many families in the wider community need support, each class will also make a card to go along with gift card wallet



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- Family event in April will be a Multicultural Night – families can share elements of their ethnic backgrounds and culture in a variety of ways including food & arts, goals are to educate, build connectedness, and recognize and celebrate plethora of cultures within our community (April 23, 2020)
- School Budget:
  - Based on 619 students, allocation per student went down by \$8/student
  - Library allocation went down by 5%
  - Total is \$106,371 including \$3,864 for technology (purchase of computer hardware only)
  - Each teacher is allocated \$500 but it must be spent via board suppliers, no petty cash; teachers are asked to hold back \$100 to place order for next year's class
  - \$21,000 for "Regular Day" basically covers everything that is not accounted for elsewhere (e.g. bus for cross-country, furniture, etc.)
  - \$6,200 for buses for field trips (\$10/student)

### 6. Budget Review & Approval

- Council budget is meant to supplement areas of need for school (based on budget as described above)
- From school's perspective priorities are technology (technology committee is currently putting together a costed 'wish list') and field enhancements
- A few changes from last month's draft budget:
  - Additional \$700 for music (now \$3700)
  - \$750 budget for cheerleading, shortfall will be covered by participants
  - Drama increased to \$800 for curtain bags, props, costumes, etc. so staff members are not spending out of pocket for these items
  - \$150 for Remembrance Day piper was not spent, will be re-allocated
- We generally raise around \$50,000, as we are a not-for-profit organization goal is to spend all the money raised by the end of the year
- We must keep a \$12,000 float per TDSB by-laws
- **Motion to approve budget by Tanya B., budget approved by vote**
- Consideration of adding a minimal surcharge (i.e. \$1/transaction) to cover ECWID & Square fees which are very costly
- To date we have raised \$30,522 from Fall Fair, Marlies, pizza lunch (YTD), trivia night and pumpkins

### 7. Events Plan & Update

- Marlies game on November 17, 2019



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- Wine Survivor (will be planned to coincide with Snowball as in past years)
- Snowball on February 28, 2020, theme will be "Studio 54"
  - Looking for volunteers and silent auction donations
  - Will also consider some way to include direct donations as part of silent auction
- Pub Night @ Tapworks (TBA – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January?)
- Bingo (TBA – Spring?)
- Movie night (TBA – before Winter Break with a holiday-themed movie?)
- Sister school initiative (see Holiday gift card wallet initiative above), teachers will introduce the initiative to students, Lori L. will approach area businesses to see if they are prepared to match donations

### 8. Crossing Guard/Car Free Zones

- There is now a crossing guard at Maplewood and Humewood
- Parents have inquired about crossing guards for Vaughan & Humewood and Cherrywood & Valewood
- Parents are encouraged to apply directly with the City of Toronto as multiple requests may be helpful
- Josh Matlow is going to look into possibility of making a car-free zone around the school during drop-off/pick-up hours as well as creating a 'school calming zone'

Future meeting date:

December 9, 2019