

Mary Honeywell School Council – Minutes of Meeting – April 13, 2016

Attendance: 14 Total (Council Executives, Members at Large, School Representatives, Parents)

Agenda Item/Person(s) Responsible	Decision Action Taken
1. Opening & Introduction Elizabeth Conabree	Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vikki motioned to approve the April minutes and Barb seconded the motion.
2. Treasurer's Report • Elizabeth Conabree	Elizabeth provided an update on the financial report. There has been no revenue this month, and expenses were paid out for pizza, milk, popcorn and wish list items.
3. Principal's Report • Kim Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kim presented information on the secondary school program framework. A review was initiated in 2011 to review the way programs and services are delivered in secondary schools. Kim provided a summary of the report on the recommendations that have been put forward to the board. A consultation period has been undertaken by the school district to obtain feedback on the recommendations of the Secondary School Review. It is expected that this will be completed by May with board decision on some items expected in June. Kim provided background on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding Principles of the Secondary School Program Framework • Consultation efforts with the community including Discussion Forums/Google Hangout/School Council meetings/Advisory Committee and Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) meetings • Pupil Accommodation reviews, Learning Program review, Advanced Placement review • Future Program reviews: Adaptive, Adult, Alternative, High Performance Athletes • Pathways of core programming leading to graduation diploma or certificate • French Programming and Access to International French Proficiency Exam DELF • School Configurations • Specialist High Skills Major programs (SHSM) • International Baccalaureate/Advanced Placement • Canterbury Arts Program and the • Digital Learning • Community Hubs <p>For additional information and detail regarding the Guiding Principles of the Secondary School Program Framework the school community can refer to the recent email distributed by the board or visit the OCDSB site (www.ocdsb.ca).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EQAO is at the end of May and early June. The school is starting to look at special accommodations that may need to be made for students. ➤ A group has approached the school about Electronic recycling. Kim will be following up shortly with this group.
4. Vice Principal's Report • Sherry Fetterly	<p><u>Past events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1 - Nunavut presentation - a group of young people (19-20 yrs old) presented songs, dances, games and artifacts to the students. • April 13 - Pink Day • April 14 - Grade 2 students visited the Baxter Centre <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of April - Grade 1's will visit Bill Mason • April 22 - Earth Day • End of April the Kindergarten classes will have Scientists in the School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2 - Music Monday • May 2-6 - Education week • May 5 -Zumba Community night for students and parents 6:30 - 7:30 • End of May - one Grade 3's Swim to Survive session will be held. • Junior girls and boys Basketball • Chess and Games club will end next week • Primary Reading club will end May 4
<p>5. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Representative - Louise Cesario • Student input for council activities - Barb Brunzell • Fundraising Vote - Elizabeth Conabree • Vessey's Bulbs - Carole Laporte • Yard Sale - Vikki Orphanos • Fun Day - Elizabeth Conabree 	<p>Louise Cesario as teacher Rep provided an update on some of the activities taking place in the classrooms including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yaki Concert - Grade 1 class. • African drumming - Madame Thorslund and Madame Beaumont classes. • Madame Riddel has used proceeds from last 2 Best of Seasons sale of gift boxes to purchase a squirrel proof double sided bird feeder to be installed in the quiet area. • Vikki with the Autism program raised \$1000 for the Sens fundraiser. <p>Barb Brunzell initiated a discussion to survey children for input on the types of events that council can support and help organize for the coming year. Council discussed options on how to approach the students, which students to approach and parent and teacher input. Kim suggested a Google Survey or Survey Monkey which the students could complete using the Chrome books. Louise suggested that teachers and students work on lists together and brainstorm other ideas. Sherry suggested the survey or work in the classroom provide an opportunity for students to remain anonymous. Suggestions included recess dances and evening seasonal dances. Elizabeth asked Barb to help set up the survey with the help of other council members. Timing of the survey/brainstorming activity was discussed with decisions made in September in collaboration with the new Council. Barb will target having the survey out by June to have the responses back by September for decision.</p> <p>Elizabeth Conabree put forward a Fundraising Vote for next year proposing one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Letter asking for a specific amount per child enrolled at the school • Entertainment book fundraiser • Entertainment Book fundraiser and if not successful then follow up with a letter. <p>Council voted on option number 3 for the 2016-17 school year.</p> <p>Fun Day - Elizabeth Conabree. There has been a decline in volunteers and coordinators for Fun Day this year. Elizabeth outlined a Right to Play/fun day event partnering with the teachers and student leaders for the event. Louise provided background on the Right to Play initiative and gave an example of an activity (eg. Home). Games and events run by student leaders will be chosen that focus on childrens' rights. It teaches about life skills, poverty, disease, conflict in the international community with the intention of driving social change. This is an international event not just a school event. School council would still provide food and entertainment (John the Cow Guy - juggling, magic, jokes, balloon animals). Details are still being worked out and suggestions were welcomed as discussion items. Volunteers would still be needed for the lunch/nutritional breaks, and some of the Right to Play activities. Discussion at the school will take place at the April assembly.</p> <p>Vessey's Bulbs - Carole Laporte provided an update on the Vessey's spring campaign. The fundraising packages are going out, some students have already</p>

	<p>received the package. Orders are due back in early May. Money has been set aside for the Greening Club to purchase bulbs through Vessey's for planting on the school grounds.</p> <p>Yard Sale - Vikki Orphanos provided an update on the Yard Sale. The June date needs to be changed as there are competing events for the preselected date of June 7. Once Vikki has a final date she will start advertising the event. No clothing will be will be accepted as donations for the Yard Sale this year. Vikki suggested the hot dog machine be used during the event this year.</p>
6. Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a friend meeting - for one of the council meetings have members bring a friend. This may help boost the dwindling council member numbers that currently attend meetings. Council members suggested May be designated as the appropriate meeting timeframe and refreshments will be available. Catrina suggested we advertise this as an Open House/Bring a Friend meeting. • OCASC was cancelled last month due to weather. • A finance meeting will be called for end of April early May to discuss the money that needs to be spent. • Constitution meeting - A committee will prepare recommendations and updates to the current council constitution for council approval. Rowan, Chandonette and Catrina will lead a working group to address the changes needed to bring the document up to date. • Elizabeth provided background on a survey going to students (grades 4 and up) and parents to obtain information on how kids are currently playing in the school yard at recess. The information obtained will feed into an open discussion on how to proceed with development of the play yard areas. Elizabeth asked for feedback and question ideas from council members. Suggestions included asking student leaders, a landscaper (Dan), and teachers. It was also suggested that we consult with knowledge users prior to releasing the survey to confirm what options are possible and which options are not possible. • Rowan Hartmann - opened a discussion on anaphylactic shock in the classroom and how to improve the system in the school to ensure accidents don't happen that could be avoided. Kim provided background on the current system in place in the school and the board requirements/policy and allowances for food in the school. • Vikki asked for additional information about the Swim to Survive program offered to Grade 3 students. Kim provided information on the program and scheduling information related to the program. • Barb Bruznell asked for additional information about the Track and Field day/event in the school. Options are currently under discussion by staff.
7. Adjournment	8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2016. Motion to adjourn by Rowan and seconded by Carole.