

Golden Horn School Council
Monday, May 6, 2013 7pm
Golden Horn School Library
Minutes

MEMBERS: Nancy Hughes, Amber Hirsch, Aubrey Sicotte, Heather O'Brien,
PRINCIPAL: Wendy Close
TEACHERS: Fran Nyman
GUESTS: Carol Coote

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

remove cold weather procedure from Old Business, voted in March 25th meeting
remove branding from Old Business, as per March 25th meeting minutes, has been deferred
add Secretary Treasurer position to Old Business

- Motioned by Heather O'Brien
- Seconded by Aubrey Sicotte

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 25TH

amend date of promethean board installation to April 24th
amend spelling of Dina Kerr name
amend spelling of unanimous
remove movie night money never collected from Newsletter and add to Old Business

- Motioned by Aubrey Sicotte
- Seconded by Nancy Hughes

GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Secretary Treasurer Ashley not present, Heather O'Brien reviewed monthly financials and nothing to report other than monthly honorariums

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None

PARENTAL AND PUBLIC INPUT

Nancy Hughes would like to know if air quality test was done in area outside Grade 4 room, and if so what are results – Wendy to find out.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MONTHLY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ATTACHED (highlights below)

- Pine Grove Run, May 10th, may have to change track due to weather conditions
- New Classroom Splits K, K/1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5, 6/7 – Wendy to call parents first week of June

- Kilometre Club Celebration, May 30th, slide show – Fran suggested to calculate total of all kms completed by students and translate to how far in the world it got them
- Innovation Fund Proposal and School Growth Plan due May 30th - Wendy, Nancy, Aubrey & Claudia to meet
- Northwestel Fundraiser for old phone books – Wendy to put in next newsletter

OLD BUSINESS

School Council Conference

- Tell Them From Me – online evaluation survey being used by schools for students to provide success strategies and support – Wendy to look into

School Handbook Revisions

- Heather to meet with Wendy to fill in missing information

FSL Action Plan 2012-16 Update

- Claudia is to send letter to Yann to see where FSL is at with roll out in schools - Claudia was not at meeting, Amber will send an email

Judy Mones Retirement Gift

- Claudia is to pick 3 options of book ends – Claudia was not at meeting, Amber will send an email

Secretary Treasurer Position

- still looking to fill the position – Carol to send Heather a better description of the job requirements – Heather to put in next newsletter

NEW BUSINESS

Pine Grove Run

- Council to provide snacks, (12 Watermelon, 40 bags of Oranges) cut and serve fruit, provide Dixie Cups and fill water jugs – Heather to make it, Amber to call for more volunteers
- run starts at 1pm, volunteers to show up at 12
- Fran ordered participation ribbons for all, hopefully arrive on time
- alternate route available if weather too bad

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

- projected date June 11th – Wendy to check with teachers
- invite Judy and hopefully give retirement gift at that time

Spring Garage Sale

- not enough time left this school year, hold off until Fall
- possibly buy BBQ's for the school with profits

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEWSLETTER

- Secretary Treasurer Position
- Grade 7 grocery bagging at Superstore
- next meeting June 3rd

ADJOURNMENT 8:45pm

May 6, 2013

7:00 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Once children learn how to learn, nothing is going to narrow their mind. The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious, to have one idea spark another." Marva Collins

STUDENT INFORMATION

- Student enrolment is 137.

CAPITAL/MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

- The Promethean Boards were installed on Wednesday, April 24th!

COMING EVENTS

May 6 Grade 4 Bike Safety Training at Whitehorse Elementary School

May 7 – 9 Claire Ness is coming to Golden Horn for 'Clown School'

May 7 – 9 Grade 7 Swim Patrol Lessons

May 10 Pine Grove Run

May 15 Grade 7 Badminton Tournament

May 16 Grades 1 – 3: Swimming at CGC

May 17 Teddy Bear Picnic and BBQ

May 20 Victoria Day: NO SCHOOL

May 22 – 24 Grade 5/6 Haines Junction Trip

May 23 – 24 Grade 4 Bike Trip to Mt. Lorne Community Centre

May 29 Kindergarten Open House for the 2013 – 2014 Class

May 30 Kilometre Club Celebration

May 30 Innovation Fund Proposal *and* School Growth Plan due

June 4 – 8 Grade 7 Chilkoot Trip (Canadian side only)

June 13 Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony at 1 pm

June 14 Last day of school

STAFF INFORMATION

April 29 – May 10 Robin Fairburn is hosting Suzanne den Ouden, a 2nd year YNTEP student from Yukon College, for a second two week practicum.

April 29 Wendy Close attended the Disability Management training course.

May 3 Emily Quarton attended the Annual YSAA General Meeting.

May – June 2013 Staffing for Golden Horn is under way. Mr. Senecal will return to GHES in a 0.8 FTE position and to the Department of Education in a 0.2 FTE position.

GOALS FOR 2012 – 2013

- To strive to use assessment for/as/of learning to steer our explicit instruction of writing strategies to ensure all student areas of need are addressed.
- To develop and implement a meaningful and sustainable outdoor/adventure/field study/experiential program for Kindergarten to Grade 7 students.

OTHER

- The Wrestling Tournament on April 4 was a huge success. Our little school just outside of Whitehorse came in third overall—a very impressive showing. We had many medals again this year. Thank you to Ms. Quarton for working with our athletes!
- Baby Time continues for students in the Grade 2/3 and Grade 4 classes who are learning about child development. Ann Bauman, the public health nurse for Golden Horn Elementary School, joined us. Baby Time occurred on April 17th. The next sessions are scheduled for May 15th and June 5th.
- The Annual Rotary Music Festival on April 18th and 19th was a beautiful culmination of months of hard work by our dedicated music club members. This year our school sent a primary choir, primary xylophone club, intermediate choir, and intermediate xylophone club. The four groups were amazing. Thank you to Ms. Berg for her dedication to our music program and to the music clubs!
- Golden Horn Elementary School Heritage Fair 2013 took place on April 23 – 25th. The entire Grade 4 class and other students from Golden Horn Elementary School participated in the Heritage Fair. Thank you to Ms. Snider for organizing the fair, recruiting the amazing judges, and hosting a beautiful open house on April 25th for family and friends. Congratulations to Keelin, Liam B, Liam B, Orion, Veronica, and Sofija who were invited to attend the Regional Heritage Fair at the Beringia Interpretive Centre on May 2nd. Veronica earned a third place for the Grade 4/5 category for her project about her grandmother and Liam B won the Genealogy award for his project on his *two* grandfathers.
- The Grade 4 Bike Safety Course consists of a classroom lecture and a field exercise. Students in the Grade 4 class received their classroom training on April 29 and participated in the field exercises at Whitehorse Elementary School with their bicycles on May 6th. This activity will assist in the training required for the upcoming 20 km bike trip from Golden Horn Elementary School to the Mt. Lorne Community Centre on May 23rd!
- On May 3rd Ms. Fairburn and Ms. Sheardown escorted over 35 students to the annual Carmacks Ridge Run. In spite of the less than spring like conditions our athletes ran with good old Golden Horn passion! Congratulations runners! Thank you to Ms. Fairburn, Ms. Sheardown, Joseph the bus driver, and the organizing committee in Carmacks for ensuring that everyone had a safe experience.
- The Kindergarten class finished their unit on the forest on Friday, May 3rd and to mark the occasion Ms. Leigh arranged for *Smokey the Bear* to visit Golden Horn. *Smokey the Bear* shared information about old and new forests, the difference between good and bad fires, and how to stay safe when you have a campfire. The students were treated to a tour of the fire truck. Thank you to Chris Stuart, Doug Cote, *Smokey the Bear*, and *Smokey the Bear's helpers* for supporting our Kindergarten class!
- To earn funds for their Chilkoot Trip the Grade 7 students have signed up with Extra Foods to bag groceries. Thank you to Heather O'Brien for conducting a Grocery Bagging Clinic with the Grade 7 students! The students will be bagging groceries on Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th.
- The Annual Northwestel phone directory collection fundraiser takes place during the month of May. Please send your old phone directories to Golden Horn Elementary School and we will recycle them for you and earn money for our school. Thank you in advance for your support

