

**Minutes Aldershot School Council
Tuesday November 21, 2017
7 pm
School Library**

In Attendance:

Suzanne Bourque, 2017-18 Co-Chair
Steve Cussons, 2017-18 Co-Chair
Maria McLellan, Principal
Beth Hudson, Elementary Vice Principal
Geoff Mills, Secondary Teacher Rep
Alex Pedherney, Student Council President
Sydney Harkness, Student Council President
Leo Marchand, Head Caretaker
Laurie Fehrman, Treasurer
Vanessa McElroy, Fundraising
Stephanie Callaghan, Secretary
Shawn Summers
Lillian Kalte

Guests:

Marnie Denton, Manager, Communications
Heather Francey, Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

Jeff Sephton, Secondary Teacher (Seat Yourself)
Shelley Murray, Fundrasing/PIC Rep/Breakfast
Kathy Berglund
Sheila Slattery-Ford, ALD Hub and Our Kids Network

Approval of the October 17, 2017 Minutes: Maria McLellan

Moved for acceptance by Suzanne Bourque. Seconded by Laurie Fehrman

Student Council Report: Alex Pedherney and Sydney Harkness

Reported on up coming Holi-Week in December with the following events:

- Gingerbread House Contest
- Candy Grams
- Tree Decorations
- Winter Assembly
- Movie in the Cafeteria

SAC requesting a donation of peanut free candy to be utilized for the candy grams. Vanessa McElroy offered to purchase and deliver candy by December 14th, Steve Cussons and Stephanie Callaghan will contribute money to purchase candy.

Christmas tree being donated to Aldershot School for Students Council.

Teacher Update: Geoff Mills

Ms Potts: On Thursday, November 23rd from 5pm-6pm in the library, the ESL team will be holding a parents night for ESL parents. We will have student ambassadors from the program speaking as well as presenting information about the many resources we offer in the school.

Mr. Mills: On Thursday, November 23rd, Grade 8-9 Open House occurs from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Spencer: Aldershot is happy to be hosting the first Senior REACH for the Top tournament of this year on Wednesday.

Ms. Kang:

1. The Music program in Aldershot now has a Music Council (8 students are involved and their names are in the Clubs/Council page on our school website.)
2. A music blog will be coming out shortly which will be linked to the school website. This music blog will have dates/times and etc. for important events such as the Winter Concert, Musical, and other information about the music program.
3. If their kids are involved in the Winter Concert - Any donated items (e.g. boxes of chocolate) for Raffle tickets for the Winter Concert is much appreciated!
 - a. The Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th
 - b. If donated items could be received by Monday, December 11th , it would be greatly appreciated.

Maria: The school play, Spoofical, runs three nights:

- Thursday, December 7 @ 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 8
- Saturday, December 9
- Tickets cost \$10 for guests and \$8 for students

Staff: Friday, November 24th is a PD Day

Facilities Report: Leo Marchand

- Elementary innovation room has 2 new monitors
- Will have Apple TV for the new monitors
- Installation of new equipment in the wood working shop(planer)
- Regular maintenance of school

HDSB Staff Presentation: New Beta Mobile App For Parents

Guests: Marnie Denton, Manager, Communications
Heather Francey, Communication Coordinator

- The goals of this multiple year plan is to develop and implement a mobile app around parent engagement and innovation of use.
- DHSB Mobile App
- Targeted for parents and children
- Aldershot School is part of a pilot program with 3 other schools(see brochure)
- The App is available in the Google Play Store and App Store - Free of Charge
- Hope that parents will provide feedback during the pilot project
- Targeting the younger generation
- Purpose of this App is to condense information that parents are looking for, consolidating board website, and social media etc
- Has a news feed, board and school information, can choose to subscribe to which ever school you would like the feed from
- See brochure for feed back appfeedback@hdsc.ca for both android and apple devices

Heather ran a demonstration.

Administration Report:

Elementary - Beth Hudson

Every year, teachers work together to develop School Improvement Goals. The School Improvement Plan sets goals and action focused in Math, Literacy and Equity and Well-Being. Resources have been purchased to provide teachers with professional development and strategies to develop processes to meet targets for 2017-18.

Elementary SIPSA Literacy Goal:

Develop students' proficiency with the writing process, specifically revision, so that students will increase from level 2 to the provincial standard, based on the previous June report card score.

Increase student engagement through Writing Workshop structures and practices.

Theory of Action:

If we focus on and teach Characteristics or Traits of Writing, focusing particularly on four of the traits of writing (ideas, organization, word choice, conventions), then students will develop skills and strategies to express their ideas in writing more clearly.

Elementary SIPSA Math Goal:

Increase student achievement in number sense, bringing students working at or closer to grade level in number sense and numeration. Increase student confidence in oral communication and sharing in math classes.

Theory of Action:

If, over a period of 6 weeks, we work with a small group of students identified at L2 (in the classroom) to develop number sense through number talks, then the expectation is that their math communication will have improved, as well as their competence in basic number sense.

If teachers have opportunity to engage in professional dialogue and are provided with tools and time to develop understanding and growth mindset, they will feel confident applying effective practices in the classroom.

If support staff are at the table and part of the planning and professional development, classroom teachers will further develop considerations for accommodations to teaching and assessment for students with learning disabilities and our English Language Learners.

PRO GRANT UPDATE: Beth Hudson

Our PHN, Julia, will be meeting with Beth Hudson, Aldershot VP and administrators from our feeder schools to discuss and plan our speakers' series for 2018.

Three speakers we are looking into are:

- Sarah Westbrook- Topic: Confidence, respect, resilience and mental well-being
- Paul Davis- Topic: Social Media Networking
- Royan Lee- Topics; Modern learning, parent engagement, creativity and collaboration

How do we feel about this? Are we interested ?

Funding by the region for cabs and busing? Possible community dinner?

All items being taken into consideration. They continue to explore topics that will bring parents in and provide them with the resources to help them attend.

Principal's Report: Maria McLellan

1. **Administrative News:** Beth Hudson has been placed in the Elementary Principal Pool as of Nov 15/17. Luisa Botelho is being transferred to Nelson HS as of Feb 5, 2018.

2. Our **website** is kept up-to-date by Dianne Kirchner. Please use it as often as possible to keep in the know about Aldershot's happenings.

3. **No Stone Left Alone** – very solemn and moving service for Burlington area war veterans that took place November 7 in Woodland Cemetery. A first for Ontario with Ms. Jean Miso (singer, author and publisher) as our collaborator as we brought over 200

students to the cemetery. We plan to work with Jean again next year – Tues November 6, 2018 at Woodland.

4. **Bullying Prevention and Intervention Action Plan** – paper copy shared with School Council. It is listed under Policies and Procedures on our website.

5. Aldershot's Secondary **School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SIPSA)**

a) Student Achievement Goal: to see a measurable improvement and engagement in academic success of all our students in the applied, open, academic programs as well as those who may be in-risk.

b) Renewed Math Strategy Goal: to provide an integrated approach that is responsive to the mathematics learning and teaching experiences of students and educators. The 3 key objectives of the RMS are:

- Increasing student achievement, well-being and engagement in mathematics
- Increasing parent engagement in their children's mathematics learning
- Moving students in the applied math program one level up

c) Equity and Well-being Goal: to engage in learning and model well-being and inclusive practices, so that our students will feel well and see themselves reflected in the curriculum and valued in their learning.

6. **Information:** All teachers annually complete an ALP – Annual Learning Plan where they set a goal related to the SIPSA for the year and actively work at achieving it throughout the year.

7. **Coats for Kids** – donation box in the main office. \$1000. Scholarship for those Burlington schools who collect the most coats.

Aldershot Focus Exploration Committee Update: Steve Cussons

- Open house was Monday, November 6th
- Approximately 70 people attended
- 25 staff members were present
- Awareness to community has been provided through email blasting from the HDSB, Burlington Post, Inside Halton and Metroland
- HDSB provided resources for the evening

- Next committee meeting is December 7th & 11(if needed) consisting of members from the board, school administrators, Kathy Berglund and Steve Cussons(Parent Council Representatives)
- Results from the forum have been filtered out and main focuses centred in on
- February 2018 the report is due

Breakfast Program: Vanessa McElroy and Beth Hudson

- Fundraiser beginning Monday November 27th and lasting one week
- Erin Sheehan facilitating the on-line auction
- 50 items have been donated
- Received RBC blender
- Asked for new volunteers for Mondays and Thursdays
- Donations still coming in

Treasures Report: Laurie Fehrman

- No money raised or no money spent
- Received PIC Grant

Fundraising: Vanessa McElroy

- Vanessa looked into the wreaths for the next school year 2018-19, business changed hands has new supplier
- Cake Wars: coincide with Christmas Concert, \$2 ticket to vote, if name drawn you could win the cake most number of votes win
- Advertise: syner message, posters, website
- Volunteers needed to run the table
- Split proceeds between seat yourself and music program
- \$2 ticket, 3 for \$5
- Maria to report back to Vanessa once Jane Taylor for approval
- Steve offered to print up a post card to advertise
- Beth suggested spring auction

Shelley via Vanessa & Stephanie

- Sweet Legs legging
- 15% of sales
- Revisit in February at next meeting

Steve:

- Suggested an apple pie with crumble topping fundraiser
- Consisting of volunteer to run an assembly line in gymnasium
- Pre purchase pastry in aluminum plates
- Connection to box supplier
- Students would help?
- This school year in the Spring or Fall 2018/19 year
- Pre order program

- 1 month ahead

Seat Yourself: Maria McLellan

- Mtg last week
- Re-emerged from the PAR process being completed
- Jan Graves actively discussing and investigating large donations
- Steve volunteered printing for Seat Yourself
- Dominos Pizza are donating a \$1 a pizza a Tuesday once a month
- During the Xmas concert, effort will be made to try and engage the parents by tongue and cheek phrases on the backs of the seats in the auditorium, posters, flyers and giveaway at the concert to build momentum

Council Picture: All Present

Council Picture was taken and will be posted on the school website.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday February 20th @ 7pm in the school library.

Meetings will take place the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm