

## **Aldershot School Council Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

*7:00pm in the Conference Room*

**Attendees:** Maria McLellan (P), Beth Hudson (VP), Tracy Kerpel, Suzanne Bourque, Sheila Flattery-Ford, Shawn Summers, Mounira Champredon, Leo Marchand, Geoff Mills

**Regrets:** Jen Rotsaert, Shelley Murray, Michelle Bruggess, Anthony Bruggess, Nimisha Bhagat, Akram Mirza, Julia Brdarevic, Megan Haley and Pooja Patel

### **1. Approval of Minutes - Tracy Kerpel**

Minutes not approved, we didn't have Beth Hudson's report, will be completed and submitted to the members

### **2. Treasurer Report - Mounira Champredon**

The treasurer report has been provided but it is not accurate. Maria MacLellan will discuss it with our Business Manager to correct it.

### **3. MacMillan Update and winners - Tracy Kerpel**

**MANY THANKS to School Council** in fundraising through MacMillans. From the profits (\$570) we have been able to afford \$500. for the School Council Award " Dream Big".

The winners are : Albert Tolnai (Grade 8): \$10., Tiegan Bourque (Grade 9) : \$10. and Joshua Kerpel (Grade 12): \$25.

We have 3 Tim Horton's gift cards (3x\$10.) remaining from the spring MacMillan's spring campaign.

### **4. Breakfast Club Video - Beth Hudson**

- They attended the gala this year where there were some breakfast ideas, the school offered 3 tickets (\$55. each) to 3 volunteers and wish to be able to pay for more tickets for the volunteers next year.
- The video has been made by Holy Grimmer but we couldn't see it as it was submitted. It highlights Aldershot School really nicely.

### **5. Family Fit Night Results - Julia Brdarevic - not present**

- It was a smashing success and Holy Rosary School was a better venue this year. Due to quite some rain, all the people had been moved into the gymnasium. The only problem was the parking because the Church was having a celebration on the same day. Around 500 families attended and they are determined to offer this free event next year.

## 6. Teacher Report - *Geoff Mills*

- From Mrs Sagar : The board put out a video on its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. It highlights Aldershot in a very positive light. The website address for anyone who would like to watch is :  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=11mbNZ0ss0Q>

From Mr Mills : Girls Softball is going awesome! We are making up a number of games due to rainouts but the girls are having a great time. As a reminder, proceeds from the hat sales went to donations from the softball team to the Inside Ride event.

## 7. Our Kids Network Update/Aldershot Hub- *Sheila Slattery-Ford*

- The fifth annual **Aldershot Jane's Walk** was a great success.
- **KaBOOM** is a non-profit American charity which believes that all children have the right to play. **Many volunteers are needed** to prepare and install the new state-of-the-art structures **during the weekend of August 12, 2017**. This is a great opportunity for Aldershot students, siblings, parents and friends to work together to create a major community improvement. T shirts, safety goggles and food will be provided plus there will be a play area for the children of the workers. Community hours certificates will be provided. All forms of help will be appreciated. Receipts for Income Tax purposes will be provided by the City of Burlington. August 11th will be the preparation day. For more information or to offer assistance please be in touch with Sheila, [aldershothub@ourkidsnetwork.ca](mailto:aldershothub@ourkidsnetwork.ca).
- There will be a YMCA program by Elizabeth Fryers, it's a week long free girls camp with some activities like cooking etc...
- **ALDERFEST** will be on September 16th. It's an opportunity to try new things...

## 8. Facilities Report - *Leo Marchand, Head Caretaker*

- A couple of benches in the lower foyer compliment the gym area
- No works are planned for the summer at this time
- A new evening custodian has not been hired at this time

## 9. Administration report - *Maria McLellan, Beth Hudson*

## **Principal's Report:**

On April 21, Aldershot hosted the launch of the ACT high school CPR and defibrillator training program for the Halton region. Many dignitaries, provincial and corporate, were in attendance: MPPs Eleanor McMahon, Kevin Flynn, Indira Naidoo-Harris, Stuart Miller, HDSB Director of Education.

The Burlington GSA Conference was held here on April 26 and was very well received.

The Inside Ride on May 2 netted over \$23,000. for Coast to Coast – Children and Families living with cancer. It was a great inclusive whole school event with 42 teams of 6 people.

Junior Band was very successful in Niagara Falls at Music Fest Canada on May 15. The students earned SILVER designation! Mrs. Taylor was very happy with her musicians!

May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia  
Pride Flag raising at 10:30 a.m. in the front of the school.

There will be a reception and celebration on May 31 at the LaSalle Banquet Centre for the Aldershot Community Honour Roll event. Our students will be providing the music during the cocktail reception and a former Aldershot student, Megan Haley, is a member of the committee. Grade 12 student, Luke Rankin, is a nominee for the Youth Award. He was nominated as a leader and captain of his elite soccer team with a talent to motivate other youth.

We discussed the use of the chair lift on the Spring Music Concert night, May 11. Our guest, Sienna Summers' aunt, who is in a wheelchair, entered our auditorium on the lift. During the course of the evening the lift was also used for transporting food from the cafeteria to room 118, when it stopped functioning and our lead hand was not able to fix it. At the end of the evening, our guest needed to exit the building through the side of the school, along the path adjacent to the ravine and into the parking lot. The suggestion was made to mail a card to Sienna's aunt (Shawn's sister) with further apologies. Shawn gave Maria McLellan her sister's address.

PAR decision to be made by the trustees on June 7.

## **Elementary Vice Principal's Report:**

### **Coffee House and Spring Concert**

On Thursday May 11th, in the Cafeteria before our annual Spring Concert, The Well Being Team hosted ALDERSHOT UNPLUGGED; a Coffee House Event with music promoting positive and healthy relationships.

- Music, poetry, dance, and art pieces that promote the messages of empathy, kindness, and community;
- Draw on the talents of our student population to create an event where students, parents, and community members are invited to attend.

This was well received by students and parents.

This was the second part to our Speak Up Grant/Proposal, the first being our Healthy Relationships Expert Panel.

### **Staffing for Elementary**

- .33 Core French teacher Posting
- 1.0 Educational Assistant

### **April 28 PD Day**

On April 28th, Elementary Staff had PD that focused our continued work on Growth Mindset and teaching students about the brain. We also spent much time focused on our practices and work moving forward into 2017-18 in terms of student success, mental health and well being, BRING IT and student health and safety.

Our lab will be dismantled and turned into a media/ICT room- changing furniture, technology/tool access and purpose for the room. We are currently writing proposal to our superintendent to support Elementary ICT initiatives in this space.

### **Monitoring and School Self Assessment**

**Math Monitoring:** If we... focus on targeted smaller group number talks for multiplication, then we believe that students will... have improved number sense and be able to clearly communicate their thinking.

**Literacy Monitoring:** If we... provide targeted small group instruction focusing on structure, organization, and conventions, then we believe that students will... increase their ability to communicate their ideas when writing.

### **Elementary Events**

Track and Field at Aldershot

Junior Band- Niagara Nationals and Wonderland

Ottawa June 21, 22, 23 for Grade 8s

Gr. 8 Celebration

Gr. 7 Recognition

## **10. PRO Grant Update - Beth Hudson and Suzanne Bourque**

### **Goals:**

Enhance attendance at parent events at the school.

Enhance parent involvement with their children's learning to support student achievement and well being.

Provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student learning at home and at school.

### **What will be done?**

Aldershot School Council continues to support Mental Health Literacy evenings, accessing school and board resources and outside presenters to help increase awareness, reduce stigma and build a school community supportive of mental health. In an effort to create a community continuum we will work in coordination with feeder schools in our Aldershot Community: King's Road, Maplehurst and Glenview. This will establish a culture of Mental health awareness such that incoming students will have common language and strategies available to support transition to Aldershot Elementary School and subsequently secondary school.

### **How does this enhance parent engagement in support of improved student achievement and well-being?**

In an effort to build upon an initiative our cluster of schools established in 2016-2017, Aldershot School will be part of the Aldershot Cluster of schools that will continue to build awareness and knowledge to address stressors and the impact upon student (and concomitantly) family quality of life. During 2016-2017, the focus was upon Mental Health promotion strategies and building resiliency within students. These facets will be expanded as we look to address gender identity, social-economic disparity and special needs supports. Developing parent understanding of all of these factors of inclusivity will help to develop a foundational culture of acceptance, open dialogue and subsequently work to decrease anxiety and depression resulting from non-acceptance and bullying. Our school community would like to continue to build mental health strategy and equity into the work of our Well Being Team and our school vision around acceptance and inclusion, in the day to day of our students and staff and in our homes. Mental Health and strategies to improve and sustain good mental health is a topic that covers many bases with our parent population (i.e., the anxious child, coping with stress, bullying and bullying prevention, mind-body balance, strategies for the child with ADHD, etc.) We hope that by holding a series of evenings throughout the school year, and in partnership with Aldershot Family of Schools, we will begin to increase awareness and start conversations to promote, support and sustain mental health in our Aldershot School community.

### **Who will do it?**

We have established a core foundation within our partners of schools brought about through the public health nurse with Halton Region. This will be expanded to utilize the visioning and expertise within our School Well-being teams and School Councils. We will work to establish a community school health team that will take on the task of organizing and promoting Health Literacy and Equity Awareness evenings Aldershot School Staff (Student Success, Guidance, Special Education, ESL, Library)

- Aldershot Breakfast Program Volunteers/Halton Food for Thought

- HDSB Student Services (Mental Health Liaison, Safe Schools Social Worker)
- Partnering Aldershot Youth Committee
- Woodview
- R.O.C.K
- Positive Space Network
- Halton Multicultural Council
- Other

**How will it be done?**

Using our TTFM Parent Surveys and an Interest Survey that will be conducted early in the school year, a planning committee will define topic areas and then fit presenters/facilitators to our chosen content. The planning committee will consist of council members from each of our Aldershot Family of Schools and Well Being Team members, in conjunction with Halton Region and our public health nurse.

School Councils will advertise for each event through Aldershot Social Media (Facebook, Twitter), synermail/voice, our outdoor sign, and by word of mouth. We will ask families to pre-book/r.s.v.p in order to get a sense of numbers.

We will offer light refreshment and possibly babysitting.

**When will it be done?**

We will plan for multiple speakers in the school year 2017-18: November, February, April

**Why do you want to organize this project?**

Aldershot School Council wants to work with feeder schools to support and help plan a speaker series that will bring our families out to the building- and engage parents, guardians, staff and students in learning that feels meaningful and relevant. By building awareness and understanding in our school community, we become proactive in the way we connect school and home life and work together in creating a happy and safe learning environment for our children.

**Does the project support a ministry initiative? Please select all that apply?**

- Safe Schools
- Equity and Inclusive Education
- Healthy Schools
- Mental Health Strategy

**Indicate the steps you will follow when evaluating the success of your project.**

1. Create a Pre-Survey to gauge interest and needs.
2. Create a Post-Survey for Families, Students and Staff to assess the success of each event, the relevance of presentations and sharing and get an idea of goals or needs moving forward.

3. Discuss Post-Surveys through School Council and the Well Being Team to direct our Mental Health strategy moving forward in our 2017-18 school year.

**Summarize your project proposal:**

Aldershot School Council would like to support Mental Health Literacy and Equity Awareness speaker series, accessing school and board resources and outside presenters to help increase awareness, develop strategies for inclusion and reduce stigma to build a school community supportive of mental health, equity and inclusion.

**Budget:**

We would combine PRO Grants with King's Road, Maplehurst and Glenview PS. Each school would budget 80% toward funding a presenter and 20% toward food/refreshments.

**Aldershot Portion:**

Presenters Outside of Board- \$800 approx.

Refreshments- \$200

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Total Amount Requested \$1000

**11. Council Communication Package - Beth Hudson**

We all voted for Beth's idea about the communication package as a brochure.

**12. Closing remarks**

- Eric and Steve (our delegates from PAR) wanted to ask us for a Community Aldershot Logo for Saturday June 3rd. It is about an SOS COMMUNITY WALK against L.B. Pearson and Bateman schools closure. The walk would be to keep all the schools open.

We could ask Jen Rotsaert to make an announcement on our Facebook page.

- Next council meeting on September 19th, 2017 at 7pm in the Conference Room