

## School Council Meeting Minutes April 21 2016

### HTH School Council

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Regrets: Patricia Williams

1. Review minutes - adopted - one typo WHSCC
2. Financial report \$1591.48 in School Council account after purchasing teacher appreciation lunch.
3. External Review written report - reviewed commendations and recommendations. Many more commendations than recommendations –very positive report. One area we really need to work on is a visible student leadership initiative. We have addressed communication by increasing Facebook (morning announcements) and it's received positive feedback. Facebook for announcements and Twitter feeds are appreciated by parent

Installed four large tvs for cafe to scroll our newly developed website in addition to the two we already had in the halls. Will help to get announcements out to students. Parents love the new website. Question posed if we could publish the external review document on the website for parents. A live link to the doc will be in the school newsletter.

4. Parking lot safety - we have acquired quotes for signage in the ground for better traffic flow. Work on front and back lots will be completed when the snow is gone.
5. Discussed sidewalks coming in addition to those installed 2015. Town of Torbay has recently conducted a pedestrian safety review and hope to complete sidewalks up to the school lot over the coming months.
6. Principal's Report - chilled water stations, filters are more than \$100 to replace, last week we changed it 3 times by district staff. Sediment fills our filters. Craig Scott indicated that if a hydrant is opened for a fire or we get a power outage sediment will flush through the system. Water quality at the school is a concern. A back up filter with courser filter cores have been installed behind the walls of the systems. Our caretaker is able to change these ones. HTH has purchased a third filter station - one for the second floor.

7. Prom 2016 update this Sat. April 30th then off to safe grad. This event proves to be an expensive night. Next year we can consider bringing it back to the school to reduce costs. A school prom could not be a sit down dinner due to space. Many schools are looking to reduce the costs.
8. New school update - An official update meeting is set for May 4, 6PM at HTH. Unofficially it appears they are behind schedule.
9. Safe grad meeting update - set to go Next Friday with volunteer parents and students to gather supplies for safe grad. 45 parents for grad night and staff will be asked to come along. Need food allergy/dietary restrictions list. Town of Torbay and Pouch Cove both donating \$500.00 any requests to town should have a dollar amount that you are asking for to be specific and direct in your request so it can be accounted for in the town budget. No response yet from Flatrock. Putting a thank you on Twitter to show thanks for donations may have an impact on councils that did not donate.
10. Patricia Mahon put forward a mention to allow grade 11 parents to start fund raising now for next year's safe grade. Motion adopted.
11. Other - letter from student regarding grade 9 fun night (May 5th) requesting \$500 to offset costs. Council voted to fulfill this request.
12. EF Tour lead by Kelly McCarthy and chaperones Barb Billard-Martin, Maureen Clements, Donna Downey, Karen Walsh and Roger Sheppard was very successful, no incidents to report. Kids loved it and had a wonderful experience. Great kids and great chaperones, parents and students were appreciative of the travel opportunity. June 2016 trip – lead by Keith Connors (6 students), Easter 2017 lead by Fred Power (currently approx.. 25 students). Band trip 2017 lead by Ron Collins will be Canadian based due to foreign exchange rates. In addition, chaperones will be teachers rather than parents.
13. Happy volunteer week. Town of Torbay had a volunteer appreciation night last week. Council and parent volunteers could be invited next year.
14. Next scheduled meeting May 17, 2016 7 PM.