

**FRH PARENT COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2019 @ 6:00pm**

**Attendance:** Colleen Miller-Helwig, Sivanthy Suntharalingam, Andrea Moniz, Rita Lal, Brandi Mah, Erin Clark, Lonnie Hicks, Sheri Cholin, Steve Mousseau, Jeff Hanrahan

**Regrets:** Robin Butterworth

1. **Call to Order:** 6:02pm
2. **Review November meeting minutes** – Brandi Mah moved to accept the November minutes, Colleen Miller-Helwig seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Review Agenda** - Andrea Moniz moved to accept agenda with additions - New Business – Boys Bathrooms. Sivanthy Suntharalingam seconded. Motion was passed.
4. **Old Business**
  - a) RCMP presentation on local drug use, signs and symptoms – Presentation on April 17, 2019
  - b) Cannabis Presentation by Jennifer Pollard has been confirmed for April 17, 2019
  - c) Trustee Update – Trustee Irwin was not present to provide a report
5. **New Business**
  - a) Review of Proposed Feed for 2019-20 school year:
    - Administration consulted with several staff groups for input on next year's fees. Price Waterhouse was present to do a forensic audit which included the fee schedule. Mr. Hicks presented a proposed fee schedule which has many categories such as field trips, transportation, special registration and option courses. Fees within each category can include, but are not limited to, costs for supply teachers, in school clinicians, equipment maintenance, special culture and extracurricular activities. It was noted that EIPS transportation is a separate schedule and is handled at the board level.
    - Several fees were decreased from the previous school year (2017/18) to this year (2018/19)
    - Haythorne is working on spending down surplus by re-allocation monies from budgets of activities no longer taking place.
    - It was noted that fees can be dependent on teacher needs and that these can be as varied as the teacher.

- There is a fee waiver process through EIPS should families need assistance with school fees. Information and application procedures can be found on the EIPS website.
- The Accountability Pillar survey indicated that overall, families seem to be satisfied with course offerings.
- The fee list is expected to be submitted to EIPS by April 16, 2019 but the deadline may be extended due to the impending provincial election.
- It was indicated that parent feedback was appreciated, accepted as given and will be conveyed to the Superintendent.

b) Odor at school:

- A serious odor presented in the building and surrounding area just before spring break. There were concerns of possible harmful toxins being present in the building air that could affect student/staff health.
- OH&S (Lisa Johnston) from EIPS was called in on Monday, March 25, 2019 for an immediate investigation. A plumber was also called to rule out any sewer issues within the building itself.
- OH&S measured H<sub>2</sub>S, O<sub>2</sub> and CO levels which were found acceptable. As the ventilation system in the building is automated, a manual override of the system was triggered so that the fans would run 24/7 to clear the air inside the building.
- The initial outcome of the investigation was that this situation was not a building issue.

c) Student Bathrooms:

- A concern regarding the cleanliness (health risk) of the student bathrooms was presented. Students have complained to parents about the state of the washrooms.
- Mr. Hicks indicated that the bathrooms were cleaned throughout the day but that keeping them clean was a real challenge.
- It was suggested that this issue could be brought up at the next Student Voice meeting for students to develop some solutions to this problem.
- Renovating the bathrooms to include urinals in the boys' bathrooms is not possible.

## 6. **Principal's Report**

- Mr. Hicks reported that there was an audit of the school finances conducted by Price Waterhouse.
- The first meeting regarding Grade 9 Farewell was held with 23 students attending to discuss activities for the celebration. There was interest in having a dance as part of the evening.

- Basketball had a great season. Handball season has begun and Badminton will be wrapping up after spring break.
  - The Quebec trip will be taking place over spring break. Students will be departing on March 22, 2019.
  - Report cards will be available on PowerSchool on April 2.
  - Grade 9 Band students will be heading to Banff on April 3-5.
  - The Superintendent visit will be taking place on April 3.
  - Grade 7 Information Night will be taking place on April 7 from 6:00-8:00pm
  - Grade 7 enrollment is beginning and will continue until September 2019. Haythorne may experience an open boundary for the first time in several years.
7. **Next Meeting:** April 17, 2019 at 6:00pm in the school library.
8. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:03pm