

Headwater Hills School
Minutes of Education Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, May 27, 2013
Meeting called to order: 4:00 p.m.
Members present: Nancy Ernst Richards (Chair), Linda Clark, Laura Geiger, Liz Glenday, Tara Hunkin, Elizabeth Pereira, Cameron Glenday (student), Aidan Richards (student)
Members absent: Fran Alexander

The meeting was called to order by Nancy at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion: There was a motion to review last meeting's minutes. There was a unanimous vote and the motion was carried to accept the minutes from April 22.

New Business: We had a report from the Social sub-Committee Chair (Laura). She said that the first ever talent show was a great success. Laura motioned that she would like to have another one in the fall. This will give families advance notice so that all may attend. The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

New Business: Nancy advised that she had received an email from a parent who had some safety concerns about where the pot luck was held. It was motioned that the pot luck is not a school sponsored event, but rather, a social committee event and should be treated as such. It is not the responsibility of the school to see if a location is suitable, it is up to the parents to see if they feel comfortable at the location. It would be the equivalent of going to a play date at another person's house. The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.

New Business: Laura advised that there is a possibility of a pot luck dinner in June hosted by Danielle and Simon, (Silas' parents). Laura will keep us updated.

New Business: Cameron Glenday and Aidan Richards were representing the Middle School students on the subject of School Uniforms. It was a unanimous decision that Middle School did not want uniforms. Aidan visited the elementary classroom to share his views and he felt that most of the elementary children did not want uniforms either. We thanked them for their input.

Discussion: We had a report from the Uniform sub-Committee Chair (Liz) on the survey results. 14 out of 23 families have responded to the survey with a wide variety of classes represented. It seems that voting is close for a mandatory uniform with a large majority wanting gym clothes and spirit wear. It was motioned that uniforms will not be mandatory at this time; however, gym clothes will be mandatory. It was also motioned that when there is an event outside of the school, spirit wear will be mandatory. The vote was unanimous and the motions carried.

Discussion: There was a report from the Extra-curricular sub-Committee Chair (Tara). She handed out a package on Everdale Farms, (the outreach programs and in-school programs). It was motioned that the teachers would be responsible for booking the Everdale Farm School when it fits in with their curriculum schedule. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Discussion: Tara also gave a hand out for the Montessori Model UN Project in New York. It was motioned that one teacher would have to first take the training before we proceed with such a large undertaking. Because of the high costs associated with this project, Tara motioned that we do fundraising for the event. We could have an extra-curricular club work on this. She suggested selling Gift Cards as they give back a percentage to the school after the gift cards are sold. Liz suggested that there be a parent information night to see how many families would be interested in participating. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. Tara will get back to us at the September 2013 meeting with more details.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2013

Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.