

Headwater Hills School
Minutes of Education Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, March 25, 2013
Meeting called to order: 4:00 p.m.
Members present: Nancy Ernst Richards (Chair), Fran Alexander, Linda Clark, Laura Geiger,
Liz Glenday, Tara Hunkin, Elizabeth Periera

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 Feb 25.

Discussion: Business arriving from the minutes. We had a report from the Social Committee Chair (Laura). Her group would like to suggest: monthly pot-lucks at different parents' houses (on Sundays), once a week coffee groups at pick up time and a talent show for adults. A discussion followed. Everyone seemed very enthused. There was a unanimous vote and the motion was carried to accept the business arriving from the Social Committee. Laura will meet with her group and iron out some details and get back to the group at our next meeting.

Discussion: Business arriving from the minutes. We had a report from the Extra-curricular Committee Chair (Tara). She suggested field trips that included: Legoland at Vaughan Mills, Everdale Farm in Hillsburgh, the ROM, AGO and Science Centre. It was decided that Legoland and Everdale Farm would be good choices because of their proximity to the School. With the cost of buses getting higher, we would find it hard to justify asking parents to pay for the high cost of transportation. We also didn't feel it was right for parents to have to drive other children that far in their cars. It was motioned that Tara will investigate the programs available at both Legoland and Everdale Farm and set up a meeting with the teachers to see when it could be incorporated into the curriculum. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion: Tara also suggested we incorporate after-school clubs into our School. These could be one hour in length and could be taught by a parent or other individual who has expertise in a given area. It was motioned that Tara will investigate further and report back at our April meeting. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion: Tara brought up our participation in the United Nations Montessori Model program in New York. She said this was going to be a huge undertaking for the School. It was motioned that we might not be ready to participate for 1-2 years from now. We will discuss it further in the 2013-2014 academic year. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Discussion: Business arriving from the minutes. We had a report from the Chair of the uniform Committee (Liz). Her group has put together a survey for parents to see if there is a desire for school uniforms. The Education Committee went through the survey as a group and agreed with the statements on the survey. It was motioned that we put the survey out to the parents

after our re-enrollment process is completed. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, April 22, 2013

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.