

# *2022-2023 Year-end President's Report*

## Beacon Hill Elementary Home and School

June 20, 2023



## **Thank you for a wonderful year!**

It has been a very busy year after putting a pause on a lot of our favorite events and activities due to the pandemic. We acknowledge our volunteers, committee coordinators, executive team, and general Home and School members who have contributed their time towards enhancing the school life of our students. We also thank our school's administration and staff for their ongoing support.

Home & School is a parent-driven organization with an open membership. Parents set the agenda, policies, and determine the mandate of the local association. It is not only a place where parents join together in friendship and teamwork, but also in partnership with Beacon Hill's Staff, Governing Board, and the Quebec Federation of Home and School Association. We aim to embellish school life with activities, tools, and supplies for the entire school to enjoy. Our members have the privilege of sharing their voices to choose activities and decide how our fundraising dollars are spent. With your generous contributions and support, our fundraisers collected approximately \$26,000 (net) after all expenses! We invite you to explore our year in review to see how H&S raised the funds, and how those funds were distributed.

# Year in Review

## How did we raise the funds?

- School Supplies fundraiser in partnership with Editions Vaudreuil
- Friday Pizza lunches
- New school clothing orders and pre-loved clothing bundles
- Fred's Halloween box (\$ raised for children living with type 1 diabetes)
- Scholastic virtual book fair (\$ raised towards staff resources)
- Super Recyclers trailer (fall and spring collections)
- "Big Box of Cards" fundraising
- Grad Valentine basket raffle
- Grad "guess how many eggies in the jar" Easter contest
- Art Gala (all funds towards the music department)
- Grad Felix & Norton cookies
- Lovable labels
- Tru Earth (ongoing fundraiser of eco-friendly household products)
- FlipGive (ongoing fundraiser partnered with online retailers)
- Membership fees
- Online donations



## How were the funds distributed?

- Staff and Teacher Appreciation gifts, snacks & luncheons including; welcome back refreshments, holiday treats, Staff Appreciation Week treats, and the end of year lunch for all Staff
- Welcome back 'hot air balloon' photo booth and printed pictures for every student
- Teacher wish list items granted; stamps, mouse pad, electric sharpener, table and dolls, curtains, art gala supplies for classroom projects and treasure boxes, upgrades to music department: 24 repairs (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, snare drum), 18 new instruments, 3 music books, 1 guitar, 4 trombones, storage cart for 12 music sheet stands
- New volunteer t-shirts for photographers
- Pavement games (spray painted)
- Pumpkins for all classrooms & for seniors (Maxwell residence)
- Spooky Hill Pumpkin Patch family event
- Bagpiper in recognition of Remembrance Day
- Holiday Market for all students
- 20 books donated by QFHSA, and 6 bundles of household items from holiday market stock for the staff-organized holiday baskets
- Open House refreshments and take away gifts provided to new families
- Luc Bambara, African drumming and dancing performer (in recognition of Black History month)
- New orange field trip t-shirts (290)
- New 8x10 carpet for the library
- H&S contributions towards Carnival week including snacks, juice, bingo prizes, and gift certificates for the Just Dance competition
- Juice boxes and snack provided to grade 4 students on vaccination day
- New green velvet chair for the library reading nook
- New mascot logo (designed by Royal Blush)
- Mascot costume
- QFHSA annual award certificates
- H&S website and online ordering platform
- Graduation activities, yearbooks, gifts, end of year party, & hoodies
- Gifts for retiring staff and H&S support staff (Mrs Lynn, Mrs Maurice, Mr Kevin, Mr Lag) on behalf of all families
- Refreshments for the 'New Parent Welcome' event

### Coming soon;

- Everblast games in September (Picnic TBD)
- Mural/stencils for the library and around the school
- Book case for the library



## Let's not forget...

Our Home and School volunteers helped to facilitate our after-school activity program with 'enfant et compagnie', hot lunch service with 'Merenda catering', and allowed for the library to open up again. We also introduced a new clothing website via Royal Blush Apparel, allowing families the simplicity of ordering at any time of the year, with access to even more BH clothing options.

## Special Mention to our QFHSA Award Recipients:

Every year, our H&S has the opportunity to highlight dedicated volunteers (parents, students, or staff) who are actively involved in everyday school life, who are helpful and reliable, and who take on additional responsibilities when the need arises. A very special mention goes to the following recipients of the 'Unsung' Hero Award for the 2022/23 school year; Erica Ranjitsingh, Bessie Michael, and the grade 6 Kindness Committee! We congratulate and thank them for their support this year.

## *A final word from your H&S president...*

As year two of my two-year term comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for entrusting me in this role. As your H&S president, I have had the pleasure of meeting so many great parents, eager to expand their child's overall experience at Beacon Hill school. I look forward to meeting more new faces in September!

Joining the H&S Association is a great way to meet new families, to get to know the teachers and staff at school, and to become a greater part of your child's early learning experience. To attend H&S meetings or to become a H&S volunteer, you can reach us at [bhhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:bhhomeandschool@gmail.com). To stay up to date on all things H&S, visit our website: [beaconhillhomeandschool.myshopify.com](https://beaconhillhomeandschool.myshopify.com), and follow the school's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BeaconHillElementary>

Wishing you all a wonderful summer,  
Catherine Fini  
(Mom to Madison and Annabelle Pitre)

### **Executive Team:**

Catherine Fini, President 2021-2023  
Stephanie Nicolaou, Vice President 2022-2024  
Nadia Wendowsky, Vice President 2022-2023  
Sue Rack, Secretary 2021-2023  
Olivia Hutchins, Acting Secretary 2023  
Neil Linsdell, Treasurer 2021-2023