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## **Home and School Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Date:** Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM

**Attendance:** Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais, Neil Linsdell, Marcia Ploplis, Julia Genoni, Bitu Guzman, Krista Gendron, Pauline Fahkri, Tracey Blouin, Stephanie Gartner, Christine Barnes, Darcy Moncada, Sharon Rothwell, Nina Ciano, Cox family, Katia Rassi, Mirjana, Samantha Whipps, Nina Ciano, Derek Lagimodiere, Susan Hamblin

**1. Opening remarks:** welcome members and non-members! We have quorum.

### **2. Approval of agenda for April 2021**

Motion by: Melissa Seconded by: Julia All in favor

### **3. Approval of minutes from March 2021 (Emmanuelle)**

Motion by: Pauline Seconded by: Catherine All in favor

### **4. Business arising from March minutes**

-Update from Catherine/Paul on coffee options: Paul was looking into connections he had but he reported that our prices were competitive, and he recommended that we stay with our current supplier. We will revisit Las Fincas next year.

-Mask Lanyards: 238 lanyards were requested from teachers. Found lanyards with snaps for easier use. Motion to approve \$300 of lanyards with emergency release. Motion by: Krista Seconded by: Tracey. All in favor

-Outdoor classroom (input from the community): Sam gave suggestions regarding 3D rendering; another parent suggested approaching landscaping companies for in-kind donations. Mrs Brayne met with K4 teachers to discuss a play area for K4s (like a sandbox without sand) and the school board will be coming to mark off areas for garden and play area and redoing asphalt from the gym door. Madeleine Turgeon that worked on the nest will be back to work on the tree in the back.

### **5. Reports: (15 minutes)**

#### **5.1 President's Report** (including QFHSA).

-AGM virtual is coming up June 3. We need a voting delegate (please contact Melissa if you are interested). We will have president's meetings to collaborate on ideas May 4/6

-QFHSA is hosting a "Transition to HS workshop" with Karen Delage - highly recommended for grade 6 parents. Darcy has the info to share with Grade 6 families. This is different from the one that Mrs Brayne organizes (which talks more about logistics), this workshop focuses on psychosocial/emotional transitions.

-Congratulate Sam on working with Jennifer Casa Todd to run the Digital Leaders workshop. We had 32 attendees! It was recorded and we will discuss a follow up plan in new business.

-Time to Nominate our Unsung Heroes and Golden Torch nominees. I need these by APRIL 28. Please email executive directly with any nominations. You can find award descriptions on the QFHSA website. <http://www.qfhsa.org>. This year they are introducing something different, we can nominate a group of Unsung Heroes as well as individuals.

-It's really important to start thinking about what next year's executive will look like. Melissa will be stepping back and Mani's family is leaving the school. It's not too soon to inquire about positions if you want to learn more and nominations are open. To nominate yourself, send an email to us and the principal.

### **5.2 Treasurer's Report & Budget (Neil)**

A few fundraisers happened (Catherine will discuss later). No big changes from last month. Carnival spending includes the \$500 for the digital media workshop. Budget for next year to be revisited. Despite the pandemic, we are not in a bad position. We are still fundraising and receiving cash donations.

### **5.3 Membership Updates (Marcia)**

None

### **5.4 Principal's report (Mrs Brayne)**

Thank you to Home and School for organizing the parent workshop on Raising Digital Leaders. The staff was very receptive to having the anti-bullying pink shirts for next year. They agree that the shirt, with the Beacon Hill crest, should be allowed to be worn any day of the week.

Media Smarts presented to Cycle 1 and 3 today and will be presenting to Cycle 2 tomorrow. Themes depended on the age of the students. Grades 1 and 2: What they see in the media can be deceptive. The importance of written and unwritten rules when playing and learning together online and offline. Finding a healthy balance between physical, quiet time and media activities. Grades 3 and 4: Learn about what is real and what is fake online and learn steps to verify online information. Discuss the concept of empathy and look at ways in which digital communication can make it harder to feel empathy for other people. Grades 5 and 6: Help students to make safe and ethical decisions online and identify strategies and supports that are available to assist them with issues they may encounter online. Explore their legal rights online.

We will be discussing Grad ceremonies at our administrative meeting tomorrow.

The school will be participating in the Lester B. Pearson Fun Bubble run during the last week of April with their class. We are asking all students to bring in a loonie or a toonie for the Pearson Educational fundraiser.

### **5.5 Teacher representative (Mr. Lag): Teacher Wish Lists, etc.**

No requests came forth. Mrs Brayne fulfilled a request last week.

## **6. Coordinator Reports: (25 minutes)**

### **6.1 Foster Child Update (Catherine)**

As mentioned last month we will begin the Foster Child campaign shortly. Final date for papier mache tree to enter school will be announced by Mrs Brayne. An email will be sent to parents with a brief summary of our sponsor child/explaining our theme is the giving tree campaign, and students will be asked to donate \$2 to write their name on a leaf that will be placed on our giving tree. Reminder-April 30<sup>th</sup> will be dress down day, with funds raised going toward Foster Child.

### **6.2 Clothing-update on Pink Shirts (Catherine)**

Last meeting Home and School discussed ordering pink anti-bullying shirts for the students to wear at school, on anti-bullying day in Feb, and also other days of the week (like GRAD and choir shirts). Positive message about being kind to kids all days, not just on anti-bullying day. This idea was brought to GB and the feedback was positive from staff, parents and Mrs Brayne. They voted in favor of this, and will amend the school uniform policy to allow for BH crested pink anti-bullying t-shirts to be worn any day. Drawing contest to be held in the new school year for the image on the shirt. A special order with our current school clothing supplier would be placed end of November 2021 (TBC), as it takes up to 6 weeks to deliver and we would like the students to have these in time for anti-bullying day, and beyond. Pricing: TBC, but H&S does not plan to fundraise for our association. Idea: Charge parents \$15 for T-shirts, whereby price-cost will be donated to an anti-bullying charity such as Dare to Care.

### **6.3 Spring Fundraiser Update**

Coffee, seeds, epicure have all been distributed to students. Maple syrup has arrived and needs to be distributed. Made \$922.50 in profit with Spring fundraiser. Total is now \$1964 since September. With a host of other smaller fundraisers (Tru Earth, Flip give, clothing sales, labels) we are getting closer to our \$3000 goal. Normally, Art Gala is the major fundraiser (\$4000) and we are not having it again this year. Our \$3000 would be for outdoor classroom. We put together money each year for outdoor classroom and if it's not spent, it's reallocated to other things. This year, we didn't budget specific money for outdoor classroom because of the pandemic.

### **6.4 Grad update (Pauline and Darcy)**

Would like to ask for an additional \$2000 for grade 6 related items:

1) provide a breakfast from Chez Cora in place of traditional activities. Would like H&S to fund it because their funds raised is all going for Grad. \$10 per student. Since Grad has funds and parents typically pay for activities, they will be asked to pay the \$10 for breakfast.

2) subsidize the cost of Grade 6 grad plan "B" (does not involve the school or teachers). Will invite grad families to discuss this outside of regular H&S meeting. The money would go to the gift (\$62 per child). Gift would be an electronic device (headphones, ear buds, speakers, backpack, lap desk) and would still be available if Grad is cancelled.

### **6.5 Staff Appreciation (Christine)**

No updates but she wants to bring up budget. She has \$200 left. She would like to repeat a meal for everyone and then a lunch at the end of the year. Try to finish up this year and set it up for next year. Budget for the year was \$1000 for the year and no opportunity to ask for donations or food donations. She would need \$450 for the remainder of the year. Motion to approve \$550 from wish list for lunch for staff (teachers and daycare). Moved by Tracey, seconded by Sharon. All in favor. Without donations, staff appreciation needs \$2000 to be successful.

### **7 New Business/Open Floor/Question period (*H & S related items*) – 10 minutes**

Year end gift committee – taking volunteers to shop for year end gifts (people who are retiring or leaving the school)

Sub committee to work with Sam on Digital Leadership – sample family contract for digital media could be put on the school website.

QFHSA resolutions to discuss if members have questions or concerns to bring back to QFHSA. No questions but support especially for review of History in secondary.

Outdoor community activity: Butterflies? Art work, painting, birdhouses? We could then donate them to seniors in the community. Mrs Brayne will ask teachers if they are interested.

### **8 Call to action:**

1. Super Recyclers May 12/13. Signs will go up soon at school.
2. Nominate for awards
3. Connect with Marcia to plan an outdoor spring activity for our community
4. Connect with Sam if you want to continue the conversation on Digital Leadership
5. Tru Earth EARTH WEEK promotion – please share

### **9 Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM**

Motion: Melissa Seconded by: Marcia All in favor

Next meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.