



Home and School Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: Monday February 15th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais, Neil Linsdell, Marcia Ploplis, Krista Gendron, Bitá Guzman, Susan Brayne

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

2. Approval of agenda for February 2021

Motion by: Catherine Seconded by: Melissa All in favor

3. Approval of minutes from January 2021 (Emmanuelle)

Motion by: Marcia Seconded by: Catherine All in favor

4. Reports: (15 minutes)

4.1 President's Report (including QFHSA).

Catherine and Melissa attended separate regional meetings to gather ideas, mainly for fundraisers and Staff Appreciation. Shared information with other schools about Teacher Appreciation and fundraising.

4.2 Treasurer's Report & Budget (Neil)

Not much change on financial side of things. Added \$530 of donations through the donate button allocated to Staff Appreciation. Christine spent just over \$1000 thus far for teacher appreciation. Stephanie spent \$390 on Bingo prizes and \$140 (28 x \$5) on gift cards. Leftover Welch's will be used for Carnival snacks. We have extra money (\$1000) from Carnival since we had budgeted \$1500. Good position on the budget so far.

4.3 Membership Updates (Marcia)

No updates

4.4 Principal's report (Mrs Brayne)

-Thank you for the True Earth Laundry detergent strips. They have worked well at the Brayne household.

-We are so appreciative of all that H&S, with Christine's lead, have put together for Staff appreciation week.

-Thank you to Stephanie for getting prizes for Bingo and snacks for Carnival week. We are going to have a fun week with the students, but we will miss the help from H&S.

-Red Cross Babysitter course – One course was completed by the students last week and the extra course will be given next week.

-The students in grades 3 – 6 enjoyed Shane Peacock's virtual author talk on Jan 29th. He inspired many of the students who are now working on creating graphic novels and creating their own books.

-I have bought the new virtual Dare to Care online program. Dare to Care is a unique program regarded as the most comprehensive and practical bully prevention program in Canada.

4.5 Teacher representative (Mr. Lag): Teacher Wish Lists, etc.

Mrs Mumme would like a pair of adult snowshoes for a student. Total cost is between \$70-100.

Motion by Melissa Second by Marcia. All in favor

5 Business arising from January minutes:

-Update on Valentines Yoga Event (Melissa/Marcia): Occurred on Saturday. Some people were from the school, some from the community. Raised \$300 for charity "Friends for Mental Health".

-Spring Fundraisers to be launched in March on the website.

1) Flip Give (similar to Rakuten): we buy gift cards and the school gets cash back from cards bought. Cards are by email.

2) Bad Monkey: use a promotional code to order the popcorn. 3 options of popcorn. 10 bags in a box. 20% goes back to BH. Open for sale and delivered to their house. No minimum on contract.

3) Maple Syrup (Au Fin Délice): canned options. 30% margin comes back to BH. Comparable to store prices. Would be grouped with seeds, Epicure, and Coffee.

Motion to approve Flip Give: Melissa, second by Marcia. All in favor

Motion to approve Bad Monkey: Catherine, second by Krista. Declined

Motion to approve Maple Syrup: Krista second by Bitia. All in favor

Marcia is going to look into "Panier du fermier" as a fundraiser. Catherine will bring these to GB for approval.

6 Coordinator Reports: (25 minutes)

6.1 Staff Appreciation Updates (Christine)

Calendar of events was shared with the staff. Christine got donations and deals from several companies. Tuesday, staff are getting hand lotion bars. Wednesday is staff lunch catered by 3 Soeurs. Thursday is "dinner on us". Friday is Hot chocolate bombs. There are also daily draws of various prizes. Catherine wanted to add bus drivers and make sure that everyone is recognized (ex: professionals, librarian). Catherine will look into this.

6.2 School clothing - re: bullying t-shirts? (Emmanuelle)

The clothes supplier is asking if we are thinking of getting anti-bullying shirts printed because other schools are ordering them. We haven't done so and the event is next week. We will look to add it to the next order or discuss it next fall. Perhaps a BH anti-bullying shirt. Maybe a contest for a drawing or a slogan for next year's shirt. Mrs Brayne will bring this to the staff.

6.3 Foster Child (Catherine)

Still supporting Adalid Huanca, from Bolivia, same foster child as last year. Mrs Brayne agreed on a giving tree campaign, using Pauline's papier mache tree (originally made for last year's art gala). Catherine will add branches and it will be placed in the school hallway in April (date TBD with Mrs Brayne). We will ask students to place cut up leaves on the tree to raise money, and we will accompany that with a dress down day to raise the \$504 fee (encouraging students to bring in loonies or toonies). Foster child sponsorship is renewed every March 1st and covers that entire year of sponsorship.

6.4 Bingo Prizes update - Carnival

Stephanie is getting gift cards for \$5 for Clio Books (2 per classroom). There will be a delivery of prizes at school soon. \$530 spent on this.

6.5 Book Fair update (Emmanuelle)

We sold for \$1789.30 and raised \$268.40 in store credit that Mrs Brayne will spend for the school at Babar Books. Some books were sent in a 2nd wave and a 3rd deposit is coming depending on their availability.

6.6 Graduation (Darcy & Pauline)

Hoping to raise \$3000 and tickets have been selling well. There will be a meeting next week. They cannot plan too much in advance because of the pandemic, as things are changing all the time. Will adjust the website to add an explanation to the option for grade 6 student name.

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

-Las Fincas coffee as an option for next year (Catherine/Melissa). Other schools are using this service in the neighborhood. They deliver every week to the house. Not changing for this year, but it could be an option for next year. 10% back to the school. Feedback on Santropol is very good. Santropol is not all year, it is a closed fundraiser.

-Could we sell hot chocolate bombs on the website? Maybe for next year.

-Reminder that Exec positions will be opening up next year: President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Time to start thinking about who would like to step into these roles.

-Neil has said that he would stay as Treasurer for another 2 years.

8 Call to action:

-ask friends about coffee habits to help us figure out fundraising for next year

-share links from our Facebook page

-encourage others to go see our website, we have products and a DONATE NOW button if people don't want products.

9 Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Moved by: Melissa Seconded by: Marcia All in favor

Next meeting March 22nd at 7 pm.