



Home and School Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday September 13, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Derek Lagimodiere (teacher rep), Natalie Maurice (new principal)
Sue Rack, Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Neil Linsdell, Monique Chalifour, Marcia Ploplis, Marla Lalonde, Krista Gendron, Dahlia Mills, Arnaituk Auclair, Karen Borrmann, Celena Scheede-Bergdahl, Rebecca.

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

2. Approval of agenda for September 2021

Motion by: Monique. Seconded by: Marcia All in favor

3. Approval of Minutes from June 2021

Motion by: Sue. Seconded by Neil. All in favor

4.1. President's Report (Catherine)

Thank you to Melissa Lim for her dedication to the school, students and staff over the last two years as President of H&S. Still no volunteers allowed in school, we'll continue on with most of the same fundraisers/activities as last year, and we welcome new and creative ideas this year. Mrs Maurice knows that she has our support. We're here to help out however we can.

Forecasted Calendar of H&S events for the year was listed.

Open Coordinator roles: Book Fair / Scholastic –Melissa Samuel/Staff Appreciation FEB 7-11 2022-Samantha Cinquino/ Art Gala April 27 2022/ May open school visits/ BBQ June 2 2022-Krista Gendron/ Carnival week ice wall.

APPROVAL requested for standing rules for committee and event coordinator updates: highlighted the changes since last year to VOTE on amendments. (All in favor)

Reports-As per usual, for our next meeting, if there is a report expected from coordinators as indicated on the agenda, please send your points to our secretary 1 week prior to the meeting. This will help with the timing of the meetings and keep our minutes accurate.

Google drive-As the year progresses, please save any pertinent information relating to your coordinator role in the shared google drive. This is a great reference for the present committee to stay up to date on happenings, and also helpful when a coordinator transitions out of their role.

QFHSA news:

-Offer support to local h&s' through workshops, answering questions pertaining to insurance, by laws, fundraising and event ideas. They send newsletters that include many topics of interest to parents-those we fwd to members. The majority of our H&S membership fee (\$20 of \$25) goes to QFHSA for their continued support.

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- Annual executive training workshops on Sep 21/23/27 via zoom (treasurer, president and VP, membership and communications. This is for any new exec member to learn about the different positions on exec, and ALSO for H&S member contemplating joining exec in the future.
- Hosting a parenting workshop called back to school, back to normal? On Sep 28 via zoom (refer to email sent today). This is open to all parents with children from K to grade 11. They will discuss ongoing challenges of the pandemic and what challenges you may be seeing in your children.
- BH will mail the \$50 association fee and exec list following this meeting in order to maintain standing with QFHSA.

4.2-Treasurer report: (Neil) Refer to AGM minutes as it was explained in there.

4.3 Membership Updates (*Marcia*)

- 27 members. H&S Goal 50 families
- 15 Sept contest-draw for a bundle of pre-loved clothing

4.4 Principal's report (*Ms Maurice*)

- Terry Fox Run TBD date > M Lag to advise
- 9 days settling in with new students
- New teachers to school, veteran teachers super helpful in transition
- Thanks H&S for the goodies on ped day. Much appreciated by staff
- Upcoming safety drills: fire drills, lock downs. Feedback form attendees was for principal to advise parents that drills were coming so they could prep children

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

- Miss Julia would like a buddy bench (1) for \$699 + tax for the yard. Other more cost effective suggestions were reviewed (getting a wood bench painting it and adding words buddy bench onto it). Or getting 3 cheaper benches. Derek to take this back to M Julia
- Approval up to \$ 800. Motion Marla. Seconded by Marcia. All in favor

5.0 Business arising from June minutes:

PINK shirts-Last March GB approved to amend the school uniform to allow for BH crested pink anti-bullying shirts to be worn on any day of the week (like grad/choir). It was agreed that this would send a positive message about being kind to kids every day (not just on anti-bullying day). There would be a drawing contest for the image on the shirt. The idea is not to raise funds for H&S, but to offer the t-shirt to those interested at approx. cost, or to add a small markup and donate the proceeds to an anti-bullying charity such as dare to care.

Our current clothing supplier (Promotions Janna) can provide pink shirts at a cost of \$6.50+ for QTY 300+ for XS to XL. There is an extra cost for the BH crested logo and the image on the front (total cost pending). Contest would be held in October, orders placed in November, and delivery before Feb 23rd, which is anti-bullying day. OPTION to add adult sizes for parents or staff who wish to participate. This was discussed and approved with Mrs Brayne and GB in June. Is M Maurice on board with allowing kids to wear this any day of the week beyond anti-bullying day? YES.

Vote on the price of the shirt:

Option 1-H&S subsidizes part of the cost of the T-shirt. Taken from what line item? And ALSO sends a donation amount to charity. Charge \$5-10 depending on cost.

Option 2-H&S pays for the T-shirts for all students (approx. 300). $\$8 \times 300 = \$2400+$ and would require parents to enter size and child name info online. Donation to charity. Option to order additional.

VOTE on Option 2: Motion Celena Scheede-Bergdahl. 2nd by Marla. All in favor.

6.0 REPORTS:

6.1 Jungle Sport (M Maurice): postponed due to covid. No new date yet

6.2 New clothing/Used (Catherine)

New: June orders were delivered end Aug. Funds raised were approx. \$594. Next run is mid-Sep for end Oct/Nov delivery. Prices are going up in October so need to get order in before this. That will be the last order of the school yr. We used to have an order in Jan but did not generate enough sales so we dropped it.

Used: pre-loved bundles are catching on. Last year we have raised approx. \$550 since its inception in October 2019! Not to mention the clothing that we're keeping out of the landfill. Last year we raised just over \$331, and so far this year we have raised almost \$200. I have plenty of items left to bundle and will add throughout the year.

6.3 School Supplies (Catherine): Approx 30% participation rate/ 99 orders this year versus 112 last year. We raised approx. \$420, this is 5% of total sales (under \$10k). Curious why more parents do not take advantage of this service. Any feedback? More reminders to parents.

6.4 Pizza (Catherine) Avg 200 orders per day, 70% participation. Raised approx. \$4500 Run #1. Cheese only because daycare workers and lunch monitors are distributing them this year. Much simpler. 2 slices per box and no snack. Bitia is coordinating the orders with Dominos.

6.5 Staff Appreciation-We have a lead coordinator-Samantha Cinquino. Melissa Samuel and Krista Gendron have offered to help. First initiative this year was small treat in staff room. Biggest initiative is during the week of straw in Feb. Traditionally we offer a lunch to all staff as well as various treats and surprised throughout the week.

6.6 Terry Fox (Marcia) When is it and what treats? Last Oct offered 8x \$10 cards for a draw for 1 card per grade level to students participating in terry fox run. No date yet. Fundraiser was not approved by GB yet.

6.7 Gr 6 grad (Celena)

- Planning for grad hoodie looking for sourcing if anyone knows
- Fundraising ideas-still needs to be remote-off school property. Ideas are Trivia night, Bingo night, Movies outside
- Lots of volunteers so far, looking for more

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6.8 Fall fundraiser- Are we doing this again? Last fall fundraiser generated approx. \$890 for epicure/ coffee/ bosapin trees (sold out early) and wreaths Do we need to do another fall fundraising campaign, and are there other ideas for products to offer? Tabled until next meeting.

- Marla looking into Felix and Norton cookie option

7.0-New business/open floor/question

- Halloween-pumpkins -Mcgill – Monique to look into. \$500 cost no approval required at meeting
- The floor had questions about giving back to community: Can BH look into orange shirt day and raising funds for Indigenous woman shelter in MTL. Mrs Maurice already has something planned for Orange shirt day. Turtle island trading post was mentioned. Last year we supported On Rock food bank, Friends with mental health and West island community shares.

8.0-Call to action

Spread the word about ongoing fundraisers, including TRU Earth and Flip Give. Any ideas for future fundraisers or parent/student workshops are encouraged. All committee and event coordinators to read through the rules and acknowledge via email. Future meeting will likely be held virtually, and I would encourage you to continue to join us to stay afloat of any new plans and initiatives, and to help h&s follow through on any new initiative that requires a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 20h50

Next meeting: 18 October 2021