



Home and School General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2022. Virtual meeting. Start time: 7pm

Attendance: Sue Rack, Catherine Fini, Erica Ranjitsingh, Georgianna Karamitos, Nadia Wendowsky, Stephanie Nicolaou, Neil Linsdell, Derek Lagimodiere, Natalie Maurice, Malvina Spaleny, Alexandra Jende

1. Opening remarks: welcome members and non-members. Quorum and voting procedures reviewed. Quorum is established with 8 members (need minimum 7)

2. Approval of agenda: Motion by Stephanie N, 2-Neil. All in favour.

3. Approval of minutes from September 12th, 2022: Motion by Erica, 2-Neil. All in favour.

4.1-President's report (Catherine)

- It has been a very busy start to the new school year
- Lots of events and projects!
- Volunteers back in the school
- We welcomed 2 new VPs to the team

QFHSA News

- Fall Newsletter sent out to members
- H&S administrative fees and local H&S renewal paid
- Fall conference in person (was virtual last 2 years)-more info to come soon

Membership Update

- 53 H&S members
- Lee-Ann Deslauriers won the 2nd membership draw

4.2 Treasurer's report & budget (Neil)

- Updated budget was approved last meeting
- \$14k collected for pizza lunches already-continues to be our biggest fundraiser
- Pavement paint listed under outdoor classroom budget

4.3 Principal's Report (Natalie Maurice)

- September has already come and gone - and it was a very busy month at BH. The students, staff and parents have settled back into the routine. I would like to thank Home and School for helping us out with:
- Terry Fox Run / Walk: the students enjoyed the popsicles! Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the tournaments thus far. It was also great to see the Beacon Hill Paparazzi there to take photos.
- Hoop Dancer: the entire school was treated with this wonderful performance.
- Picture Day: the parent volunteers were a huge help with the students and kept the day running on schedule.
- Stencil Spray Painting: the students love all the new games. We would like to continue with some new games as well - I will look at getting some different ones.

- Scholastic Book Fair: parent volunteers have been busy setting up for our first in person / student shopping event. We are ready to welcome the students for two preview days and two shopping days this week - October 17th.
- Spooky Hill Pumpkin Patch: We are excited for this new event to occur at BH. The students were involved decorating the treat bags, as well as pumpkins. The Kindness Committee is ready to assist at various stations and with the snacks. Miss Julia and myself have met to prepare them for the big day.
- Pumpkin Decorating: Grade 5 has generously volunteered to decorate pumpkins for the Maxwell Senior's Residence once again this year. They enjoyed them so much last year and are looking forward to this year's spooky creations.

We have certainly been busy! I look forward to the coming events and appreciate all of your support.

4.4 Teacher Representative (Derek Lagimodiere)

- Teacher's convention -100\$ per teacher subsidized by H&S
- Track & Field t-shirts- Some have holes and stains. Will review stock for QTY to be replaced

Teacher wish list requests:

- Curtains for Kim Policarpio - Nate (Jessica Armstrong's husband) is sewing the curtains for the shelves and book nooks. No approval needed since no expense to H&S (we have the curtains and velcro from a previous art gala event)
 - Mme Alex: sensory table (\$113.05) & peg dolls (\$125.62)
 - Mme Kareen Caron: electric pencil sharpener (\$54.03) & self inking stamps (\$109.24)
- Motion to approve all 4 requests: Motion by Georgianna. 2- Neil. All in favour.

5. Business Arising (From September minutes)

5.1 Hoola Hoop Performance

- In recognition of Orange Shirt Day, the students enjoyed a Hoop Dancing performance. H&S to subsidize? Not anymore, the school received a grant!

5.2 Pavement games

- Stencils borrowed from another school
- H&S purchased the spray paint, and lunch for volunteers
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out on Sat-including Kevin (caretaker)
- Looking at adding more in the spring

5.3 Terry Fox Update

- 320 popsicles purchased, 16x \$10 gift cards to Chapters-participation draw
- Thank you to the volunteers who distributed the popsicles & to Stephanie N for purchasing the gift cards

5.4 Photo Day

- Organized by the school admin. H&S provides volunteers every year
- Thank you to Stephanie N and Melissa R for spending the day helping out

5.5 Art Gala and BBQ

- Back this year! Dates: Art Gala on April 4th/ BBQ on June 1st
- Organizing committee meetings will take place in Nov-Catherine to update google drive/binders.
- Volunteers needed and police checks required

5.6 Fall Fundraisers

- Felix and Norton TBC
- Big Box Cards in November

6. Coordinator Reports

6.1 New School Clothing (Catherine)

- Supplier prices went up, but we kept the margins low, so profit much lower this time
- Pink anti-bullying t-shirts purchased for new staff/ new set up cost
- Tuques added (only 14 sold-7 with embroidered name)
- Continue with the same supplier? See New Business

6.2 Book Fair (Melissa S-absent)

- Scholastic in person-1st in few years, and 1st time with wish list for kids!
- Oct 17-20th for students & Oct 20th 230-530pm during pumpkin patch for families
- Requires a lot of volunteers (difficult with police checks not back)

6.3 October Event: Spooky Hill Pumpkin Patch (Marcia-absent)

- October 20th: 230-530pm
- 200 pumpkins to be delivered in AM
- 181 tickets sold so far
- Grade 6 kindness committee helping with games
- Other-40 pumpkins to residence, 16 to classrooms

6.4 Super Recyclers (Melissa L-absent)

- Trailer in front of school on Nov 21st, 730am-530pm
- Super Recyclers has tightened up on what items they are accepting

6.5 Holiday Market (Erica)

- December 5-8th
- Overview – in school event for the students to holiday shop
- Looking for a locked room, set up in the library?
- Contract signed by Nov 1st
- Promote via email, FB, in school –material provided
- Volunteers needed: 3-4 set up/ 8 per session

6.6 Photography (Malvina)

- 3 events photographed so far
- Red t-shirts are great at identifying volunteer roles
- Need more volunteers to help out (+2 as backup required)

6.7 Grade 6 Grad Update (Sue)

- Calendar prepared at last meeting, and fundraisers decided upon
- Hoodies: purple was chosen as color this year
- Upcoming fundraiser: wine basket raffle in December
- 80s theme for party in June

6.8 Parent Activity (Krista-absent)

- Suggestion: Friday, Jan 27th for a comedy night in the gym?
- Approval with H&S members and GB required. Not a fundraiser-charge minimum
- Price of comedy event \$1400 (Just for Laughs comedians)
- Cost to parents? Snacks, liquor extra. Expected Attendance?
- Members discussed and we have decided against this parent event
- There is no appetite right now for a parent activity, will revisit another option in the spring

7. New Business

7.1 Bagpiper

- Graham Batty to return: \$200 fee to H&S. Performance will take place on Nov 10th at 11am (Nov 11th is a ped day)

7.2 TTSU

- Time to Sign Up will be used more frequently this year with the return of events that require a lot of volunteers. Annual fee was renewed at \$15

7.3 Google Calendar

- Melissa Lim has set this up through our H&S Gmail account
- Link your calendar-see H&S website

7.4 Fred's Piggy Banks

- Every year we send home trick or treat boxes
- In support of FRED: La Fondation Ressources pour les Enfants Diabétiques (children living with type 1 diabetes)

7.5 New Clothing Supplier?

- Discussing possibility of changing suppliers in order to offer option to purchase at any time versus 2x year with 6 weeks wait. Tabled discussion until next meeting

8. Call to Action:

8.1 Police checks -reminder to everyone. Tell your friends. Forms located on BH website

8.2 Spread the word-ongoing fundraisers. Refer to the H&S website

8.3 Spread the word-membership. Open all year

9. Meeting Adjourned at 19h45- Motion by Stephanie, 2 -Neil. All in favour

Next Meeting on November 21st, 2022