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Home and School Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: Monday January 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Members : Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais, Neil Linsdell, Marcia Ploplis, Bitu Guzman, Pauline Deep.

Non-members: Paul DesBaillets (Dahlia Mills-DesBaillets), Derek Lagimodiere, Susan Brayne

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

2. Approval of agenda for January 2021

Motion by: Bitu Seconded by: Marcia All in favor

3. Approval of minutes from November 2020 (Emmanuelle)

Motion by: Marcia Seconded by: Melissa All in favor

4. Reports: (15 minutes)

4.1 President's Report (including QFHSA).

Awards were given to members on their doorstep. Presidents' meeting will occur soon.

4.2 Treasurer's Report & Budget (Neil)

Not much to report. Finished some fundraising and waiting for some cheques. Closed fundraisers. Mrs Brayne has received a grant to cover for the Preparation for High School Workshop so H&S doesn't need to pay for it (approximately \$2000 for all parts of the workshop (parent and child parts). Teacher wish list includes Christmas trees and washer/dryer for K class. Mrs Brayne is covering more expenses this year from teachers because of difficulties for fundraising from H&S.

4.3 Membership Updates (Marcia)

No report.

4.4 Principal's report (Mrs Brayne)

-Thank you for donating to the West Island Woman's shelter on behalf of the staff in December and for the chocolates.

-The Twelve Days of Holiday Fun went over very well. We had a good time in December opening up the doors each day.

-We will be meeting as a Carnival committee to organize activities for the week before March break.

-Open house – January 19th for all elementary schools. Please visit the school board website to view the promotional video. Tomorrow night we have a team of staff members available on Zoom to answer parents' questions. It was suggested that the H&S email address be given to help answer questions from a parent's perspective

-Holiday Baskets – A huge thanks from Kingsdale elementary for the support and generations given by our community.

-Transition to High school program started last week for the grade 6 students. For this year the school will pay the invoice.

-Red Cross Babysitter course – A second course has been added due to demand. I am offsetting the price of the course by \$10

-Shane Peacock will be giving a virtual author talk to students in grades 3 – 6 on Jan 29th

4.5 Teacher representative (Mr. Lag): Teacher Wish Lists, etc.
No wish list items.

5 Business arising from November minutes:

- Tree stands were purchased (with Teacher's wish list budget)
- Quarantini virtual event: fun virtual event online where we made drinks online and had a scavenger hunt.
- we have a date for Super Recyclers May 12-13th
- donate now button on our website (status of funds raised, plans to promote this option) – we had 3 separate donations so far for a total of \$250.
- SAW xmas gift was \$75 matched by another \$75 private donation (\$150 to WI Woman's Shelter)
- we donated an additional \$60 to On Rock Community Services from our Epicure fundraiser
- Cannot locate the photo USB which we used last year. Melissa is looking for it. Mrs Brayne has a USB key she is using for grade 6 photos.

6 Coordinator Reports: (25 minutes)

6.1 Carnival - Ice wall (Stephanie)

- we will get more information after the staff meeting next week. Asked Mrs Brayne to be in touch after the meeting to let us know if we should be involved in some way.
- idea of building a pathway with ice blocks instead of wall or going in front entrance to avoid need for volunteers.
- virtual bingo goes well. We have money for prizes. Mrs Brayne would like prizes for Bingo game. Bitia reported having more Welch's snacks for Carnival from pizza lunches. Melissa said she had popcorn to offer. Stephanie still has her contact and Pauline will contact her.

6.2 Book fair (Emmanuelle)

- will host Babar from Jan 27th-Jan 31st. Online only with delivery in school on Wednesday. We will get 10-15% store credit. Jan 27th is international literacy day and Jan 29th is report card day.

6.3 Gr 6 Graduation (Darcy)

Nothing to report

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

- Family yoga (Marcia): logistics around payment (Shopify?) and date. Would families be interested in participating to this online activity? Some families indicated interest. Could be done for Valentine's Day.
- Fundraising: Tru Earth (approved but not launched), coffee, Bad Monkey popcorn, maple syrup, online store, "Make it Sow" seeds, and Epicure. If people have other ideas, now would be a good time to share so we have time to do some research. There are also other services we could look into, like Flip Give. These will be voted on at the next meeting.

8 Call to action: share the word about Tru Earth

9 Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Moved by: Melissa Seconded by: Neil All in favor
Next meeting February 15th at 7 pm.