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Home and School Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: Monday May 17th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais, Neil Linsdell, Tracey Blouin, Marcia Ploplis, Julia Genoni, Bita Guzman, Tracey Blouin, Katia Rassi, Pauline Fahkri, Darcy Moncada, Brenda (new family), Samantha Whipps, Derek Lagimodiere, Susan Hamblin, Karen Borrmann, Christine Barnes.

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

2.Approval of agenda for May 2021

Motion by: Tracey Seconded by: Catherine All in favor

3.Approval of minutes from April 2021 (Emmanuelle)

Motion by: Melissa Seconded by: Marcia All in favor

4.Business arising from April minutes:

- Update: spent \$180 on lanyards, distributed to all students;
- Birdhouses will be painted by grade 5s (2 volunteers: Brenda and Karen Borrmann);
- didn't receive any volunteers for spring activity or year-end gifts or digital leadership;
- Year-end treat ideas: 1) Ice cream food truck (June 18th) 2 hours for an ice cream food truck and one scoop per child would cost \$1400. Safety measures: 2 employees in the truck behind protective window; each class stays in the bubble, no nuts in the truck, we ask the kids to choose the ice cream first, serving can be a cone or a bowl 2) raffle for kids for prizes (maybe for a picture for the climate change week for the City of Beaconsfield, they will then be posted in the city journal). 3) churros truck would be \$2400. There are just over 300 people with staff and kids. Motion to approve the ice cream truck: Motion by Tracey; Seconded by Marcia. All in favor. Motion to approve a raffle in exchange for a picture for climate change week for the City of Beaconsfield (4x \$25 one for kindergarten and 1 per cycle). Motion: Catherine, seconded by Marcia All in favor.
- Thank you cards from grade 2 class for H&S for the book donation for the proceeds from the book fair.

5.Reports: (15 minutes)

5.1President's Report (including QFHSA).

- Catherine will be representing us at the QFHSA AGM on June 3rd.
- Our AGM will be September 20th at 7 pm. Some positions are open for election (Treasurer, President, VP, Secretary). Catherine is putting her name forward for President; Neil is putting his name forward to Treasurer; Marcia is staying on for her mandate. Nominations must be sent to the principal.
- asking committee leads to send annual budget and annual timeline/checklist (Straw, Foster child, Bookfair, clothing, new parent, BBQ, art gala, grad, school supplies, pizza, carnival, lost and found, student activity). Import on Google Drive to facilitate change over. We will send out an example.
- Catherine and Melissa attended Regional President's meetings which gave a chance to network with other H&S's re: successes and challenges. Got ideas about fun year end treats for the kids; heard about how some schools are doing remarkably well with certain fundraisers (like Make is Sow and Maple Syrup) so we'd like to explore the lack up uptake/interest in our community; learned about how other schools have different executive positions (different amounts, different titles) and so we are planning to revisit our needs and any revisions to bylaws

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ahead of the Sept AGM. If anyone is interested in working on these with executives, please let us know ASAP.

-Our nominations for QFHSA awards this year are as follows:

Unsung Heroes

1. Group; all teachers
2. Group: Mrs Brayne, Mr Lag & Ms Lynn
3. Group: Flower Chalk Art Volunteers
4. Group: H&S Exec
5. Tracey Blouin - for always stepping in to offer a hand and volunteering with various projects, even picking up furniture donations for the school on a whim! We appreciate your positive, helpful attitude Tracey, and we congratulate you on graduating with Maddie and thank you for all your years of volunteering with BH H&S
6. Stephanie Gartner - works quietly but with great effort behind the scenes to add a sparks of fun to child life at BH. She has put in many hours to help with grad 2021 and always works extra hard to bring treats for Carnival week to our Students.

Golden Torch

1. Sam Whipps for exemplary leadership and organizational skills, brining meaningful resources and activities to our school, primarily this year organizing the Digital Leadership Workshop, Sparking the idea for Chalk Art Flowers, and playing a key role to help with event planning for Grad 2020 and 21 in the midst of pandemic
2. Christine Barnes for working tirelessly and without the support of her usual crew of volunteers and donations to make sure that Staff at BH have been honoured and appreciated during the trying circumstances this past year

5.2Treasurer's Report & Budget (Neil)

Not many changes in last month. Very successful Foster Child campaign: \$1370 raised. Very good shape due to less spending. Went through the budget and collected money that was budgeted and not spent, and we achieve a total of \$3800 that can be re-allocated to other events. In good shape for the year. Mrs Brayne hopes that the teacher wish list will continue next year even though the money wasn't spent this year. Expected number will not change next year. Also hope that the outdoor classroom money will not be changed and plans can continue for next year.

5.3Membership Updates (Marcia)

None

5.4Principal's report (Mrs Brayne)

-Thank you to Catherine Fini and Home and School for organizing The Giving Tree for our foster child. The feedback from the teachers was that the students were extremely motivated and excited to be part of the fundraiser. It looks so nice in the lobby that I would be pleased to keep it up until the end of the year.

-Update on the outdoor classroom: The stump has been created into a beautiful work of art. We will not be replacing the asphalt as it is too expensive. A carpenter is building a mud kitchen and a sand box with a lid. The lid becomes benches when opened. We are awaiting the school board carpenter to come in to put pine edges around the garden and to create a play box for the students. The artist, Madeleine Turgeon, will be back at the school to work with the grade 6 students to leave their legacy in the outdoor classroom.

-Cheryl La France, the grade 5 teacher, is willing to paint the birdhouses with her classes to be given to the senior residents living in Beacon Hill.

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-The teachers have put together their School Supply lists for 2021-2022 that will be presented to Governing Board tomorrow night. I will then send them to Catherine Fini to pass along to Editions Vaudreuil. School supply pick up has been scheduled for August 24, 2021.

-Mrs Linda Perron, our Kindergarten teacher, is retiring at the end of this year. We thank Linda for her 20 wonderful years at Beacon Hill and wish her all the best in her retirement.

-Mr Lag has been going above and beyond with his students doing the cross-country run and the Fun Run. Kids are enthusiastic and it creates a great sense of community.

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

No requests.

6. Coordinator Reports: (25 minutes)

6.1 Super Recyclers (May 12/13)

Trailer was about ½ full. \$80.80 was collected. Last collection was \$213 in the Fall. Perhaps next year do it late March instead of May. Keep it going next year once or twice a year. Easy to organize.

6.2 Grad (June 21/22)

Working in collaboration with Mrs. Brayne to plan two grad days for the individual bubbles. The last activity is the grad breakfast and a week full of surprises. On June 18th, there will be a breakfast for Grad (cost \$10) and activities (\$15) and H&S would like to cover this fee after reviewing the budget (total amount: \$1250 transfer to Grad). Motion: Tracey Seconded by: Bitia All in favor.

6.3 SAW

-We provided cupcakes to daycare staff for daycare appreciation week

-We will be gifting the teaching staff something small before month end

-We will be providing the whole staff with a lunch before year end with 3 Soeurs. Christine is leaving at the end of the month but the lunch including delivery will be all set and she will have a volunteer to be her "safety net", though last time it went without a hitch and she is expecting the same thing this time! Tracey volunteered to get drinks for the staff

6.4 Foster Child

Our giving tree campaign to raise funds to support our sponsor child was a huge success! The students and families at Beacon Hill raised an incredible \$1370.20! The Giving tree campaign ran from April 22 to April 30th, with a dress down day on April 30th. This campaign coincidentally ran in tandem with the LBPSB walk/run fundraising campaign. The yearly fee to support our sponsor child is \$504. Last year we raised approx \$860, and the balance was donated to our sponsor child and his community. We plan on doing the same this year. Plan Intl will receive a cheque for \$1370.20 for Adalid and his community. A huge thank you to BH families for their generosity.

6.5 Ongoing Fundraiser (Tru Earth, FlipGive)

-FlipGive fundraiser has raised \$52 so far, but we only have 8 members on the team. It would be great if more families were using it. Should be renewed for next year. Concrete activities or items needed are more motivating to join in on.

-TruEarth: raised about \$200

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

- Year-end budget allocations (ex: treat for all students with unspent funds, carry over residual to next year vs other ideas?) Jungle Sport will only be doing it if there are less restrictions. They are starting to reserve spots. Mrs Brayne will pass this along to the next principal.
- Karen B would like us to buy more white tulips to add to the tulip Canadian flag as they need to be planted in September. Neighbors said someone was taking care of the garden (Gordon) and we will ask him for advice on the tulip garden. Tracey will reach out to him.
- school photo: last year, Lifetouch made a whole school photo with all the kids individual photos with a backdrop. Catherine will reach out to him.
- Mrs Brayne will be meeting with new parents and will mention school clothing: store will open early June
- Fundraisers for 2021-2022
- AGM is September 20th, 2021 Call for nominations

8.Call to action:

- reminder Open Exec positions (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) as well as coordinators for different events (book fair, staff appreciation, new parent info, foster child, grad coordinator, bbq, art gala)
- Reminder by Tracey that Terry Fox is also open: Marcia said that she would take it on.

9 Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Motion: Marcia Seconded by: Tracey All in favor
Next meeting June 21st at 7 pm.