



Home and School Meeting Minutes VIRTUAL MEETING

Date: Monday November 23rd, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Catherine Fini, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais, Neil Linsdell, Meagan Peters (D'Amico), Darcy Moncada, Susan Brayne, Tracey Blouin, Marcia Ploplis, Karen Borrmann, Derek Lagimodiere, Christine Barnes

1.Opening remarks: welcome members! We have quorum.

2.Approval of agenda for November 2020

Moved by Catherine, Second by: Emmanuelle. All in favor

3.Approval of minutes from October 2020 (Emmanuelle)

Things to correct: 1) clarify Halloween boxes: 2019 \$900 and 2018 \$1300 2) add Mrs Brayne's report. Moved by Catherine, Second by: Marcia. All in favor

4.Reports: (15 minutes)

4.1 President's Report (QFHSA updates, Fall conference, Coordinator positions, This year's forecast/calendar of events)

-QFHSA Fall conference is ongoing. Congratulations to Sam Whipps for her initiative regarding Media Smarts.

-2019 Membership awards presentation. Unsung Heroes (Stephanie Gartner, Christine Barnes, Julia Genoni, Bitia Guzman, Kathleen Spaw, Iliana Mariona) Golden Torch (Pauline Fakhri, Catherine Fini, Neil Linsdell, Melissa Lim, Emmanuelle Dagenais)

4.2 Treasurer's Report & Budget (Neil)

Fundraisers Grade 6 Grad (masks and hand sanitizer) closed out at \$1176. Fall fundraisers raised just over \$800. A little lower than expected.

4.3 Membership Updates (Marcia)

43 members so far (below half our normal). Stephanie Gartner won the draw (worth \$40 of laundry strips and Epicure meal kit). Decrease in numbers is seen across the board in other schools as well.

4.4 Principal's report (Mrs Brayne)

-Thank you for the wonderful Epicure dinner preparations for the staff. Staff were touched by it and they were all gone. Thank you to H&S for your generosity.

-Report cards: 2 this year. End of term December 18th. Report cards available January 15th. 2nd term is June 23rd. There will be calendar changes as there will be 3 new Ped Days (Jan 25, Feb 8 and one in Dec). Mrs Brayne will be sending out a new calendar.

-Open House: all virtual on January 19th. School websites will have promotional videos (including children and staff) and a live chat with people who can answer questions.

-Beacon Hill will be a hub for emergency daycare for essential workers should we end up in total lockdown. It would also be a resource hub with a resource teacher from the child's school. There would also be a tech person on-site to work on a laptop to help parents with their tech needs. Closed on Dec 17 and 18th for distance learning.

-Fred's Halloween raised \$520 for the diabetic foundation.

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- Holiday baskets – contacted by Kingsdale to see if we could do this again. Will ask for cash donations and will then buy gift cards for families to Wal-Mart to avoid having families bring in food due to Covid-19.
- Beaconsfield Journal: Beacon Hill is on the front cover. Mr Lag said that he was contacted by the paper and was asked to send in pictures. He sent photos of Terry Fox and Cross-Country.
- Collaborative art project is up on the front of the school. Artists came back to set it up. Reporter (from Vaudreuil and the Gazette) came by to write up on it. Artist will be back this year to work on the tree stump in virtual classroom.
- First Aid course online (4 sessions during class time, cost would be \$65). Mrs Brayne will verify dates with teachers and then send out an ERMS.
- Thank you for the grad sweatshirt! Tracey has extra sweatshirts with her for the teachers that usually do the camping trip.

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

- Thank you for thinking of us for the sweatshirts! Nothing to present.

5 Business arising from October minutes:

- Fall fundraiser: Profits are as follows: Coffee \$144; Trees \$260 (ran out of stock 150% over sales from last year so fundraiser is now closed); Wreaths \$173; Epicure \$260. Total for all activities \$837.

6 Coordinator Reports: (25 minutes)

6.1 School Clothing (Emmanuelle)

Delivery happened in early November. One issue happened (a logo was coming off). Supplier will replace the shirt. Profit for the year \$498. Next order in June for delivery in August.

6.2 Staff appreciation (Christine)

- mention gifts given to staff this week (Epicure)
- confirm charity to gift on behalf of staff for holidays: suggestion right now is The West Island Women's Shelter, they are raising money to give the affected children a nice Christmas. Motion to approve donation to Women's shelter. Moved by: Melissa, Seconded by: Catherine All in favor

6.3 Pizza (Marcia)

-QFHSA meeting attended were discussing pizza lunches. One school is still doing it, whereas most schools are not. Daycare staff is handing out pizza lunches instead of a parent. Mrs Brayne is not comfortable with this event. The school will be giving out a lunch before the Holidays from Chartwells (sandwich, crudités, juice, cookie). Got a food grant this year and will use this on the meal.

6.4 School supplies (Catherine)

Received the final numbers for the school supplies. We received 112 orders, for a total amount of 9 041,43 \$. We will receive a refund of 452.07 \$ cheque. Goal for next year-hitting the \$10k mark to get 7.5% back.

6.5 Gr 6 Graduation (Darcy)

- first activity went well. Most kids participated in "Minute to Win it".
- fundraiser raised about \$1500 and received a donation from a parent of \$100. Covered the sweatshirts. Next fundraiser will be at the end of January.

6.6 Super Recyclers (Melissa)

Trailer was booked for November 15th-16th and parked in front of the school. We raised \$213.25. We agreed to have another collection in May. Considering two days during the week.

6.7 Halloween boxes (Karen)

We raised \$520.

6.8 Carnival week (Stephanie)

- Hoping that this event can happen. If parents can help, we will plan this at January meeting.
- Suggested that we look into building ice road (kids could build it and parents could finish it).

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

-Holiday spirit activity (Marcia)

Start a community project to decorate a tree at the school: out front or in outdoor classroom. Have parents contribute decorations or teachers do the project with their class. Possibility of using the cedar in front of the school or an artificial tree. Other idea was to have tiny trees in the classroom to decorate with teachers. Mrs Brayne will bring it to the school meeting on Wednesday. H&S has budget to contribute to school spirit. She will get back to executive if the school needs support with a project.

-New Fundraiser option (TRUE Earth, General donation vs Go Fund Me)

TRUE Earth is zero waste laundry strips, we would get 20% back. Free shipping in Canada. We could share the link to shop anywhere in the country. Easy fundraiser approved by GB. Would be useful to have family testimonials on the website. Motion to approve adding TRUE Earth fundraising. Moved by: Catherine Seconded by: Tracey All in favor.

Parent asked if she could donate without buying anything. Usually Go Fund Me is for a specific campaign or project, but we could do a "donate now" button on Shopify. It was suggested that we have 2 different streams for donations (1 general; 1 for Grad with a suggested amount). Motion to approve a button "donate to H&S" and a button "donate to grad" on Shopify. Moved by: Tracey Seconded by: Neil All in favor

-Olympians may be interested in a Yoga activity in the new year. To be tabled until January.

8 Call to action: Spread the word about TRUE Earth (great gifts that go in the post, no shipping)

9 Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Moved by Melissa Seconded by Meagan All in favor

Next meeting January 18th at 7 pm.