

Ancaster Meadow Elementary School
Home & School Minutes
January 17, 2017

Member Attendees: Reasa Diab, Sandra Wohl, Jeannie Whitwell, Amy Telford, Kristi Snary, Manju Dahal

Regrets: Leanne Morrow

Non-Member Attendees: Paul Clemens. Melissa McCormack

Meeting Called to Order

Jerseys was added to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jeannie Whitwell
Seconded by Sandra Wohl
All in favour

Treasury Report:

The Treasury Report was reviewed by Reasa Diab.

The total cost for the Caribou Math Contest should reflect \$322.05. Also, the total bill for the farewell luncheon for Tiffany Hills came in at \$259.13. As Home and School offered to pay half, the school will reimburse us \$129.57

Motion to approve the Treasury report by Amy Telford
Seconded by Jeannie Whitwell
All in favour

Pizza Monday

We have two new moms who are volunteering with pizza days. It was noted that while delivering the pizza, some of the room numbers on the classrooms have not been changed. As well, some of the teacher's names are wrong. As expected, due to the opening of Tiffany Hills, our pizza numbers have dropped. We are now ordering 65 pizzas per week.

Library

Further to last month's meeting, the library renovations are moving forward. The school is still awaiting some approvals from the Board level. Plans were shared with Home & School. The library will be rejuvenated, modern and hopefully a place that all the students can enjoy. It will be open concept with vibrant colours and better lighting. Administration is asking for \$19,000 from Home & School to cover the costs of the new furniture. The furniture will take 6 – 8 weeks to be delivered, however, it was noted that some of the work in the library would not take place until over the summer months. Many members would prefer to see it all done at once (ie over the summer), so that it would be more of a wow factor once completed.

Tables and Chairs

We received a quote for \$4,000 for the purchase of 250 chairs. However, due to the opening of Tiffany Hills, this would not be a priority as it is felt we have enough chairs at this time.

Members looked at prices for 6' and 8' tables. Source.ca had the lowest cost at approximately \$100/each. Storage is an issue that will have to be addressed prior to ordering.

Rise Above Snack

Grades 6 – 8 recently reviewed a movie regarding bullying. Home and School was asked to cover the cost of the snacks for 190 children.

Tiffany Hills

It was noted that Home & School is not obligated to give any fundraising money to Tiffany Hills. As has been discussed in the past, members would like to make a good will offering to Tiffany Hills. As per Federation Guidelines, any money that Tiffany Hills receives must go to a Home & School committee, and not to the school directly. It was suggested that 20% of the funds raised this year, prior to the students leaving, would be a good dollar amount to use. This item was tabled until September to give Tiffany Hills time to establish a committee.

Jerseys

The Physical Education Department is looking at purchasing new jerseys. Once they gather information and quotes, they may contact Home & School requesting funds.

Motions

After reviewing the various requests, the following motions were made:

Motion to approve \$19,000 for the purchase of library furniture by Jeannie Whitwell
Seconded by Sandra Wohl
All in Favour

Motion to approve up to \$1,000 to cover the costs of the snacks for the movie Rising Above by Sandra Wohl
Seconded by Kristi Snary
All in Favour

Motion to approve up to \$2,000 for the purchase of 8' tables, dependent on storage space, by Sandra Wohl
Seconded by Manju Dahal
All in Favour

Chocolate Bars

Now that we have storage space, the selling of chocolate bars was discussed. It was suggested that we wait until the warmer weather as it was felt more would be sold when it's not as cold, and it doesn't get dark so early. However, it was noted that May and June is an extremely busy time at Ancaster Meadow. We would require two members to process this fundraiser as there is a lot of money involved and the cases of chocolate bars must be tracked. As this fundraiser is easy to set up, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Spring Fling

The dates for Spring Fling were discussed. The dates we typically hold for Spring Fling fall within Ramadan. With Ramadan, as it is based off the cycle of the lunar calendar, we are unsure of the starting date. To hold Spring Fling too early may hamper the bouncies if the field has not had time to dry. It was suggested that we do a smaller Spring Fling type event during the last week of school, during the school day. However, some members felt that this was the only event that takes place that is family oriented. A Spring Fling Committee will be set up for future discussions.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Amy Telford/Sandra Wohl