

**Home and School Meeting – April 12, 2018.**

**Member Attendees:** Karen MacPhail, Manju Dahal, Kristi Snary, Reasa Diab, Pauline Olthof-Youn, Colleen Kaus, Jessica Thomas-Troian

**Non-Member Attendees:** Simon Goodacre, Chris Blunsdon, Val Harth

**Regrets:** Sandra Wohl

Meeting called to order.

Robotics Club “Thank You” presentation and Shell Safety Day added to the agenda.

Motion to approve agenda: Manju Dahal  
Second: Colleen Kaus  
All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Kristi Snary reviewed the Treasurer’s Report.  
Updated numbers for A.M. dinners at Buffalo Wild Wings– we estimated \$1000.00, but raised \$1060.31.  
Teacher appreciation, 3D Printer, Music Dept and Mathletics have all been added to the report.  
Still have \$15,000.00 in funds projected by the end of the year.

Reasa: We still have \$10K that we could allocate, but shouldn’t allocate all of it, even though Grade 8 grad and other expenses shouldn’t affect anything.

Motion to approve the report: Colleen Kaus  
Second: Manju Dahal  
All in favour.

**Food Cupboard:** We have gone over by \$1.12 and the year is not over yet. We need to up our allocation. Seems we go through a half a bushel of apples every two to three weeks. Staff is asking kids to bring more food in their lunches, but there is still demand. A half a bushel is \$15.  
Projected need for remaining 10-weeks of school is about \$200.00 (will include buying more granola bars and goldfish, if needed.)

Motion to allocate additional \$200, for a total of \$400.00: Colleen Kaus  
Second: Jessica Thomas-Troian  
All in favour.

### **Robotics Club:**

Mohammad of the Robotics Club made a presentation about the Ancaster Meadow Nerd Herd Robotics Club this year with a video and gave thanks for the T-shirts and snacks that Home and School provided to them. He presented a hand-made thank you card from the Nerd Herd.

Mohammad: We came in seventh place; Ancaster Senior took first place. There were 25 other schools in the competition.

Ms. Harth: It is a unique competition because it isn't just about competing against all the other teams, but to learn to work with them in order to complete the given task.

Simon: For the kids and staff it was hours of prep time and coding.

Harth: The robot field that costs several hundred dollars, but we were able to borrow one for our kids to use.

Reasa: That would be something that we could buy for the kids.

Harth: It is a club that has ongoing expenses, i.e. batteries, etc. I am passionate about it, because even if a kid doesn't plan to be a coder, it is something we are increasingly exposed to.

### **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch:**

Normally we hold the annual luncheon around Open House night – it provides them with a nice lunch on a day when they will be staying late. We get it catered, Cindy Myers donates the pizzas and we pay for cake, salad, wings, pop and decorations. Probably need \$300-400. We are still a big school and include all staff, custodians.

Simon: About 60 people.

Reasa: Let's increase the budget to \$500.00.

Motion to increase the budget to \$500.00: Manju Dahal

Second: Pauline Olthof-Youn

All in favour.

### **EQAO Ice Cream Party:**

EQAO ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We buy vanilla ice cream, toppings, sprinkles to give out to the kids. We could give a wrapped snack to the kids observing Ramadan so they have a treat when they break their fast.

Kristi: It would be nice if they could all have a treat at the same time. Could we wait to do it after Ramadan?

Reasa: We don't have the Ramadan dates yet, but this would delay the Ice Cream Party for weeks and then we're running into Spring Fling or later.

Colleen: Why not give everyone something to take home instead this year?

Simon: Why not allocate the funds needed and then survey the kids impacted for their preference?

Reasa: We can discuss it with some teachers. Should need \$150.00.

Motion to allocate \$150.00 for the EQAO Ice Cream Party: Manju Dahal  
Second: Pauline Olthof-Youn  
All in favour.

**Safe, Walkie-Talkies, T-shirts:**

Safe:

Home and School could really use a bigger safe. Currently have a fire-safe lock box. We'd like something that can't be picked up and walked off. The safe we're considering costs \$356.99 (plus tax), though we'd like to view it in person.

Colleen: What sort of lock does it have?

Simon: It has a punch code and key lock.

Motion to allocate \$450.00 for the safe: Manju Dahal

Second: Karen MacPhail

All in favour.

Walkie-Talkies:

Does the school have Walkie-Talkies that we can use during the day?

Chris: No, they are all allocated for staff use during the day, but could be used after the school day.

Simon: If you are looking to invest in some, I would suggest you invest in the same brand we use as the school is made from steel and brick and cheaper brands don't work as well.

Colleen: Could Patty get us the pricing for four units?

Reasa: I will talk to her regarding the Motorola ones.

Chris: Before the purchase goes ahead, let's talk about how many are needed during the day and how we might be able to share them so that you don't have to buy so many. They are only needed for events twice a year.

All agree to re-visit this issue at a later time.

T-Shirts:

Reasa: You saw the T-shirts that were purchased for the Robotics Club - I was able to get the shirts through a lady named Melissa who did the shirts for Calum. We got 10 for \$100 - technically got us 12. I'd like to see a set for Home and School. They would be a bright green and we'd wear them at events.

Suggestions to look into wearing a vest or something other than T-shirts were made.

All agree to re-visit the T-shirt issue in May - will get pricing, etc.

**Funding Requests (Kinder, Soccer, Phys Ed):**

Kinder requests:

1 - Winther Viking Scooter, 2-wheels \$299.00 – we've had some for years and considering the number of kids who use them every day, they've held up well. We have been allowed to use them from the Day Care.

1 - Viking 3-wheel Safety Scooters - \$349.99

2 - Viking Medium Tricycles - \$349.99

Total, before taxes: \$ 1348.97

There is a secondary wish list to double that. (\$3050.00)

Chris: We share with the Day Care, and they are approved for certain brands and things, so we need to match that.

Simon: We need heavy-duty quality because they will get a lot of use, but if we can source a better price, that's fine. Sometimes the Board Purchasing Dept is able to get good prices.

Reasa: In all the years I've chaired this committee, we've never allocated to the Kinders. We'd like to allocate to everyone. We can also just tell them how much they've been allocated and they can make the purchases.

Reasa: That brings them to \$2697.94, plus tax \$3048.67.

Soccer: We host the indoor soccer event – looking at the same brand as the heavy-duty ones we use outside.

Foldable soccer nets – Mr. Amodeo has checked into two brands. Laurentian nets and also some for outside nets. Some can be used for gym, or can be used for girls' and boys' soccer, intramurals, even for handball. They can fold, but that means they take up less space when stored. Pricing is time sensitive.

Indoor nets quote: \$3984.38

Outdoor: \$488.16 (repairs to nets for the field).

Karen: When did we last buy nets?

Reasa: We bought them 2-3 years ago and nothing has been replaced.

Colleen: Why don't we allocate money for outdoor nets now and then allocate the outdoor net money in May?

Motion to allocate the \$488.16 for outdoor nets and then re-visit the cost of the other nets at the May meeting: Colleen Kaus

Motion to Second: Jessica Thomas-Troian

All in favour.

Phys Ed: Received a request for more indoor track equipment, \$4018.88.

Can't do it all now, but will re-visit this request in May.

Motion to give \$3050.00 to Kinders for their scooters and tricycles: Colleen Kaus

Second: Pauline Olthof-Youn  
All in favour.

**Spring Fling, Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Everything is booked. Karen is looking into vendors and games.

Karen: Pleasantly surprised with the enthusiasm of our neighbours. Can get \$150.00 for two Disney Princesses to come to the party, take pictures with kids – they're lovely and stay in character the whole time.

Birdhouse kits will be made available for kids to build. Possibly the Home Depot mascot will come as well.

Reasa: May get a basket again from Bud's Pools.

Karen: Trying not to get competing businesses – already have one bank coming. They will bring info on RESPs and first bank accounts for teens. They're looking into getting something to give away to the kids.

**New Business:**

A gift card for \$100.00 for Golden Pita was purchased for a student in our school who recently had a sibling pass away. This was sent with a card to the family from Home and School.

**Shell Safety Day:**

We asked Shell if they could do something for Spring Fling, and Mr. Sherry asked if he could come in for an hour on Shell's Safety Day and have kids re-tweet how they're going to stay safe this year using their hash tag #safetyday2018.

Simon: We can work on it as a promotion on safety, but we need a teacher to pick it up with their class and cannot impose that on them.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39p.m.: Colleen

Second: Pauline

All in favour.

Next Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.