

Gatestone

Parent Council Meeting

November 30, 2015 - 6:30pm (Library)

ATTENDEES

M.Castellani	Donna Dyer	Jennifer Graham
Jen Periard	Pouya Kafraj	Susie Popovic
Jen Sarkis	Sue Kowch	Amy Moschuk
Robyn Patchev	Djuro Samac	Lee Austin

AGENDA

Time-hard end at 8:00pm

Last Meeting Follow-up

Confirm Elections

co-chairs, secretary, committee groups and chairs of committees

Co-chair - Lee Austin

Co-Chair - Robyn Patchev

Secretary - Robyn Patchev

Fundraising Chair - Jen Graham

Parent Engagement Chair - Kelly, Sue and Pouya volunteered to assist the chair once he/she has been assigned

School Events - Susy Popovic, Barbara Braun

****Update School profile on website to include all positions, role and names****

- mentioned in last post on school website for parents to contact a council rep, but are they familiar with who these people are?
- looking to fill the parent engagement chair position
- Donna brought requested a defined role outline of what parent engagement chair is
- Kelly and Sue Kowch reminded us that they are fully on board to help out

Constitution

- Will discuss in future possibly for next meeting

New Business

Fundraisers:

1st Mother's Pizza - huge thank you to Jen Graham, outcome

- over \$600 profit, over 145 attended
- for every grade a \$25 g/c was given back to the kids due to hiccups made by Mother's Pizza - POSSIBLY USE THESE FOR RAFFLE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY
- change in management at Mother's Pizza which might have caused a few bumps
- gluten free became an option
- lots of people loved the take out
- possibly consider a location on the mountain for future

(profit, any hiccups, recommendations for future, how to apply \$25.00 gift cards to each class, etc)

- Have Mike include a blurb in December Newsletter (outline that we recognize that there was a few first year challenges but also include what the restaurant has provided Gatestone children to compensate) - done

11th Holiday Gift Shop

- Jen Graham (dates confirmed, progress, moving forward, volunteers needed, etc.)
 - summarized the work and involvement completed to this point for the attendees to hear
- Welcome volunteer involvement - Jen/Robyn will add a volunteer spreadsheet to the agenda
- To discuss
 - dates confirmed - December 7-9 and 10th for senior grades (6/7/8)
 - progress - RUN THROUGH BY JEN GRAHAM
 - moving forward
 - volunteers and student volunteers needed from Dec 7-10 (helping with the children's choices, assisting student runners, wrapping, runners, etc)
 - classroom allocation (what dates/time will each classroom be assigned)
 - setup (what day/time do we have permission to set up) - TO CONFIRM BETWEEN JEN AND MIKE TIME AND DATE
 - Confirm tax structure - SPEAK WITH MIKE AND JEN G. SEPARATELY
 - inventory and how it will help for next year - RUN THROUGH BY ROBYN
 - SUMMARY NEEDED IN JANUARY ABOUT PROS AND CONS
 - Parent/Volunteer Suggestions:
 - 1) gender based tables
 - 2) cash float required -
 - 3) Christmas music

4) snacks/coffee for volunteers / does the school have a tassimo machine/cartridges for both coffee/tea/hot chocolate - MIKE WILL TAKE CARE OF

5) charity box for change to donate any \$ left over from purchases-CITY KIDS - BOX WILL BE MADE BY JEN P.

- CHARITY TICKETS??

Google Drive

- is everyone able to read documents sent via google drive (especially if we are relying on it for volunteer involvement)

School Daycare and Umbrella Report

- Sue K. - parent/family dinner event around family day (February) and rent the gym - involve the daycare

School Report - Kelly and Mike:

- Labour updates - final negotiation of secretarial support/staff
- New Health Curriculum - 3 guides provided, teachers will be going to training next month to adapt and implement in the spring - parents will be informed on the content - not negotiable is equity, sexual orientation, or talking about our rights (it is the law) - parents can discuss the sexual health curriculum only - encourage parents to inform themselves after they have reviewed the curriculum
- Interviews and Progress Reports - staff ran interviews slightly different understanding the situation - but overall went very well
 - december 11th will be the progress reports
- School Movie Night - parental engagement was suggested to be December but will postpone until January/February

- Christmas - concern that if there are too many parents that he will have to turn them away - NEXT YEAR MAY NEED TO PROVIDE A SEP. CONCERT FOR PARENTS

Additional items discussed:

- self closing pens for the jk/sk's was brought up - MIKE WILL INQUIRE
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NOTES

ACTION ITEMS

- Mike - December's newsletter to include mother's pizza outcome (pizzas being donated to compensate for long waits) - done
- Mike - December's newsletter to include Holiday Gift shop update - done
- Mike to update school profile on website to include positions and corresponding names to encourage parent awareness

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

- Movie night - event - Susy
- overview/summarize outcome pros and cons of holiday gift shop
- Open house/10th anniversary- family member in SK - owns a private photo booth and will donate at cost - Jen spoke to him - \$200 - possibly do events the entire week leading up to the 10th anniversary (time capsule, etc.)
- Constitution