

Ancaster Meadow Home and School, September 17, 2019.

Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Sandra Wohl, Manju Dahal, Joey Pottinger, Kristi Snary, Sherri Johnston, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Andrea Colbert-DeGeit

Attending Non-Members: Sarah Banfield, Simon Goodacre, Jeff Zwolak, Khola Khan, Unity Schmidt, Neha Pawar, Siat Nayman, Elif Nayman, Erin Isram, Todd Kirkpatrick

Reasa calls the meeting to order at 7:44p. and gives an overview of the purpose of the Home and School Committee. To vote, one must be a paid member. \$20 covers your membership fee and liability insurance. We are under OFHSA. The requirement for members is to attend every meeting so we can achieve quorum for voting.

Suggestion put forward by Sandra that members pay their own \$20 fee and get reimbursed if they attend the meetings up until January.

Membership fees are due September 30th.

Motion to approve agenda: Manju Dahal
Second: Joey Pottinger

Treasurer's report:

Just over \$22,000 raised last year after expenses. Available cash this year is just over \$15000.00. We expect to raise another \$20,000.00 this year, giving us just over \$35000.00 this year.

In the past we've tried to spread the funds around the school, into school beautification, musical instruments, Phys Ed equipment, things for the robotics club, etc.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Sandra Wohl
Second: Colleen Kaus
All in favour.

Elections and Fundraising and Insurance, Updates and Open Discussion:

This is Reasa's last year as our Chair. She encourages someone to step forward and co-chair so that someone can learn the ropes. The commitment involves overseeing the actions of the committee, chairing meetings and keeping the group united.

Andrea offers to type up a How-To binder to record how things are run yearly (i.e. fundraisers, etc).

Taking on the role of Vice President and all elections, can be table until later in the year if anyone wants to take on a role later on.

Fundraisers:

Fuel for Kids: New this year. We were approached to have Dave Connelly come to talk to our students about race car driving, safety, etc, do some donuts and hold a BBQ at Fortino's on Monday Sept 23rd, 4p – 7p. We need about 6 people on board to run this event.

Monday Pizza Lunches: We hold this annually. It is very popular – raises about \$16,000.00/year. The time commitment is about 2-hours/week to help out. Kristi handles the details behind the scenes.

Thursday Box Lunches: Done through the Lunch Box company. We offer different things weekly (Subway, Swiss Chalet – not continuing Pita Pit or Golden Pita. Could add Boston Pizza – though not offering pizza. They have pasta with garlic toast no can have salad with grilled chicken. Will try it for 3-months and review.) The time commitment to help with this is 45-minutes/week on Thursdays.

Meet the Teacher BBQ: Thursday October 3rd – Harvey's comes and prepares the food. We sell tickets, sour keys, etc. Families see their kids' class and meet the teachers.

Buffalo Wild Wings Dinner Nights: Easy one to set-up, flyers sent out to families. It's a nice community get-together. BWW gives us 15% of profit.

Holiday Bazaar: Held the second Friday of December. This year it will be held Dec 13th. We members buy items that historically get sold to kids at \$1 each. A lot of fun for everyone.

End of Year BBQ: We used to run a Spring Fling, but can no longer have Bouncy castles, etc, which affected sales/profits, etc. Instead we had a BBQ with the school Open House and it was easy to do. Had Harvey's in to cook the food. We try to have all-beef hamburgers and hot dogs as well as pizza for a Halal/vegetarian option.

Vesey's Bulb and Flowers: We held this for the first time last year. It went over well.

Freezie Day: Held when we have leftover Freezies from other events.

EQAQO Ice Cream Party, Grade 8 Grad Dinner & Dance and the Food Cupboard are not fundraisers, but are also handled by Home and School.

Executive elections:

Treasurer: Kristi accepts nomination.

Secretary: Jessica accepts nomination.

Chair: Reasa accepts nomination.

Budget allocations:

Please see the allocations at the bottom of the Treasurer's Report Kristi handed out.

Food Cupboard: Every 2-3 weeks we replenish apples, only buy granola bars and Goldfish crackers twice a year. Seems we could maintain the same budget as last year.

Motion to approve budget of \$300.00 for Food Cupboard: Manju Dahal
Second: Joey Pottinger
All in favour.

Home and School Discretionary: A little money set aside in case something comes up, can be used for end-of-year meeting, etc.

Motion to approve Home and School Discretionary fee of \$1000.00: Sandra Wohl
Second: Manju Dahal
All in favour.

Principal's Discretionary: Can give \$500.00 to Simon for his discretionary use.

Motion to approve \$500.00 for Principal's Discretionary Fund: Jessica Thomas-Troian
Second: Colleen Kaus
All in favour.

Grade 8 Grad Dinner & Dance: It is an amazing fun event, we get a DJ, photo booth, go to the Marquis Gardens – it's a blast. Parents from this Committee are typically the chaperones and attend the dinner and dance.

Motion to approve \$5000.00 for the Grade 8 Grad Dinner & Dance: Sandra Wohl
Second: Joey Pottinger
All in favour.

Membership Fees and Insurance:

Motion for Membership fees (\$20) and Insurance (\$100), \$420.00: Colleen Kaus
Second: Sandra Wohl
All in favour.

Tents:

Group is in agreement of purchasing tents, but just want to review more quotes. Group would like the tents to have the school's name, too, so will include that when shopping.
Mr. Wlodarczyk gave us a quote for tents last May. Jeff will work on a quote for two 10x10' tents with logo, Sherri will also work on getting a quote.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:46p: Sandra
Second: Joey Pottinger
All in favour.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 22, 2019, 7:30p.m, immediately following the School Council meeting.