

Ancaster Meadow Home & School Association

October 19, 2021

Attending Members:

Reasa Diab, Adrienne Van Dam, Andrea Gamberg, Andrea Colbert-DeGeit, Colleen Kaus, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Joey Pottinger, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Mohammed Nalla, Nicole Elder, Okiemute Numa, Rawan Al-Louzi, , Sandra Wohl, Sherri Johnston

Attending Non-Members: Kelly Dunford, Amy Meng, Charlene Lalonde, Etido Umah, Rebecca Maclsaac

Regrets: Amee Rajah

Reasa welcomes everyone to the meeting at 7:26p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Todd Kirkpatrick

Second: Jessica Thomas-Troian

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

October Treasurer's Report shared: the Tents (2019/2020), OFHSA membership fees, OFHSA Insurance fees, H&S Discretionary funds and Grade 8 Grad funds have all been allocated.

We have about \$12,495.36 available.

Approval of Treasurer's report: Todd Kirkpatrick

Second: Joey Pottinger

All in favour.

September Minutes Approval: Need to amend the spelling of Kristi's and Adrienne's names.

These will be amended.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Joey Pottinger

Second: Mohammed Nalla

All in favour.

Fundraising Updates/Open Discussion:

Flip Give: An account has been created for Ancaster Meadow Home & School. Our bank account has been connected so that funds generated will be deposited. We will communicate the info to families with a letter to be sent via email. There will be a link to a How To video to help explain things. We're excited to see how this goes.

Todd – willing to volunteer to assist parents if they have trouble navigating the site.

Reasa – Todd has created an email address for our Association, so we can direct people to contact us that way if there are issues, and then if needed, we can follow up on Todd's suggestion.

We expect to launch in the next week or so.

Membership Fees Motion: Our original motion was to approve 11 members to have their fees covered. It was hard to keep track of all the interested parties over MS Teams. The results from the Google Docs form was actually 15 interested people, so we will need a new motion to reflect the increased number of member fees for this year.

Motion to approve 15 people at \$20/each + \$100 association fee: Sandra Wohl

Second: Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

Other/New Business:

OFHSA Paint Nite: There is another Paint Nite being hosted by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) on October 21st at 7:00p.m. If interested, please visit [OFHSA.on.ca](https://www.ofhsa.on.ca) to sign up.

Welcome Letter: We hope to have that letter out to families later this week. It will include our meeting dates and info on Flip Give.

Big Box Cards: Info on cards shared with group. Concerns raised that it might not be feasible due to Covid protocols and that the box is available through Costco for less.

Reasa offers to have the cards delivered to her home and dispersed using Covid protocols.

Jessica will ask if shipping can be made to a private home instead of the school. Will also see the timing of orders and delivery, etc. Group agrees a spring event would be best.

Indigo Books: Sherri informs group that Indigo is starting up their Shopping Night program again – we could pick a Tues, Wed or Thurs evening and 15% of the sales from every customer who identifies as being there for the fundraiser goes back to the school. They provide us a poster or provide our own. They can open the program again because there are no customer

limits in the store. Late October or early November events available, otherwise we could wait until early January.

Suggestion made that we stand outside in shifts to advertise it, but the store manager doesn't feel we could manage members at a table due to Covid protocols. We'd have to do our advertising ahead of time instead. The manager also mentioned that we should avoid the soliciting of patrons who aren't there for our event.

Restaurant Dinner Nights: Panabaker partnered with various restaurants for fundraising (Go Tango, Dominos, Mary Brown's Chicken and Boston Pizza last year - one per month).

Fundraising options include \$5 donated back to the school if people order a specific meal, or having 15% of the sales donated back to the school. At the moment, this would be done through take out instead of dining in.

Question: (Andrea) How much interest do we have with community building events like Paint Nites, etc? My workplace runs an event that would be more costly, but would be a dining event that people seem to enjoy.

Reasa: Please bring us more info for the next meeting. These are great ideas.

Kristi suggests we reach out to some of the restaurants we've used for Lunch Box Program (Golden Pita, Swiss Chalet, Subway)

Actions:

-Rawan and Sherri are willing to reach out to some restaurants for more info and present results next month. Sherri asks anyone with a connection to local restaurants if they'd be willing to connect with them about it also.

- Kristi will contact Cindy at Domino's.

- Jessica will get more info about the Big Box program

Suggestion: Sandra – we should try to space the fundraisers out from each other so families aren't overwhelmed.

Call to Adjourn Meeting at 8:20p.m: Andrea Colbert-DeGeit

Second: Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

Next meeting: Nov 16th, directly following the School Council meeting which begins at 6:30p.m.