

## Home and School Association

November 16, 2021

**Attending Members:** Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Joey Pottinger, Colleen Kaus, Sherri Johnston, Andrea Colbert-De Geit, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Okiemute Numa, Mohammed Yaseen Nalla, Nicole Elder, Rawan Al-Louzi

**Attending Non-Members:** Kelly Dunford, Kerry Manfredi, Jennifer Flewelling, Rebecca MacIsaac, Etido Umah, Karin Hewlett, Amy Meng, Rola Chen

**Regrets:** Sandra Wohl, Adrienne Van Dam, Andrea Gamberg, Ameer Rajah

Reasa call the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.

Attendees briefly introduce themselves to the group.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve:** Joey Pottinger

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The OFHSA allocation has been updated to include the fees for all the members of our group, as discussed at our last meeting.

Tomorrow night is the Indigo fundraiser and FlipGive was launched. These have been added to the spreadsheet in anticipation of revenue.

Available funds at this time: \$12,415.36.

FlipGive – we must have \$100 earned before we can request to withdraw funds. It has been connected to our bank account, so withdrawn funds will deposit there directly. We plan to request the funds the day before our final meeting so we can review the earnings then. We can set-up for the 2022-2023 school year at a later time.

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:** Jessica Thomas-Troian

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

**Approval of October Minutes:**

**Motion to approve October minutes:** Joey Pottinger

Second: Mohammad Nalla

All in favour.

**Fundraising Updates:**

**FlipGive:** has been launched. Would like to encourage members to share with friends and family – they can also join and support the fundraiser. As an example, every Uber food delivery earns us \$1.24. With holiday shopping, we can earn a lot. To date, we've earned \$80.94.

Reminder: You can buy a gift card at Indigo and 5% of the purchases made from that card will go towards FlipGive.

**Indigo Night:** Update from Sherri and Todd.

Everything ready to go tomorrow – event runs from 10a – close. We have a sign and balloons that will remind people to inform the cashier that they are supporting Ancaster Meadow. We hope to attract the support of some general clientele also. Some students made great artwork that will be added to a second board tomorrow.

Cheque from Indigo will be sent within 3-5 weeks of the event.

We can also share this event in our personal social media and among friends and family. Please feel free to re-share what was posted on the FB Home and School page.

Pictures and a message will be posted onto our platforms tomorrow also. (Parents of Ancaster Meadow and Ancaster Meadow Home and School pages. We hope to have it added to Ancaster Meadow's Twitter also.)

**Big Box of Cards:** Update from Jessica

There is no minimum order when hosting one of their fundraisers and we can set our own timeline any time after March break. If we book soon, shipping is free. They have no problem shipping the product to a member's home; they have already done so for several schools this Fall.

Question from Sherri: Do we need to request they allocate a certain amount for us?

Kristi – if no minimum order required, makes sense to book event now. Suggests before Mother's Day.

March break is March 14 – 18. Event: Monday March 21 – April 8. That way the orders are in before Easter and the delivery would likely come after Easter.

**Action:** Jessica will follow up with Big Box.

**Dinner Nights:** Update from Sherri, Rawan and Kristi.

We have 3 restaurants confirmed and more requests going out. 2-3weeks advance notice generally requested.

**Mary Brown's** is in – they've done this before. \$5 – 7 per meal ordered from a specific menu.

**Buffalo Wild Wings** – they fondly recall the in-person nights we've done in the past. Full menu with a percentage back to the school. Asked for confirmation that 15% kickback was what they'd done before and they are looking into it.

**Swiss Chalet** – has a potential ownership change. Current owner is intrigued, but we should check back in mid-December. They were also open to having it run for a full week instead of one night.

Rawan looking into promo posters with Canva.

**Domino's** – Cindy onboard to support AMES. Was open to host an event in December. Sherri would offer 2 medium pizzas with 2 toppings combined and bread for \$23.99. \$5 kickback to school. Has promo poster for "dough raising" event.

Concerns raised that we don't want to overwhelm our families since we have two fundraisers in November.

Discussion held to decide how many restaurant nights to offer per month. Suggested made to offer more than one restaurant during same night. Concerns shared that vendors may prefer to be the sole vendor for the evening or that earnings will be diluted.

The restaurants are open to holding more than one event. May re-visit idea of offering multiple restaurants on the same evening.

Decision made to hold a dinner once per month. Domino's needs a week's notice to plan their dough needs.

Suggestion made to showcase to our families what we've earned and where the funds go.

Reasa – we normally send this out in an annual newsletter. Info also posted on the school website. Perhaps a New Year newsletter with an update?

**Action:** Start with one restaurant night in December, try booking Domino's. Book BWW for January. Mary Brown's for February.

In March the gift card fundraiser will run which gives us time to plan restaurants for the remainder of the year. We could Google survey families regarding offering multiple restaurants at the same time.

**Food Cupboard Allocation:**

Reasa has delivered two months' half bushels of apples to the office. Another ordered today – seems to be needed every 2-3 weeks. Bennett's charges \$15/half bushel.

In years' past, we'd allocate \$200/year for the food cupboard. We've spent \$45 so far this year.

**Motion that we allocate \$200 for the food cupboard:**\_Kristi Snary

Second: Rola Chen

All in favour.

**Adopt A Family:**

In years past if there wasn't a family in our school in need, we would reach out to our sister school, Chedoke. Kelly is reaching out to staff to see if there is a family in need, no staff have brought forth any needs as yet. Mme Nowacki is our staff connection to Chedoke.

Kristi has volunteered to shop and wrap.

Past allocation is \$100 per family members, max amount \$500/family. Focus on kids first – a toy, clothing. Something the whole family can use - towels, shampoo, gift card for groceries, etc.

Group is interested in proceeding.

**Action:** Reasa will look into it further.

**Open Discussion:**

Sherri – communication/newsletter. Good idea to re-engage families with H&S and many families new to Ancaster Meadow. Perhaps a visual newsletter – something eye-catching, less wordy. FB page – how can we get more families engaged with the H&S FB page?

Reasa – This is our last meeting of this calendar year. Wishing everyone who celebrates a Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:31:** Todd Kirkpatrick

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

**Next meeting Tuesday January 18, 2022, directly following the 6:30p.m. School Council meeting.**