

Ancaster Meadow - Home & School Meeting
Tues. Jan. 25th, 2022

Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Colleen Kaus, Rawan Al-Louzi, Mohammed Yaseen Nalla , Joey Pottinger, Sherri Johnston, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Andrea Colbert-DeGeit, Sandra Wohl, Adrienne Van Dam, Andrea Gamberg

Attending Non-Members: Kelly Dunford, Jennifer Flewelling, Amy Meng, Rola Chen, Etido Umah

Regrets: Jessica Thomas-Troian, Rebecca Maclsaac

Reasa called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Welcome – Happy New Year – nice to see everyone again

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda: Colleen Kaus

Seconded: Rawan Al-Louzi

All in Favour

Treasurer Report

Updates since last meeting:

- Indigo Fundraiser – raised \$407.04
- Flip Give - \$207.72 raised to date. Encouraging everyone to continue using it, and inviting their personal networks to do so as well
- Dominos - \$195 raised – 39 orders placed from families

Allocations

- Holiday Season Adopt a family - \$997.72 was spent (out of \$1000 budget) – the recipients were incredibly grateful for our generosity.
- Money will not need to be spent on purchasing Apples for the food cupboard, due to the new Grant received.

Available cash – just over \$12,000 available

Question: Todd Kirkpatrick - The money raised from Home & School for the first half of the school year – can you please explain how that compares to past years?

Response: Fundraising dollars are significantly down from Pre-Covid years. This is primarily due to not having Pizza Days this year. Holiday Bazaar and Meet the Teacher Open House BBQ also

traditionally happened in the first part of the school year, which we have not done in 2021/2022 again. Due to this, we are being cautious with our spending.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Todd Kirkpatrick

Seconded: Colleen Kaus

All in Favour

November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve November Minutes – Mohammed Yaseen Nalla

Seconded by – Joey Pottinger

All in Favour

Fundraising Dinner Nights Update

- December - Dominos – 39 families participated; raising \$195 for school
- Feedback heard from families that Dominos had better promotions online than what the school was offered. Kristi noted that the Domino's package the school had was their "fundraising package"
- January Dinner Night Date was postponed due to school going back online.
- February - Mary Brown's Chicken event to be scheduled in February – targeting the 2nd week of February – pending restaurant approval.
- March – Buffalo Wild Wings Event
- Rawan to connect with BWW to get a few date options to present at next meet

Big Box of Cards Update

- Confirmed that there would be no fees to school if we don't end up running with fundraiser
- Kelly – In the past, the company said the school would be on the hook for any lost/damaged boxes, etc. Previously, they wanted to send a box of cards home with every single child in school. Can we confirm this policy?
 - This year: Home & School would send out flyers and advertise on social media. Families would then pre-order boxes of cards. Full shipment would be sent to school contact, and distribution would occur at a school representative's home.
- Colleen – will it be through School Cash Online?
 - I think that was the intent, but we need to confirm that. It should be a "Contactless" fundraiser. It may be direct through their website? We will confirm.

Open Discussion

Question: Andrea - Are photo retakes with Edge Imaging still happening this year?

Response: Kelly - They originally were scheduled for February 2nd; however, they are “paused” or right now and will get rescheduled later in February. Stay tuned for an announcement.

Question: Mohammed – Who gets to select Edge Imaging as the service provider? The purchase options were not particularly enticing. Previous experience with Elite Photography in Mississauga for school photo days, and they were great.

Response: Kelly – The Photography company comes in to do a proposal the year before. We can look into that for future years.

Response: Reasa – We have had Edge Imaging and another company (name TBC) in the past and they did a presentation at School Council for us to decide on. If Edge Imaging is a concern, we can discuss it prior to next year, and invite the vendors to present to us.

Question: Joey – Do we need to plan for grade 8 graduation if things start to open up? Explore Options? Or should we sit back and wait at this point?

Response: Reasa – At this point unfortunately, we can’t put a deposit in and lose it. When things do open up more (such as banquet halls), the current guidelines are that you need to be fully vaccinated – this could be a potential concern of equity/inclusivity if not all grade 8 students are vaccinated. It is very hard to plan things at the last minute. As a parent fundraising group, we need to be fair across the board.

Response: Todd – Is there a way to explore a restaurant with the same policies? What back up plans could we explore? Can we consider the gym? Dress/jazz it up and include a DJ and photo booth – lots of opportunities to make it fun!

Response: Kelly - Yes, we could definitely consider an event in the gymnasium.

Response: Reasa - For the students, they seem to most prefer the photo booth, dancing and ‘hanging out with friends’ portion of the event. We can revisit DJ Forrester within our own school.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:05pm – Todd Kirkpatrick

Seconded by – Mohammed Yaseen Nalla

All in favour