

Ancaster Meadow, Home & School, March 22, 2022.

Home and School Association

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Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Jessica Thomas-Troian, Colleen Kaus, Joey Pottinger, Mohammed Nalla, Sandra Wohl

Attending Non-Members: Kelly Dunford, Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan

Reasa calls the meeting to order at 7:46p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: Colleen Kaus

Second: Kristi Snary

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1) DPA equipment should have been on last report \$2000 allocated, has been added now.
- 2) Mary Brown's Family Dine-In Night: \$130.69 in funds raised. The owner bumped it up to \$150.00.
- 3) We have about \$10,000.00 available for spending if we choose.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Jessica Troian

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

January Minutes:

Reasa: The January minutes were received today, so will review and send them out at a later date.

Fundraising Updates:

Family Dine-In Nights:

Mary Brown's feedback – menu options a little limited. Not all family members joined the meal.

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Suggestions:

- We could ask them to do a discount off the whole menu instead.
- Poll the FB group to see what restaurants members are interested in.

Facebook group is a private group for adults, not students. Have over 200 members.

Last time, word was spread in the Facebook Ancaster Moms group as well as an email to all families from the school. School email blasts go to 863 email addresses. It's important to be selective with our messages so that people aren't inundated with emails from us.

Didn't schedule a Family Dine-In night for March because we're running the Big Box of Cards fundraiser this month. Buffalo Wild Wings would be a good choice, popular in the past, but also like the idea of opening up the Facebook survey to get community feedback.

A query was made about hosting an Open House style event with an outdoor food truck and pizza. Suggestion made to use some of our Pro Grant funds towards that event and to host it after Ramadan. Suggestion will be looked into and further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Big Box Fundraiser:

The event starts tomorrow and runs until next Wednesday There are two themes of box: All Occasions and an All Birthday Box. Purchases will be made through School Cash Online with email blasts from the school tomorrow and possibly once over the weekend as well as on our Facebook group page.

Each box costs \$35.00; we make an \$11.00 profit per box. There are prizes for top sellers available depending on the number of boxes sold in the school.

Families may sell to people outside of our Ancaster Meadow community, but each Meadow family must collect the funds themselves and place their entire order online, then deliver the boxes to the parties outside of their homes.

Grad Dinner and Dance:

Survey went out before March break to Grad students. We have three in-person classes and one Remote class at Ancaster Meadow. The response was impressive. Replies: Yes-60, No-4, No Response-about 16 (8 from in-person and 8 or 9 from Remote).

We are tentatively booked for the Graduation date at Marquis Gardens. We have a \$5000.00 allocation from Home & School funds. Historically, we have always spent under that budget. We charge students \$30-35 dollars, which covers their dinner. We cover DJ, security, photo booth, taxes. The price at Marquis has gone up this year to \$34 + taxes per student. Ticket price will be finalized once the contract is done. Joey will volunteer to help that night.

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OFHSA Annual Conference: This year's annual OFHSA conference will be held on April 30. Reasa usually attends to represent Ancaster Meadow. She seeks permission to represent us there again this year.

Motion for Reasa to represent us at the event: Joey Pottinger

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Other/New Business:

Pizza Mondays/Thursday Lunches: The group discussed starting up Pizza Mondays and Lunch Box Thursdays again.

Concerns were raised about having enough volunteers to run Pizza Mondays as well as how much time it would take to set it up on School Cash Online, send order forms to families, etc. Starting with Lunch Box Thursdays seemed the better route for now.

Pizza Mondays could be up by the beginning of May. Also have to consider that the snack program is being hosted in the Tuck Shop Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Volunteers are there to run the snack program from 9a until about 11a. Our H&S things are also being stored in there at the moment. Reasa will call Pizza tomorrow to see if they are up and running for lunch programs.

Ms. Dunford suggested that as we're still transitioning out of the pandemic, wrapped food may be better received.

Suggestion was made that we can offer pizza on a Lunch Box Thursday instead. This year's options will be checked out. Possibly we offer Lunch Box on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info will be sent once gathered.

Spring Fling:

Inquiry made into hosting a Spring Fling this year. Unfortunately, bouncy castles are no longer allowed on Board properties, but we could have an Open House-style event with BBQ and pizza options outdoors, depending on restrictions. Request made to add further discussion of this to our April agenda. Reasa offers to contact our providers to check their availability.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Kristi Snary

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday April 19th at 7:30 p.m. following the School Council meeting.