

Ancaster Meadow, Home and School Association

May 25, 2022

Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Sandra Wohl, Todd Kirkpatrick, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Kristi Snary, Jessica Troian, Okiemute Numa, Nicole Elder, Mohammed Nalla

Attending Non-Members: Vanessa Maza, Kelly Dunford, Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Jennifer Flewelling, Nicole Vincic, Etido Umah

Reasa welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order 7:45p.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Brown's upped donation from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Change made to the spreadsheet.

Big Box – \$78.53 expense was for the pizza party that was held for the class of the top seller.

LunchBox added as we have taken it up again. We won't see the funds until June or July. It will be added before the final report in October

Carrying forward the tents expense until now. Had ordered them, but the tents came in a colour we hadn't ordered. We tried to return them, but they have been used at soccer and will be used at duathlon and grad. After Covid hit the company seems to have gone under. They never charged us, so we will keep them. Putting the funds back into available funds.

Grad \$500.00 deposit on for Marquis Gardens. It will be updated Sept/Oct once the full payment has been made.

Teacher Appreciation \$300 allocated last meeting. \$481.76 spent – prices had gone up since we last held one before Covid.

Kinder Equipment: \$2486.00

Leaves \$10,373.12 in available cash.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Sandra Wohl

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Agenda Addition:

Addition of Tastebuds to New Business.

Motion to approve tonight's agenda with addition of Tastebuds discussion under New Business: Colleen Kaus

Second: Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

April Minutes Approval: Call for amendments to April's minutes. None made.

Motion to approve April's minutes: Colleen Kaus

Second: Mohammed Nalla

All in favour.

Dinner Nights:

Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW): They have suggested either Wed June 1st or June 8th from 4:30p – 8:30p, with a 10% kick back for dine-in or take out.

Mary Brown's June Family Dine In: He will add wraps and sandwiches to menu and offered to hold it over 2-nights. He suggested June 7th and 8th, or June 9th or 10th. Reasa asked for week of June 13th – 17th. Might be best to move it forward to give space between this event and Buffalo Wild Wings.

Or ask BWW if they can host us June 20th? Or perhaps Wed June 22 since they typically offer Wednesdays. Also means report cards are done by that time, which may mean more teachers would be free to attend the event.

Let's try Mary Brown's for June 9 and 10 and BWW June 22 as a yearend family outing celebration.

Grade 8 Dinner & Dance: Will be held June 21 at Marquis Gardens. Forms have been sent out to Grads to they can sign up for the event.

Phys. Ed. Funding Request: \$242.58

Our Phys. Ed Dept. has submitted a request for \$242.58 to buy four Turbo Javelins for Track and Field.

Motion to approve \$242.58 with tax for the Turbo Javelins: Colleen Kaus

Second: Mohammed Nalla

All in favour.

EQAO Ice Cream – June 10th:

In years past, we used to scoop ice cream and add toppings for the staff and students involved in the EQAO. We also need to provide peanut-free options and possibly Freezies for other allergies. This year we should possibly consider individually wrapped treats instead. Looking to provide for about 130 people. Options discussed. Decided to serve Chapman's L'il Lolly popsicles.

Motion to approve \$40.00 for EQAO treats: Kristi Snary

Second: Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Other/New Business:

Tastebuds:

Reasa is looking into taking a food handling certificate program so we can offer more healthy things like fresh fruit. The program costs about \$100.00. We won't have as robust a budget next year with the Tastebuds program and this would help us keep the program's costs down.

Motion to allocate \$350.00 for Reasa and two volunteers to take the Food Handling Certification program: Kristi Snary

Second: Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

First Meeting Date for September 2022: The group decides to continue as in years past and have our meeting follow School Council. Our first meeting next year will be on Tuesday October 4th at 7:30p.m.

Elections Now or in September: Should we hold elections tonight or wait until the first meeting on October 4th?

Holding them in October may give us a chance to recruit new members.

Suggestion made that current members encourage other parents to come out to the meetings. Will also set-up a booth at the Meet the Teacher event next year.

If no one steps up, we won't have H&S. This would mean no Pizza Mondays, Lunch Box, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Grade 8 Grad Dinner/Dance, Holiday Bazaar, etc.

We've raised over \$400,000.00 for the school over the 14-years Reasa has volunteered for H&S.

Concern expressed that parents may find the idea of taking on an executive position daunting.

Suggestion made that parents can co-role with someone else to help share the duties of the executive members of our association.

Kelly expresses how heart-warming it is to see the passion and dedication that she has seen from our members. Will include some info in our communications that go out to new parents over the summer.

Year End Farewells and Thank You:

Thank you to Jessica Troian for serving as our Secretary for the last several years and for being so speedy with the minutes.

A fond farewell to Ms. McNicholls-Ramrattan who is leaving us at the end of this year. She's been an amazing part of the team, thank you for everything you've done, we're grateful that we've crossed paths. Best wishes in your new adventures at Guy Brown.

Thanks to Kristi Snary, our Treasurer. She's kept us on track down to the penny. Thank you for your years of service, keeping us in balance and in check.

Thank you for the friendships, ladies.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Todd Kirkpatrick

Second Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

Reasa adjourns meeting at 8:20p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4th, 7:30p.m., following School Council (6:30p)