

Ancaster Meadow Home & School Association, November 15, 2022.

Attending Members: Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Colleen Kaus, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Mohammed Nalla, Carolyn Golden, Karin Hewlett, Sandra Wohl,, Kat Kirkpatrick

Attending Non-Members: Kelly Dunford (Principal), Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan (Vice Principal) Navjit Singh (Teacher Rep)

Regrets: Jessica Troian, Kristi Snary

Todd calls the meeting to order at approximately 7:20p.m.

Kelly Dunford shares screen and shows the Student Achievement page as this was a topic from the Parent-Teacher Council meeting prior to this meeting. Kelly also mentions that she would like to add the topic of trip funds for teachers to the meeting.

1 - Treasurer's Report and Approval:

Opening Balance November 1, 2022: \$14,679.92. Reasa Diab e-transferred \$1 to test the system so we can now accept money coming in but we still need two people to sign to take money out and pay from the account.

\$5,000 allocated to Grade 8 Grad

\$200 allocated to OFHSA Membership

\$200 allocated to H&S Discretionary

Question: Is Socktober added in the report? Do we have a fund for it?

Answer: There was a motion passed via email for next meeting's treasurer report for Socktober.

Motion to approve from email: Reasa Diab

Second: Mohammed Nalla

2-October Minutes Approval:

Confirmed that Todd was not in the chair when he was voting on the last call. Confirmed that everyone has access to the October Minutes.

Motion to approve October Minutes: Mohammed Nalla

Second: Colleen Kaus

3- Pizza Mondays - process and plans:

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Todd is to send the timeline and info request report to Kelly Dunford to submit to the board. Diane (Office Admin at the school) works with the school cash online reports but is off so we have to go through the board. Reasa explains the process:

- Fill out form and send it to Reasa and Kelly

- School cash online takes 7-10 days to allow for orders then we take it down

- December 12th would be a good timeline to start pizza deliveries to classrooms

- We take data from the School Cash Online report to create weekly class distribution lists

Question: Todd asked if it should only run in December and re-visit in the new year

Answer: Reasa mentioned it takes so much effort and time to get it set up that we don't want to be doing it for short stints. It would be better to carry it on for two runs Dec - End of March then the next run is April - June. We need to understand how to gather the info from the reports from Kristi as she has always done this.

Kelly questioned if it's too much money to spend on pizza in bulk orders right before christmas. Also mentioned that ordering at the door can get messy. Online is preferred by the board. Reasa agreed and asked if we should wait until the new year. Carolyn motions for 8 week blocks and to reinstate after our January 17th meeting.

Motion for 8 week block approval: Carolyn Golden

Second: Kat Kirkpatrick

Todd asks questions regarding the dates needed on the report. Kelly explains a timeline: November 18th

email board, go live with School Cash Online ASAP, Live for parents to order Nov 24 or 25th, take it down

December 5th at midnight, get reports in by December 8th. Sandra Wohl would like to include that we can't order at the door on any flyers and reminders. Kelly agrees that we need to train parents to order online. We're starting fresh and this is a great opportunity to get everyone online. Colleen Kaus volunteered to do a flyer this week to advertise Pizza Days and online purchases only.

4 - New Business:

Strike - still no news on the next steps

December meeting will not happen, we will commence in January

Possible fundraising ideas. We need to decide what we are raising money for and plan accordingly

Kelly's New Business: Dave Pasian wants to use funds for Grade 6 to the First Nations museum for social studies. \$21/child \$9/child for transportation. Trying to reduce it through us. \$680 requested through us.

Other teachers may request for subsidies in the future. Kelly says that if this is fully honoured, more will be requested through other teachers.

Carolyn: Says there is a flat rate cheaper than this. Looking at the group rates through woodland.

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Kelly is not sure as she only has basic information from Dave Pasian.

Question: Todd asks when they will need the money for this.

Answer: Kelly doesn't know the full process. Wondering if there is a process for tapping H&S when staff asks for money.

Reasa: Historically H&S will provide above and beyond what the board does not provide. Asks question "is there any school generated funds available to subsidize this trip?" If there are no funds available then it would be sent to H&S for consideration. We typically capture a broader group with requests for arts, music, gym. Our funds should be shared with grades K-8. It should be equitable.

Kelly will remove the request and ask about school fundraising.

Julie: at another school, they will send \$5 to subsidize all trips for the school. Donations can be made by parents. She agrees with everything Reasa mentioned about being equitable across the grades. This should not be a H&S fundraising piece.

Todd: says to table this for the moment and to discuss fundraising goals and needs for the future.

Carolyn: She thinks it would be great for all students to eventually be able to go as the First Nations experience is such an important topic for everyone. She wonders if there is any way to borrow lacrosse sticks and other equipment to bring along on the trip.

Todd: Asks if it's too "picky choosy" to help those who truly can't afford the trip and fund those through H&S.

Reasa: There are 24 classes in the school. Needs to figure out what funds the school has and what the needs are in the building. We need to keep in mind that it keeps K-8 inclusive.

Mohammed: We need to assess our needs and wants, look at equitable access, make this an agenda item. Work on our fundraising initiatives moving forward.

Motion to add school funding as a topic for Jan 17th: Mohammed Nalla

Second: Reasa Diab

No other comments at this time.

Motion to adjourn: Colleen Kaus

Second: Mohammed Nalla

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55p.

Next Meeting: Jan 17 at 7:30p directly following the School Council.

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