

## Home and School Association, October 4, 2022.

**Attending Members:** Reasa Diab, Todd Kirkpatrick, Kristi Snary, Colleen Kaus, Jessica Troian, Julie Burgess-Nichols, Mohammed Nalla, Carolyn Golden, Mayank Batra, Nicole Elder, Karin Hewlett

**Attending Non-Members:** Kelly Dunford (Principal), Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan (Vice Principal), Alyssa Snary

**Regrets:** Sandra Wohl

Reasa calls the meeting to order at 7:40p.m.

Reasa gives overview of the Home and School Association – we support our students over and above what the Board supplies. Over the years, we bought the ping pong tables, library furniture, laptops, DPA equipment, playground structure, Music, Phys. Ed. and art supplies, Adopt-a-family, etc. We've put \$400K into the school and are very fortunate to have had great school admin teams to work with.

H&S – prior to Covid, we did Pizza Mondays, Thursday lunches, Meet the Teacher BBQ, Open House BBQ, Holiday Bazaar, Spring Fling, Grade 8 Dinner and Dance. The events done may change depending on the group running the Home & School Association. Majority rules when we vote, things are open to discussion.

Ms. Dunford adds new business to agenda – Student Request

**Agenda Approval:** Mohammed Nalla

**Second:** Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

### **1 - Treasurer's Report and Approval:**

Opening Balance Sept 1, 2022: \$20,015.36. We finalized all the finances from last school year. No outstanding amounts or cheques pending. You can see all the expenses that transpired last year. No allocations carried forward.

Opening Balance at October 4, 2022: \$14,679.92. This is the amount that is starting off this school year's budget for H&S.

Question: Confirmation made re: allocated funds – are those numbers the same every year Insurance, discretionary, etc.?

Answer: The recurring ones have been carried forward to the Oct 4 spreadsheet. The amounts may change, but are usually about the same. Not a lot happened in the last couple of years due to Covid. If the requests for expenditures increase more than expected during the year, H&S can choose to do more fundraising. If there are no needs, we can focus on wants.

Dunford: A safety concern we have is the pebbles from the play structure – they end up everywhere, and have caused accidents from people slipping on it. I'm waiting on a third party contract for pricing.

Diab: When the structure was put in, the Board told us we couldn't have the rubber chips, and had to use the pebbles.

**Motion to approve both Treasurer's Reports:** Colleen Kaus

**Second:** Todd Kirkpatrick

All in favour.

## **2- Elections for Executive Positions, Membership and Meeting Dates:**

Reasa has been serving as Acting President for a few years and is looking to become Past President. We need to replace our President, Treasurer and Secretary positions.

**Nomination for President:** Todd Kirkpatrick will run for President if Reasa will meet with him for coffee.

**Motion for Todd Kirkpatrick becomes President:** Reasa Diab

**Second:** Kristi Snary

All in favour.

**Vice President:** no takers. Nicole Elder interested in getting more info.

**Past President:** Reasa Diab

**Treasurer:** Kristi offers to hand off the info and inform the new person on how things were done, what to do. Understand that each person makes the role their own. Time commitment varies depending on how busy the H&S is, but most things are cash-free now, which saves time also. Maybe an hour a month to prepare for the meeting.

**Nomination for Treasurer:** Karen Hewlett

**Motion that Karen Hewlett becomes the Treasurer:** Kristi Snary

**Second:** Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

**Secretary:** Todd's wife is willing to take on the role.

**Motion:** Karen Hewlett nominates Katherine Kirkpatrick.

**Second:** Jessica Troian

All in favour.

**Membership:** \$20/person or family. Reasa and Sandra Wohl are lifetime members. Being a member means you are covered by liability insurance at events and gives you voting rights in H&S. The chairperson cannot motion, second or vote. The chair would then be the tie-breaking vote.

Members for 2022-2023: Julie, Colleen, Jessica, Carolyn, Todd, Kat, Mohammed, Mayank, Kristi, Karen and Nicole. Plus Sandra and Reasa. 13 people in total.

Membership fees are due to OHFSA by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting dates:** We will continue to meet after the School Council meetings: Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 21, March 21, April 18, and May 24 (off-site).

### **Fundraising Updates/Open Discussion:**

This Year's Fundraisers/events:

Todd - Pizza Mondays, Box of Cards was great, Thursday Lunchbox lunches. Not sure about Bazaar – it's a lot of work. Need a lot of volunteers to run the day itself as well. Feel we should focus first on Pizza Mondays and Lunchbox Thursdays as they are great fundraisers and are appreciated by the kids and their families.

Reasa: Sandra Wohl willing to be the lead, but she has been here for 16-years, don't want it falling solely on her. We need a team. Will need VS checks and volunteer packages done. We can put a post out to see who would be available. Need 2-3 people every Monday.

We'd order a little extra so that kids could buy a slice for \$2 (limited amount for sale at the door) – need to re-visit the cost We'd do 82 pizzas each week. Pizza delivered for second break. Had 3 terms for ordering (from re-org to winter break, January to March break and after March break until June.) Kristi will show the next person how to place the orders, etc.

Thursday Lunchbox: pretty easy, choose your vendors, it all comes pre-packaged. One volunteer can run it. Takes about a half hour to an hour.

Colleen: it might be good to start with Lunchbox as it is easier to run.

Todd: would probably suggest an Open House/BBQ over the Bazaar. Fun and a little easier to run.

### **Other/New Business:**

Student Request: Spent some time in Ms. McEwen's class today. They are looking into Socktober.

Letter read to group from Connor Brown, Grade 8 student in McEwen's class.

The class who donates the most socks gets a pizza party. Can the cost of the pizza party be covered?

Would like to have the party for Nov 7, 2022.

Reasa: In the past, Domino's frequently donated the pizzas, but we can cover it otherwise.

Kristi: can H&S match \$1 per pair of socks donated?

Julie: can the prize be not for top donations, but ratio of donations by class. And have one prize per division?

Dunford: Good questions for the kids to research about the needs for our community.

Motions will be handled later by email.

Motion to donate \$500 if the target donation is met. Money sent to the Good Shepherd.

Motion we will donate pizzas if they aren't donated.

**Allocations to pay \$200 for memberships:** Colleen Kaus

**Second:** Julie Burgess

All in favour.

**OFHSA Insurance:** \$100 was paid for us by the Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home and School this year.

**Second:**

All in favour.

H&S Executive can spend a discretionary fund without getting approval from the group. \$200

**Motion for the Home and School Discretionary fund of \$200:** Todd Kirkpatrick

**Second:** Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

**Motion of Grade 8 Grad allocation of \$5000:** Jessica Troian

**Second:** Colleen Kaus

All in favour.

**Motion to adjourn:** Todd Kirkpatrick

**Second:** Colleen Kaus

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55p.

Next Meeting: Nov 15 at 7:30p directly following School Council.