

**Home and School Association
Minutes
January 25, 2023**

In Attendance:

Voting Members: Kara Jessop, Mike Malysewich, Jean Brown, Natalia Gonzalez

Non-voting attendees: Lily Huang, Rosalee VanStaaliduen, Yoshihiro, Rachel Roper, Maria, Mike B, Afika Davy, Shawnette Mclennan
Jenn Hogan, Sue Dimitru

Land Acknowledgement

Motion to Call to Order: Jean
Second: Mike

Motion to Approve Agenda: Mike
Second: Jean

Motion to Approve Nov 30 Minutes: Mike
Second: Natalia

Kara introduces Home and School Association and Membership details

Administrator Report (Jenn Hogan)

- PD Day Jan 27
- We have missed two pizza days
- Fundraising has been used to support trips
- EQAO results have been sent home
- celebrating that the Mandarin program will be getting more exposure this year
- ice in the back:
 - has been told it is prohibitively expensive to ice/sand the full area
 - open to suggestions about how to handle the ice situation
 - Home and School will share the snow clearing schedule with parent community to help get parent community to support school admin in advocating for better snow clearance
 - Rachel suggests that parents need to just help clear the area as the school's hands are a bit tied

Treasurer's Report (Mike)

- Festival of Lights: revenue \$484
- expenses were a bit high but we can take a look at how we ran things to change it around for next year

President's Report (Kara)

- Home and School met with school admin and School Council Exec to clarify roles and initiative
- Funding request sheets have been shared with teacher
- we've allotted \$1500 to Gr 5 trip
- Partnering with School Council for agenda stickers
- School website has been updated
- Facebook page is run by home and school: comments have to be approved and we've added some rules to the page.

- Next Meeting on March 29, we will have attendance from Ward 1 Councillor and we have extended an invite to the school trustee

Festival of Lights Report (Nov '22 activity)

- raised \$484 for Food4Kids
- School exec voted to match funds as we'd hoped to bring in more
- Churchill Park Clubhouse association will also donate some funds
- Thanks to everyone who donated items and volunteered time on the night!

Spirit Wear

- We are still waiting on some backordered items (green baseball hats and medium green t-shirts)
- a few more items are ready to be picked up
- waiting to total funds raised
- We will be
- Jenn reports she's seen lots of kids and staff wearing

Fundraiser: Toonie Tuesdays

- selling Kernels popcorn every Tuesday
- need parent volunteers with a vulnerable sector check to
- butter salt flavour is dairy free, all popcorn is gluten free
- popcorn comes in about \$1.52/bag, but we're selling at \$2 so it will be easy

Skate and Bake Sale

- Fundraiser for Gr 5 Grad
- Will be reaching out to gr 5 parents to help with bake sale
- aiming for Feb Family Day Monday
- waiting to hear back from the City about the date and hopefully reducing the rental cost

Future Events

- planning a few new events:
 - Grow2Fast Children's Clothing and Toy Sale (along with a PJ Drive for McMaster Children's Hospital)
 - Spring Spirit Wear (Jean) will be at open house in May for sizing
 - Bid for a Cause (Natalia): running a Spring Silent Auction
 - looking to have it local (Westdale Theater is \$850 for community events, also looking into the local breweries,
 - weekend in May (Fri or Sat)
 - In person/online? thoughts?
 - community procured items for goods/services/time/skills
 - Collectively created art from students
 - Ticketed Event with live music, food/drinks, bidding in cash or electronic
 - would like to use bidding numbers rather than names
 - Natalia wants a sub-committee to help plan event
 - planning, donations, running event, financials, set up/tear down
 - Jenn expresses support of idea
 - Natalia motions to create a sub-committee, Jean seconds
 - Aoife volunteers

Book Swap

- outside school
- free event
- before summer break to promote summer reading

- could potentially donate leftover books to donate to school or the Dolly Parton reading program at Eva Rothwell Centre
- We want to build a Little Library in front of the school and maybe have a sort of ribbon cutting ceremony at this event

School Council Report (Rosalee)

- last meeting was Jan 10
- supporting creation of staff guidelines for funding requests
- drafted a letter to advocate for more learning assistance both province wide and specifically at the school
 - met with the Superintendent
- created a subcommittee to run a talent show and planning is proceeding on that
 - event at school, in gym, in weeknight, possibly in April
- hosted a staff cookie break on Dec 13th
- minutes are always available on school website

Teacher's Report (Sue Dumitru)

- Talent Show: three teachers starting to put something together for some type of spring musical video to contribute to the talent show
- Secret Stories, new phonics program starting now

Kindergarten Playground:

- Mike raised issue of FDK area being dirty/etc
- Ms. Hogan is aware of the issue

Motion to adjourn: Kara

Second: Natalia