

Cootes Paradise Home and School Association

April 16, 2024

Present: Nikol Piskuric, Natalia Gonzalez, Mike Malysewich. Kara Jessop, Kristina, Stacey Brown, Matt Lindo, Heather Ricks, Hillary Peach, Jaime Fallon, Meghan Newton

Minutes from Previous meeting Approved approved

Addition to the Agenda: Treaty Commitments

Motion to Approve Agenda

President's Report: Kara

- Need volunteers for upcoming book swap event
- Open House: May 8th
 - Do we want a presence there?
 - Stacey offers to be present and will bring Spirit Wear
 - Possibly adding vinyl stickers to Spirit Wear
- Kindergarden Orientation: May 14th
 - Do we want a table?
 - Matt proposes a joint table with H&S
- Upcoming H&S Elections:
 - Turnover of executive; all current executive willing to assist with transition
 - VP, Treasurer and Secretary positions are also open
 - Exec positions will be open for School Council as well
 - A person can hold positions in both groups
 - Suggestion for next year to combine meetings of both groups
 - Members can express intent to run in June; vote in September
- Requests for Funds:
 - Gr 3 Year End Soccer World: \$361 for bussing
 - Kindergarden Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra in-school workshop \$750
- Skate and Bake was successful
- Popcorn April 26: Be Kind Fundraising Week
 - We will support outdoor space
 - Perhaps ask school not to sell cookies that week
- Staff Appreciation Lunch in June
- Book Swap and Little Library (June)
 - Kara to confirm with Facilities that we are fully approved for Little Library
 - Need a point person for Book Swap to collect book donations
 - Picking Date: weekday after school

Treasurer's Report

- Had two popcorn days and Skate and Bake
- 1st popcorn day brought in \$900/cost \$370 ~\$500 revenue for outdoor space
- 2nd popcorn day brought in \$750/340 spent ~\$400 revenue for outdoor space
- Skate and Bake: Generated \$2000/cost \$1000; made about \$1200

- Things that worked well:
 - Raffels
 - Cash Table at the door
- Currently ~\$35,000 in bank
 - School has still not cashed reissued cheques
 - \$3,000 outstanding cheques in school
 - Have a \$5500 GIC that can be cashed out
 - Question: should H&S do another GIC?
 - H&S is not meant to be a money-making venture
 - Priority should be to spend money on school projects
 - We can consider putting money aside again with a specific project in mind

School Council Report:

- not many updates since last report
- Received grant funding for May 2nd Mental Wellness Action Workshop
 - Suggest that we put posters on school gates
 - Matt to confirm if we can invite Dalewood
 - Prizes, mental wellness booklet
 - Childminding will be available

Outdoor Space Update (Nikol):

- At previous meeting, we suggested that the school administration request maintenance items that do not fit under H&S purview
- Stacey, Mike, Nikol have been working on the “fun” enhancements
- Both proposals (shed and ground cover) were declined by School Board, even though we offered to pay half of shed
- Puts us back at original question of how to direct Home and School funds for outdoor improvement
- Outdoor Committee has put together proposed budget, still focusing on “fun” items:
 - \$1800 - Install two 3x5’ outdoor chalkboard or \$4730 for two 4x8’
 - perhaps we could do 4 smaller ones?
 - \$5000 for spray painted games
 - hop scotches, spray painted items on wall, numbers, maze
 - includes kinder pen
 - \$6300 shed in senior play area
 - \$5000 outdoor equipment
 - Soccer nets
 - concerned about contributing to buy them if they are not permanent
 - may put that on hold until back field is resurfaced
 - balls
 - ropes
 - chalk
 - hula hoops
 - bins
 - Equipment would have to be purchased from particular vendors - will get staff input

- Vote:
 - Chalk boards \$4500: Nay: Kristina
 - Spray Painting \$5000: all in favour
 - Shed \$6300: all in favour
 - Outdoor Equipment \$5000: all in favour
- Vote on School Requests for funds:
 - all in favour of Soccer World trip
 - all want more information about HPO expenditure

Final Meeting will be in June, date TBD, Jean to host