

Home and School Meeting

January 15, 2025

In attendance: Nikol Piskuric, Mike Malysewich, Caitlin Burgess, Hillary Peach, Kristina Cote, Lisa Renberg Heather Reid, S.M., Michaela Hornung, Melanie McPhee, Natalia Gonzalez, Mike B., V. Powell, Sara Alves (vice-principal)

Zoom: Lisa Feil, Vanessa

Minutes by: Hillary Peach

Motion to approve previous minutes: Nikol Piskuric with Natalia Gonzalez seconding

Updates since last meeting (Nikol)

- H&S has been selling stickers to spread school spirit, they were also donated to classes who won door contest
 - Looking for volunteers to sell at the Lunar New Year event
 - Nataliya will sell at Lunar Year
- Donated funds to the art club run by Ms. Moore
- Volunteers made the December movie days possible
- Sourced and delivered a fridge/freezer to the school
- Donated \$1000 of popcorn funds to support 25 families in Cootes (chicken, bread, apples, milk)
- Purchased equipment and storage bins for the kindergarten playground
- Ran another order of spirit wear (planning for delivery before the end of January)
- An offshoot of art club is planning to paint a mural on the new shed
 - Artist in the community with Cootes students
 - Goal is to start meeting after March break with plans to start painting in June

Financial Summary (Mike)

- Revenue for this year is over \$9000, expenses are around \$7000, net currently is \$2115
- Additional funds are still at a very health balance
 - Bank account is still at over \$20k
 - \$5200 GIC with TD

Seeking Term 2 Volunteers

- Would like to sell stickers at Lunar New Year- Nataliya, Jan 21, 4-5 PM
 - Recommend posting a next meeting sheet, and a sign up sheet at sticker sales table
- Popcorn Days (Feb 7, 21), Mar (7, 21), April (4, 17), May (2, 16, 30), Jun 13
 - Every second Friday
 - Will send email through HSA to recruit volunteers, can also post to Facebook group
- Term 2 Spirit Wear orders
 - Nataliya offering to take sizes to west end park for people to try and then order
 - Aim to have orders in by April to ensure delivery before end of year (put order out by March break)

Upcoming Event: Skate and Bake

- Should be run by the Grade 5 parents- need to establish an email list
- To do items
 - Book rink: done, Coronation Arena, Sat, Mar 22, from 4-6 PM

- Recruit hockey coaches- done
- Get event insurance- Nikol
- Skate lending
 - Ask community to donate larger skates and helmets, where to store and how to advertise
 - Organize a swap on site?
 - Need to determine what sizes does coronation has on site? (from last year's even they do not have much for over grade 4 sizes- ie. minimal adult skates)
 - Alternatively do we ask people to coordinate skates on their own?
- Recruit volunteers to help check inventory, check skate sharpness, help fitting and tying skates
 - High school hockey kids?
 - Can contact HSA for Westdale/Dalewood for contact
 - May be easier to have community pre-register for skate times if the need to borrow skates (4:10-4:40, 4:50-5:20, 5:30-6:00)
 - Can print a flyer for grade 5 teachers that we should send out to recruit volunteers
- Recruit parents to run backe sale, raffle and games
 - Nataliya offered to help out
 - Kristina has corn hole, ring toss
 - Laura Barnes still has two kids here- could recruit her
- Recruit other volunteers to help out on day of event

Upcoming 2025 Projects

- Big goal is still working working towards outdoor space
 - Applying for Canada Post Community Foundation Grant
 - Opens Feb 10, 2025, deadline is Feb 28, 2025
 - Want to apply this grand to the kindergarten pen for equipment
 - Looking at small structures as per teacher recommendations
 - Lemonade stand, monkey bars, balance beam, climber
 - Have to find out from the board how to go about installation- board recommended contractors?
 - Looking for single bar to hang off
 - Lisa Feil will take back to the other teachers to discuss
 - Wants areas for dramatic play
 - Kids are currently using sandbox as a balance beam- therefore may not need balance beam additionally?
 - Hoping to get a meeting space- bench?, Jen Hogan has a pamphlet with pricing for composite/metal, goes around in a circle- outdoor classroom feel
 - Compile a list of possibilities, for teachers to rank
 - Nikol had spoken to Sara and Jen to ask Westdale shop class about building something- have to speak to facilities- is it allowed if they are allowed to purchase from unregulated supplier?
 - Grass vs wood chips in kinder pen is also a topic of discussion
 - City is building a community meeting place/natural meeting spot as park of the Cootes rejuvenation project- could we use that during the day?
- Still aiming to get a large play structure for jr. playyard as well
 - Budgeting around 50K
 - Can we talk to the board, split the cost between H&S and board

- Can we look to higher return fundraisers- like chocolate bar sales?
- More targeted fundraising
 - Look to Westdale community at large and BIA
- Need to decide on a few options, get install quotes, present options
- General sentiment: As per HSA regulations- we should be spending money as we raise it, so that families who donated benefit from the expenditure
- Start to think about Teacher appreciation meeting

Next meetings

- March 6, 2025
- May 12, 2025