

## **Home and School Meeting**

**May 12, 2025**

In attendance: Mike Malysewich, Hillary Peach, Kristina Cote, Vanessa Powell, Amanda Crossley, Heather Reid, Kara Jessop, Melanie McPhee, Sara Alves (vice-principal)  
Online: Lisa Feil, Rosalee van Staaldunin, Jen Hogan (principal)

**Motion to approve previous minutes: Mike Malysewich, with Hillary Peach seconding**

### **Good things we did in the past two months (Kristina)**

- Term 2 spirit wear was organized by Ryan- looking into new providers for next year
- Ran term 2 popcorn days
- Donated funds to the kindergarten trip to the warplane meeting
- Donated funds to the grade 2/ 3 trip the Art Gallery of Hamilton
- Continued mural club
- Donated logs to the kinder pen
- Ran skate and bake

### **Budget update (Mike)**

- Most of the money this year has come from popcorn sales, very successful!
  - Moving to school cash online was great, about \$10000 made, cost about \$5000
- Overall total was net \$6000
  - Still have to pay \$500 for mural supplies (able to get paint at cost),
  - \$900 for final popcorn days- we get all the money at the start of term and then pay for popcorn throughout the year
  - \$1200 earmarked for grade 5 end of year trip and grad
- Ran cobs bread fundraiser, raised \$1700 for the outdoor equipment
- Plan to sell more stickers at the Cootes open house and kindy orientation
- May run another spirit wear order
  - Still need to collect money earned from previous orders
- There still might be asks coming in from teachers for for year end trips and so may have more money going out
- Balance is around \$22000 and GIC \$5000, which we will take out this week to put into the bank account- decided at the last meeting to pull the GIC out to have more cash on hand for initiatives

### **Upcoming Fundraisers (Kristina)**

- Sticker sales: open house and orientation
  - Need volunteers
    - Tuesday May 13th 4:15-5:15, Kristina Cote, Hillary Peach
    - Thursday May 15th- Open House 4:30-5:30, RM 106
- Fundraiser- Big Box of Cards
  - 35 cards for \$35 dollars
  - All occasions (English or French)
  - Big box of kids birthday, Big box of birthday or Assorted
  - Ordering dates May 20-June 3
  - Delivery June 9th
  - Possible issues: Rights after Cobs Bread Fundraiser, and it is the end of year (people are away, paying for other costs)

- Will revisit in September and hold off until the next school year

### **Mural Club Updates (Kristina)**

- Alex Moore (teacher) and Rae Bates (local artist) have been organizing in conjunction with 15 students from grades 3-5 and a local graphic designer who has compiled all the kids artwork
- Plan is to run the club March through June
- Melanie found discount on paint
- Vote: do we agree to spend \$500 on primer, paint and supplies: all in favour

### **Upcoming Events (Kristina)**

- Staff Appreciation Lunch: Thursday June 5th, dropoff between 9-10 AM
  - Volunteers for dropping off items
  - Will send out a sign up sheet to HSA Members- Facebook post for parents at large?
  - Will email out after the meeting
  - Vanessa can help with drop offs
- End of Year event, Friday June 20th
  - Had to consider many other dates and this seemed to be the best option
  - Suggested Farewell Fair:
    - Freezies, music, bubbles, games, face painting, food truck, bike swap(?), dunk tank, petting zoo
    - Had a meeting with Jen and Sarah and the Super of Facilities who seemed to agree it was possible to do a petting zoo? Need to consider the cost
    - Anouk was going to get contact for westdale high for who they used
  - In past years we have done the book swap and it is well attended, but it is also a lot of work to organize and looking for something easier to organize that is equally as fun
  - Looking for volunteers to help organize, will circulate in email
  - Dunk tanks are \$300-400 to rent, who will go in it?
  - The plan is to hold the event after school on the front lawn, target whole family
  - Should we consider Thursday instead of Friday? As people leave for the weekend? It is the staff meeting Thursday night- can reevaluate

### **2024-25 projects we achieved**

- Supported the food program
- Improved the outdoor space- ongoing
  - Have applied for the Canada Post Community Grant- earmarked for the kindergarten outdoor space

### **Outdoor Space Plans**

- Have to determine what we can do in reality with the funds we have
- Niko and Kristina had a meeting with admin and Stay Safe- the group who would supply and install equipment
  - Stay Safe came out to look at the grounds to see what is needed to install
  - For the pull up monkey bars, in order to excavate the area where the equipment would go- \$18 000, which is way over budget- this would just be for excavation, excluding equipment
  - Kinder teachers have said they are looking for a balance beam and a play station
    - The case be installed on the surface as is, as they are less than 6 inches off of the ground

- Asked Stay Safe for alternate option to the lemonade stand we were originally considering, as it was quite expensive- they send through a bakery stand which is much more economical- for the bakery stand and balance beam, installed it is \$6500
  - We can send the image of where the balance beam and bakery stand would go to Ms. Feil to review
- Primary Junior structure: two options, depending on if we get the grant, we won't know until august
  - Two options to vote on- the idea is that we will prep the whole area and so as the years go on we can add to the space as we fundraise more money
  - One issue is that we don't know the final numbers (what if they run into a snag during install and we can't cover costs)
  - Can we authorize spending a certain amount based on receipts to be provided?
  - Need to consider accessibility- on the primary/junior side, everything is high off the ground?
  - Also need to get info from Stay Safe about how many kids can be on it? Will we limit the number of kids? Sara says yes until the kids are acclimated we will impose limits,
  - Our goal is to get things moving before all the kids here now graduate and are never able to use it
- Questions:
  - Do we have a bigger plan for the kinder pen as well? Yes, the two smaller items we went with those based on the kinder teacher requests, and funding available, because we don't have the funds for excavating we choose options that didn't require it
  - Heather has looked up options from Blue Imp, or the possibility of a play house? If you email them to HSA we can share them with Ms. Feil and get the teacher opinions
  - Something to consider for next year is that it would be nice for kinder parents to come together and fundraise for the kind pen with all money going to kinder pen

**Vote: authorize the HSA to spend up to \$20 000 on the primary/junior yard: all in favour**

**Vote to adjourn: Hillary Peach with Mike Malysewich seconding**