

## **Home and School - Jan 12, 2026**

Attendance: Mike Malysewich, Fazleema Nijam, Mary Van Impe, Renee Massia, Sarah Irwin, Heather Reid, Kristina Cote, Hillary Peach, Vanessa Powell, Sara Alves, Kristina Cote, Jen Hogan, Diana Moscu, Omid Mollapoor, Erik Martin, Jon Cannon, Andrea Ara, Steve Shapka, Lisa Feinberg

Online: SM, Courtney T, Lisa M, Meghan Newton, Melanie McPhee, Mike B, Sashain Singh, Shirley Andrews

### Agenda

- Approve minutes from Nov 10, 2025 meeting
- Updates since our last meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Upcoming events and plans
- Skate and bake plans
- 2 proposals for HSA

Move to approve minutes from Nov 10- MM and second by SI

### What have we been up to?

- Biggest news: the big kids playground and kindie balance beam were installed
- Completed first order with new Spirit wear supplier- order was on time!
  - He is willing to do a spring launch (including hats and grad hoodies- that can have signatures on back of hoodie)
  - Embroidery is possible on future orders
  - SA asked: Can you get a name put on the back after you have already purchased? Will follow up and let Sara Alves know
- Movie day for grades 1-5 was a success
  - Students watched Migration in the gym while teachers were given prep time
  - HSA provided popcorn
  - Thank you to volunteers for helping out
- Candy Grams were delivered in December
  - Huge success- raised over \$900
  - HSA provided all students with a candy cane
  - Was fun to spread some extra joy and kindness before the holiday season
  - Many students sent to their teachers as well!
- Food donation
  - We provided 18 families (including those on the waitlist) with bags of food before the holiday break
  - Groceries including: bread, butter, oranges, apples, noodles, chicken nuggets, milk, kraft dinner, cereal, crackers, stuffing, rice, soup, rice krispies
- Popcorn days- last day of term 1 is Jan 26th. Term 2 will remain bi weekly starting Mon Feb 9. Will send out spreadsheet for anyone wanting to volunteer

- Thank you Shirly for continuing to organize
- COBS cards- another successful round of COBS cards! They were sent home last week. Valid Jan 11-Mar 11.
  - We will run this again from March to June and again June-September. Thank you to Jackie who is running this.
- Tastebuds Snack program: every Monday and Wednesday. Renee and Heather run every M and W

#### Treasurer's report

- Have made roughly \$7500
- Spirit wear did very well over \$9000 in sales
- Spent \$868 on food donations
- COBS cards made \$960
- Again getting small amounts from Mabel's Labels- continue to promote the giving option
- Candy grams: made \$945
- Biggest expense was the playground- just got the invoice- will be reflected in updated budget next meeting
- Remaining today over \$11478

#### Upcoming Events and Activities

- Kindie Olympics/prep time
  - Split the 7 classes over 2 dates at the end of Jan. Each will have an hour in the gym to rotate between different stations.
  - 6 stations total including penguin waddle, ice skating on paper plates, snowflake scavenger hunt, snowman snowball toss, obstacle course and ending with make their own flag
  - Each student given an 'Olympic Medal'
  - Will put a call out for volunteers - need approx 6-8 each day
  - Jenn Alves provided some insight as to why the prep time is beneficial- at any given time teachers can lose their prep time (if someone calls in sick they need to cover) and so this period of guaranteed prep time is really beneficial for them and much appreciated
- Skate and Bake
  - Waiting on confirmation from the arean on date but it will be on a weekend in March (avoiding March break)
  - Would love a grade 5 parent to take the lead and communicate with all grade 5 parents
  - Because borrowing skates ends up being so chaotic and labour intensive, there will be no borrowing skates this year- but will have games for families unable to participate in skating

#### Proposals to Review

- The Day the Crayons Quit- theatre production in school (Big Hearts Little Theatre)

- Had a parent approach us with the idea of having a travelling theatre presentation of 'The Day the Crayons Quit'
  - Would be for grades K-5
  - It is 25 min presentation followed by a 25 min workshop and 10 min q&a
  - Total would be \$1017
- As per Ms. Feil they did have different companies come before COVID and the kids did love it
- Question as to whether this would be engaging for the older grades?
- As per Ms. Hogan they did have a character presentation before Christmas that went over well, so she thinks would be well received
- It is expensive for a 25 min presentation though- and realistically how many students can be in the gym
- Will table for tonight and look for alternative options that may involve more grades and better timing as this is only available in February
- Family STEAM night- proposed by Ms Feil
  - Group comes in and runs 7 different STEAM stations. These stations include a dilemma, instructions and all materials required to complete the task
  - Activities are open ended and can be easily differentiated depending on the developmental age and interest of the students and their families
  - Family STEAM night is 1399 plus HST
    - 6 promo posters
    - 7 engaging and developmentally appropriate STEAM centres
    - All consumable materials to tackle the dilemma
    - Setup, facilitation and tear down of the even
  - Realistically how many people can be booked in? Haven't been told if there was a capacity limit
    - Ms Feil will follow up to get more details and we can vote in the spring
    - Logistically we can't fit all the families in the gym at the same time? Is it a single time slot? Partial outside with rotating stations as per Jen?

#### Works in Progress

- Little library- Westdale high school is building it for us
- Canada post grant opens in Feb, will submit again focusing on kindies playground
- Spirit Wear spring launch
- Bike swap early May (decorate your bike?)

Next meeting March 9