

## **Fessenden Home and School Association Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2020**

Present: Alaina Evans, Shannon Holmes Shedden, Sarah Rietkoetter, Mike Bell, Breghan Wood, Diana Samman, Andrew and Cindy Hawryluk, Natalia Bourenane, Erin Ridpath, Kimberly Strecker, John Scime, Jeff and Amy Hinchcliffe, Sherri Johnston, Anna Rozenberg

1. The November minutes were distributed prior to the meeting
  - a. **MOTION: To approve the November 2020 meeting minutes – JOHN; KIMBERLY 2<sup>nd</sup>**
    - i. Approved (14 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)
2. Treasurer report
  - a. Andrew provided an update of the report (see attached)
  - b. iPads have been ordered but we are still waiting for them to arrive, so that money is in reserves
  - c. Sources of revenue are FundScrip and restaurant night
  - d. DPA equipment has been received by the school
  - e. **MOTION: To approve the November treasurer report – SHANNON; JEFF 2<sup>nd</sup>**
    - i. Approved (14 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)
3. Ontario Federation Home & School Associations
  - a. Mike Bell provided an update from the last meeting – no major updates, but the annual conference will be held online in April
    - i. Anyone interested in attending can contact Mike
4. Eco Schools
  - a. Erin provided an update on Eco School initiatives
  - b. Working toward getting certification for the South campus
    - i. Currently operating mainly from the Fessenden building, but slowly getting prepared to transition
    - ii. Plan will be to have both sites certified and then transition to just the South once all amalgamated
    - iii. Planning to make use of the courtyard space at South campus
    - iv. Working with the kindergarten classrooms to plan a garden and some planters for shade
  - c. Planning to do the Steam of Dreams project again in April
    - i. Will have virtual presentations and then will paint the fish for the fence
    - ii. Both sites participate
    - iii. Fish are purchased and in the process of primed
    - iv. Will transition to the fall if necessary
  - d. Applying for grants for various initiatives, but largely things are on hold
    - i. A large goal would be the installation of a natural playground at South site but they are very expensive
      1. Applied to win one through Bienstock
      2. Likely a two-year project

- ii. The grants are both provincial and federal, and some require that other funding be partially secured before receiving further financial support
- 5. Restaurant nights
  - a. Diana provided an update on the previous and upcoming events
    - i. Domino's received 117 orders
    - ii. People seem excited about the Go Tango event
      - 1. Will continue to push it on social media
      - 2. Can pre-order up to Saturday, but not a must
      - 3. Alaina will repost tonight or tomorrow with the pre-order info and send the flyer to the group
    - iii. Mary Brown's
      - 1. Booked for the night of March 25<sup>th</sup>
      - 2. Committed to donating \$5 for a small meal, \$6 for a medium meal, \$7 for a large meal
      - 3. Eager to help out in the community in the future as well
- 6. Jenny's retirement
  - a. Shannon suggested that H&S get a card and flowers for Jenny for her retirement
  - b. Group is in agreement that this is a good idea, Shannon will organize on our behalf
- 7. Teacher wish lists
  - a. Caitlin plans to provide the teachers with the spreadsheet the last week of February/first week of March
    - i. She suggested that each classroom be provided the same amount to spend, and to include the Special Ed class as well
    - ii. At South campus, that would include every home room plus Gym, Art, French, Music and Special Ed
    - iii. Caitlin would still review the items before purchases are made
  - b. Given that with the current funds each class would only get approximately \$100, the group decided to ask Caitlin to hold off until we can do more fundraising
  - c. Suggested organizing more restaurant fundraisers:
    - i. Shannon will contact Joe's pizza and the Coach
    - ii. Sarah will contact India Village and Brewer's Blackbird
    - iii. Anna will contract Halibut House
  - d. Andrew will talk to Albatross golf to see if we could partner with them
- 8. Plantables fundraiser
  - a. Erin has everything set up
  - b. Will plan to start the fundraiser in April, with plants going out in May
    - i. Orders can continue being placed through to July
  - c. Erin has some posters and can make it more personalized
- 9. Grade 8 Grad
  - a. Kim and Diana met to come up with some ideas for a virtual/distanced grad event
    - i. Left a message with Marquis Gardens to see if there is an alternative to an in-person dinner
    - ii. Ideas include:
      - 1. A drive-in movie

2. Yard sign with balloons
    3. Instagram tag
    4. Grad gift basket from local companies
  - b. Need to remember that the H&S portion is the pos-grad celebration; the actual graduation ceremony is determined by the Board
  - c. It was suggested that a specific shortlist of ideas be presented to Caitlin to determine if any of the plans are feasible – need to provide her with specifics
  - d. It was suggested that Kim/Diana ask for student reps from the classrooms or complete a survey to determine what the kids are interested in
    - i. This would need approval from Caitlin
  - e. It was also suggested that Kim/Diana follow up on the results of the Board's ThoughtExchange survey
10. Next meeting: TBD
- i. **MOTION: To adjourn meeting – ALAINA; SHANNON 2<sup>nd</sup>**
    - a. Approved (13 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)
      - i. Note: Sarah was absent for this vote