

Fessenden Home and School Association Meeting Minutes –

March 31, 2021

Present: Alaina Evans, Shannon Holmes Shedden, Sarah Rietkoetter, Bregghan Wood, Andrew and Cindy Hawryluk, Natalia Bourenane, Erin Ridpath, James Ling, Michelle Carrigan, Anna Rozenberg, Mike de Maria, Diana Samman, Caitlin Evans, Gord Cook

1. The February minutes were distributed prior to the meeting
 - a. **MOTION: To approve the February 2020 meeting minutes – ANDREW; ALAINA 2nd**
 - i. Approved (9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)
 - ii. Mike, Anna and Diana were not present for this vote
2. Treasurer report
 - a. Andrew provided an update of the report (see attached)
 - b. No major changes
 - c. Laptops arrived today so that will switch from reserves
 - d. **MOTION: To approve the February 2020 meeting minutes – JAMES; ALAINA 2nd**
 - i. Approved (11 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)
 - ii. Diana was not present for this vote
3. VP Gord Cook is in attendance for the meeting and introduced himself
 - a. Will be on the North campus
 - b. Previously was the Principal of ASPS
4. Teacher wish lists
 - a. This was put on hold in February and we now need to decide whether we will continue to put on hold until September
 - i. This would allow us more time to accumulate funds
 - ii. It is also likely that we will transition to online learning again at some point, so may be better to purchase items next year when the kids are back
 - iii. Caitlin agrees that postponing to September is a good idea given the current uncertainty
 1. There will be more funds to offer and will likely be better spent when the teachers are able to focus on these purchases next year
 - b. While H&S is not supposed to carry forward large amounts of money, we typically do because of Spring carnival – it is alright as long as we motion prior to the end of the year the intention to spend in September on wish list items
5. Restaurant nights
 - a. Mary Brown's nights raised \$500
 - i. Received 47 orders over two nights and were happy with the turnout
 - b. Shannon has spoken to Boston Pizza and they have agreed to participate at the end of May
 - c. India Village is also keen to do something
 - d. The Brassie and Blackbird both declined participating
6. Plantables
 - a. Everything is set up, and the information will be posted after Easter weekend
 - i. Use the code Frankpanabaker for 10% of purchases to go back to the school

- b. Erin will send all the advertising files to Alaina
 - c. Caitlin can send an email out to the school distribution list
- 7. Big Box
 - a. Sarah will send Andrew the money for the 3 boxes that were sold
 - b. Bregghan would potentially like some boxes – Sarah will follow up with her about this
- 8. Thank you cards to the businesses that participated in fundraisers
 - a. Shannon would like to send thank you cards to the restaurants that have supported us this year and was hoping that some of the kids could make some cards
 - i. Alaina will get her kids to work on some cards
 - b. Could also include a certificate and reach out to Ancaster News for a writeup
- 9. Grade 8 Grad
 - a. Diana is waiting on board decision
 - b. Caitlin provided an update
 - i. The board will provide an update in mid-April
 - ii. It will be important to include remote students (25-30 kids)
 - iii. There are 117 in-person grade 8s
 - iv. Grade photos are scheduled to take place in April
 - v. HWDSB is looking at doing signs for all graduates
 - 1. Waiting for more information on this
 - c. Shannon asked about whether a balloon archway could be set up at the school where families could come to take pictures
 - i. This will depend on the Board decision and restrictions in place at the time
 - ii. Diana is also in favour of this plan leaning toward this
 - d. Kim has reached out to Marquis gardens and will provide an update
 - e. Grad wear
 - i. Would like to do T-shirts or hoodies for grad wear
 - ii. Shannon was hoping the school could organize getting the signatures
 - iii. Caitlin asked whether H&S would be willing to subsidize the costs
 - 1. Have multiple options with multiple price points
 - 2. If hearing of any financial obstacles – school can help out
 - iv. Cindy can send the email to Niko Apparel to get the process started and get suggestions on different options with various price points
 - v. Cindy will get the signature sheet to the school
- 10. Next meeting: May 17th
 - a. If needed, will do a virtual vote for anything that comes up in the meantime
- i. **MOTION: To adjourn meeting – MICHELLE; BREGHAN 2nd**
 - a. Approved (12 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)