



# Memorial Stoney Creek Home & School Association

## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday November 26, 2020

Attendees: S. Smith, C. Pare, S. Pare, V. Zivkovic, B. Chaggar, S.E. Smith, C. Tinson, F. Dawood, F. Syeda, J. Sarkis, J. Rusnak, E. Grattan, D. Ljubicic, M. Foltarz, N. Burton, M. Giddons

1. Call to order – Welcome

**GEN-NOV2020-01: THAT WE START OUR MEETING AT 7:03 PM.**

**M: S. SMITH, S: S.E.SMITH**

**CARRIED (8)**

*C. Pare & S. Pare signed in.*

**GEN-NOV2020-02: THAT WE APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**M: V. ZIVKOVIC, S: C. PARE**

**CARRIED (10)**

2. **GEN-NOV2020-03: THAT WE APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES.**

**M: S. SMITH, S: V. ZIVKOVIC**

**CARRIED (10)**

3. Treasurer Report: overview of the 2019 2020 books (HWMSC 2019-2020 Financials.xls shared on screen)

\*Kidney Clothes Fundraiser NOT on there. Cheque delayed but we are happy to report that we made \$415.65 will be added to this year's books.

**Popcorn:** spent \$1271.25, income: \$2000.90, Profit: \$904.25

\*\*final deposit of \$174.60 was made this month so it appears on this year's books

**Budding Artists Fundraiser** went on hold. \$25 deposit for display items will be returned after fundraiser (also on hold).

**OFHSA conference** cheque cashed out this summer. We have asked if we are getting this back because the event was cancelled. Waiting on reply.

We will send you all a copy of the **verification letter** once it is complete and it should be uploaded to OFHSA in December. Everything else has already been submitted to OFHSA.

**Current expenses** – Bank account sitting at \$3,390.05. *September 2020* – bank fee \$4.95, *October 2020* OFHSA insurance & membership fees \$300 cheque withdrawal, bank fee \$4.95. *November 2020* Remembrance Day wreath for Legion \$75 cheque withdrawal, final popcorn deposit \$174.60 (last school year) and membership fees deposit \$200.

4. Principal's Report – Current focus is on the transition to the new school. Name confirmed by board school name is South Meadow Elementary School. Mascot and school colours will be picked in the New Year. Everything is packed up at Memorial and ready to move to the new school. At the new school, the classes are ready to go including the numbers on the doors. Staff at both schools are now working on the supervision schedules. School is waiting on transportation company to update them on the routes and number of buses. Once they have that information the school will be reaching out to parents.



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*Principal's Report continued...* Staff have been working on the logistics of the first day routine: student arrival, where they meet, what areas they will walk through and line up, entering the building, lunch, breaks. On the first day at South Meadow all staff will be out on the property assisting students and families. Next week principal has a meeting with the construction company to go over the one of the areas near the bike racks/walkway where some fencing and a gate has gone up. This is busy area (Kilbourn Ave) with parents dropping off, bus loading zone, cyclists etc. We need to clarify what it will look like and how we will line up the children. There is a gate at the Kindergarten area which will allow the littles to enter and get off the busy playground to their fenced in pen. There will be a closing ceremony for the school and some of that will be filmed next week. Ms. Foltarz is heading up the subcommittee for that. There will also be a farewell piece being filmed by a drone with students and staff out on the playground. From a school level, things are moving along but not much is happening. They hope to have some school spirit days maybe once every 2 weeks. They will consult with Mountain View to plan for the New Year. The school would also like to have a group of parents to start collaborating with Mountain View shortly. Last year's Winter Fair made a school council profit of \$1900, with \$3400 total currently in the account. **Questions/Discussions:** South Meadow is scheduled to open on January 4, 2021 and this is still the date that is being communicated. The only thing that is not completed on the building is the gym, but it should be soon, as the flooring is the last to be installed. Question about placement of basketball nets out on the playground. It was measured out, but the install just seemed to close together so they were moved farther apart. Staff had outdoor equipment (DPA) for students which has been given out on the playground. The outdoor space at the new school will only be asphalt until approximately June 2021. After December 18 it will take about 4 weeks to knock down the school and landscape the remaining land. Around March/April 2021 it should be complete with sod being placed by the summer. There might be the possibility of outdoor soccer nets or a baseball diamond. One side of the playground is not level with the asphalt as there is a ravine for drainage. The back part of the school near the gym has an area for a portable if they need one and connector doors on the school so it can be connected. The back area of the school also has door access for students needing to enter to the second level. Primary has access on the left side and Kindergartens through the front Kindergarten entrance. This is the way staff see everything operating but they could make changes. Grade 8 students at Memorial have always received a special graduation hoodie with the school name and logo. They are wondering what the options might be since they are the last graduating class of Memorial but also the first graduating class of South Meadow. Normally ideas are put forward in February and orders placed in April (lead time to produce). It was discussed that maybe students should be asked what their options/preferences are for the hoodies. There will be a student event with a fun contest of designing the new logo and picking new school colours once both school merge next year.



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**5. GEN-NOV2020-04: MOTION TO APPROVE A NEW ASSOCIATION NAME.**

**M: S. SMITH, S: V. ZIVKOVIC**

**CARRIED (10)**

Discussion – Associations usually take the name of the school they are serving. Another name would be confusing to people. Name will change now so that the banking process can be switched over for 2021.

**GEN-NOV2020-05: MOTION THAT WE CHANGE OUR NAME TO SOUTH MEADOW HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.**

**M: J. SARKIS, S: B. CHAGGAR**

**CARRIED (10)**

6. Online event idea approval – We cannot fundraise or advertise with the school currently. If we wanted to hold an event, we can, but it has to be off property, follow the guidelines of the province (Covid) and be advertised through the community. It is possible to get a donation from outside organizations. Tax receipts available for donations over \$25. Ideas: crazy hair day, talent show, pet contest, snowman building contest. Ideas were well received but the idea would have to be online and run through Home & School as the staff are focusing on the transition of the new school. Idea of snow building contest was popular, fun and inclusive for all families. Advertise through email and posters from December – end of January/early February (hoping for a big snow fall). Pictures can be emailed to Home and School, if kids are in the pictures, we require parents to sign a waiver. All pictures will be put together in a video to music and uploaded as per the board's policies. Subcommittee to be formed.

**GEN-NOV2020-06: MOTION THAT WE SPEND \$50 ON OUR SNOW OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA.**

**M: J. RUSNAK S: S. SMITH**

**CARRIED (10)**

*J. Sarkis left the meeting.*

**7. Questions/Concerns/New business**

Boundaries at the new school have changed and there are some parents who are expressing concern that they now have no transportation for their children in January. They were told that this would not be an issue in the past but now this has changed. Looking for clarification from the board on where exactly the boundary is and if there is anything that can be done to remedy this. Why did the boundaries change when the school is only moving to the back property? It was suggested that parents should put together an email and contact the busing company regarding this change. It was also discussed that Home & School put together a letter to the board asking for clarification regarding these concerns. Bullying is still something that is occurring at the school. School was approached by leadership guru Scott Graham who has presented his bullying awareness program last school year to students from grades 4 to 8.



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### *Questions/Concerns/New business continued*

The board provides the school with a mental health contact. Staff have access to mental health modules and activities which they complete with students often. This also covers topics such as relationships and bullying behaviour. The board has also provided parents with a list of upcoming webinars centered around mental health and managing anxiety. This was communicated by the board through email and you can register online at HWDSB. New Business: It was discussed that Home & Scott received wonderful feedback from staff and really connected with our students. The entire program has now moved to an online format. (kids4kids.ca) Membership includes a two-year license for 2 videos (leadership & antibullying), 6 eBooks, teacher resource eBooks and a podcast. The resources will grow over time. The regular price is \$699 but right now the price is \$299.00. Home & School has always provided advocacy programs at the school and it is a huge part of our Association. We could fund this by adjusting the budget or taking into consideration the \$400+ coming in from Kidney Association. More information will be collected from Scott and sent to Mr. Grattan and staff for approval. Questions include: will access be given to Home & School as well? What about access for online students/staff? We would not want online to miss out on this opportunity. A general question/feedback about how students will receive this program vs his in person. Home & School also needs to check if the board approves this.

8. Our next online Home & School meeting date: **Thursday January 21, 2020 from 7 to 8 PM.**

This is a tentative date as we are looking to coordinate with school council in the New Year. Home & School bylaws to be read at this next meeting as it is our policy.

9. Adjournment **GEN-NOV2020-07: MOTION THAT WE END THIS MEETING AT 8:27 PM**

**M: S. SMITH S: J. RUSNAK**

**CARRIED (9)**

*Thanks, and have a wonderful holiday with your families. Looking forward to South Meadow Elementary!*

Respectfully submitted by S. Smith, President