

**Home and School Minutes**  
**February 19, 2018**

**Attendance**

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Liz Allen, Lana Geller, Christina Ross, Alia Odubayo, Chantal Latour, Anastasia Wilhelm, Ilana Popliger, Andrea Altman, Lisa Baylis, Melissa Hoffman

**Acceptance of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Liz, seconded by Ilana. All in favor – Approved.

**Approval of January Minutes**

Motion to approve January minutes by Andrea, seconded by Anastasia. All in favor – Approved.

**Treasure's Report**

There is about \$5000 left in the bank, we like to start with this amount as a buffer for the start of next year. Hopefully we will continue to bring in funds during the rest of the year with upcoming fundraisers

**Administration Report**

Thank you to H&S for an amazing teacher appreciation week.

Report cards are coming out online after spring break.

There are already 5 kindergarten classes for next year.

The kids enjoyed winter carnival, thanks to the phys. ed. teachers for organizing and H&S for contributing.

**Teacher's Report**

Thank you for all the food last week for teacher appreciation week. All the teachers really loved the scholastics gift cards. They enjoyed the different surprises this year. Everyone felt spoiled.

**Membership**

No change

**Updates**

Pizza Lunches – no change

Adult evening – the deposit has been paid for the hypnotist. A liquor license will be requested by Kelly. We will be looking for volunteers to help plan the evening. We will also be looking for a few amazing prizes to raffle off. We will start selling tickets after march break.

Chocolate Bar Sales – Mme. O was able to get 5 more cheques for the unclaimed chocolates. There are still 5 outstanding boxes, a loss of \$225 overall. These families will not be getting boxes next year. Overall profit exceeds \$15,000 this year.

Teacher Appreciation Week – We were over budget, spent \$610. We need to increase the budget for next year. There are many supplies that need to be purchased for the week,

Monday – Breakfast, sponsored by H&S, spent \$149.62

Tuesday – International Buffet, dishes sent in by parents, and some donated money to buy additional platters for lunch

Wednesday – Gift bags with Scholastics gift cards for homeroom teachers in the value of \$175, a gift certificate towards a facial from Spa Curage, and a chocolate lollipop donated by Splendid Chocolates.

Thursday – Pizza party with salad bar (pizza donated by Pizza Pizza, salads sponsored by H&S)

Friday – Mr. Puffs, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and an appreciation video made by Jackson and his crew was sent to staff

Teachers say a big thank you for all the goodies.

Some people discussed the possibility of catering the big lunch for the teachers instead of asking the community to bring in dishes and help prepare the meal. This idea isn't ideal for a few reasons – we cannot solicit money from the school without governing board approval, and if we were to ask for money only instead of food, we feel it would take away from the overall feeling of the event. While we acknowledge that it is not easy to make sure we have enough contributors and a variety of dishes, many appreciate the effort that families make to send in food, and many students really enjoyed bringing in dishes, and telling their teachers about it. There was also a suggestion to have the international buffet lunch on one day, and a dessert bar another day. Logistically, this makes it much more challenging as we don't always know what people are bringing, and we have enough trouble making sure we have enough contributors for one day. We know it is a lot of food, but it gets saved for the rest of the week, and anyone is welcome to take their desserts to go.

Zumba Party – will be discussed at the next meeting

H/S Executive elections – an email will be prepared for next month's meeting. The Chair, Vice Chair and membership positions are up for election. Liz has offered to take the nominations.

Bad Monkey Popcorn – after carnival week, forms were sent out through email. The responses were underwhelming. The deadline has been extended. The company tried to raise the price, but after negotiations, they kept it at the same price as last year.

Winter Carnival – we funded part of the cost of the buses for the skiing/tubing activities, and paid for the buses for the sliding trip for k-2. We also provided the school with hot chocolate and cookies. We went slightly over budget. We spent a little more on the popcorn for the movie day by purchasing mini bags from Bad Monkey, in hopes that it would raise sales for our popcorn fundraiser, and it saved us so much time by not having to individually bag the popcorn.

The school purchased 600 mini bags of Bad Monkey Popcorn for the Jr Leadership day through our fundraiser.

Kelly received the prices from Dynamix/Everblast for a June mini days. The offer is for \$3000, which they say is an extreme discounted rate. We might be able to cut the fee if we provide him with parent volunteers. At this time, we do not think that we have the budget to spend on this; while it is a great deal overall, each child only gets a short activity period with their class. We can look into creating a carnival at school with the help of our phys. ed. teachers, like we did last year, and it was a huge hit for much less money.

### **Approved Fundraisers**

Cugini's Pizza – we were approved for the pizza kits by governing board. We will run this in April. We will try to use the adult evening to showcase and sample his pizza - we will ask him to come and sponsor the evening by providing food.

## **New Business**

English Book Fair – will take place April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the evening and Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> during the day. As such, we will change the date of the April Home & School meeting to follow the book fair, as well as be after the event.

Steam Request Ratification – there was a request for \$600 for project material. Due to lack of time the executives took a vote, ratification needed. An email was sent to us from Mme. Pallotta thanking us for our donation to the science program, she sent a video and pictures

Drama Request Ratification – Mr. Grauer is putting on a play again this year. There was a \$1000 request for more material to make backdrops and props. Due to the time frame, the executives took a vote, ratification needed.

Open House Budget – we are discussing the possibility of having H&S create a small budget for open house treats and coffee, instead of having to come request funds annually.

EDU Games – Mme. Yolanda and Mme. Natalie came to present a new programy for the school to purchase:

Deep learning, or the 6 C's, is a new approach to teaching. This approach prepares your children for the fastest-growing job sectors that require problem-solving and critical thinking skills, since jobs that require routine manual skills are in decline.

The skills that your children need to occupy the jobs of tomorrow are Creativity, Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration, Character as well as Citizenship. In order to create activities that will foster these skills, we would like to purchase something called Breakout Edu.

They are multifunctional locks that are re programmable. They can be used for all grade levels including kindergarten. With these kits, the teachers have access to, and can make up new activities on how to unlock the different locks. The kits come with a 1-year membership that has pre-programmed English games.

The kits come in bundles of 6 activities, and they are requesting 2 kits. These kits come from the United States. The kits are on sale now, and would be a max of \$1200 Canadian per kit. An annual membership would cost \$60 but the first year is free.

## **Voting**

1. Kelly motions ratify the allocation of \$600 to Mme. Pallotta for the STEAM Project. The motion was second by Christina. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – Approved.
2. Kelly motions ratify the allocation of up to \$1000 to Mr. Grauer for the Play. The motion was seconded by Christina. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – Approved.
3. Kelly motions to allocate up to \$2500 for the EDU Games, this is to purchase 2 kits. Andrea seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – Approved.

Next meeting: Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm