

Home and School Minutes

March 19, 2018

Attendance

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Elizabeth Allen, Ilana Popliger, Chantal Latour, Alia Odubayo, Preetha Krishnamoorthy, Christina Ross, Lana Geller, Anastasia Wilhelm, Melissa Levy, Melissa Hoffman, Andrew Shotton, Nathia Messina

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to approve March agenda made by Ilana, seconded by Preetha. All in favor, approved.

Approval of February Minutes

Motion to approve February minutes made by Christina, seconded by Anastasia. All in favor, approved.

Treasure's Report

No major changes to report. We are still waiting for some invoices for payment (curtains, busing for winter carnival). We have just over \$6,000 left to spend at this point in the year, and hopefully more will come in from events. We will then be able to look at what type of budget we have for a summer carnival.

Administration Report

The Dare to Care parent session only had 19 parents from our school, and 5 parents from other schools. Next year we will try holding this evening in September in the hopes of having better attendance.

Career day took place last week for the grade 6 students. The people who presented were pleasantly surprised to see the extent of the knowledge the students had about money and financial literacy.

Grade 2 and 3 went on a field trip to see Irish Dancing. They had a great time, and we were complimented on how well behaved the students were.

Teachers are working very hard for the STEAM night, which will take place in the coming weeks. An email will be sent out to hold the date.

The play will take place April 12th in the evening for the families of the kids in the play.

The lights on the stage have been replaced; they look great.

Next the floors need to be changed

The curtains should be going up shortly; will be less expensive than we expected as they will not be able to replace the back curtain as planned.

Currently there are no administration requests.

Teacher's Report

We viewed pictures from Mme. Palotta. The teachers say a big thank you for the scholastic money. Reminders need to be sent out for the teachers who have not yet submitted their receipts to do so before the deadline. .

There was a request of up to \$300 to buy apps & licencing for the iPads for the 5th kindergarten class. We will have kindergarten classes next year too, so we will need this in the future as well. The breakout EDU kits have been bought and were also less expensive than expected. Mme. Yolanda has already received them. They cost around \$2119.17.

Membership

We are currently standing with 35 members, no change from last month

Updates

Pizza Lunches – we had 2 new orders, we have about \$16 700 in profit, this is up a bit from last year.

Adult Evening – the flyer is ready. An email will be sent out shortly to hold the date. It has not been easy to get the liquor license, due to new policies and regulations. We will keep trying.

We need to get people to volunteer to get food and drinks donated. We also need to get people to sell tickets. We want to find a few amazing prizes to raffle off. No auction this year. Maybe do a half/half raffle. The balloon popping raffle game did really well last year, we want to run it again this year.

Zumba Party – we will try and get a few fitness related door prizes for this event. Information will be sent out in April.

Home & School executive elections – the elections will be held at the AGA next month, an email was sent out with nomination information. Nominations can be taken right up until the meeting. To vote or to be voted in, you must be a member of home and school in good standing. The nominations will only be announced at the meeting to the people who are present.

Bad Monkey Popcorn – this fundraiser did not do as well this year compared to last year. We sold around 200 bags less than last year. This year we raised around \$1500. There were a bunch of really large orders, but a big decrease in smaller orders. We believe this is because the popcorn is so readily available at many local stores for less money, and the prevalence of it has made everyone less excited about it. .

Cugini's Pizza – We have to put the fundraiser for the kits on hold for the moment while they sort out the details of the packaging and logistics.

Book fair – will take place April 23rd in the evening for families and the 24th during the day for the class visits. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, and to work the book fair.

New Business

Administration Professionals Day – Wednesday April 25th, we usually give a gift card to administrative professionals Mary and Janet as a token of thanks. Do we want to do the same this year?

Open House Budget – we should put in a budget for H&S to provide a budget for food and coffee for open house in January, and for the orientation day in May. This always goes over well with the visiting families, and adds a little something sweet to the visit. It is also a nice way to show the new families how much H&S helps out the school. We were thinking \$150 for each of the 2 days.

School Kits 2018-19 – this year school kits were a big success. We will need governing board approval if we do it again next year. Nathia will have to double check with the school board regarding new rules that have been put in place about what types of school supplies can be requested.

Spring Carnival – will be discussed in the April meeting. It will all depend on money raised at the hypnotist event.

Vote

1. A motion was raised by Kelly for the allocation of \$150 for open house and \$150 for orientation day. The motion was seconded by Liz; all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Approved.
2. A motion was raised by Ilana to allocate up to \$300 to buy apps for the 5th kindergarten class. The motion was seconded by Melissa L; all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Approved.
3. A motion was raised by Kelly to allocate \$50 x 2 to purchase gift cards for Mary and Janet. The motion was seconded by Anastasia; all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Approved.

Next meeting is our AGA. It will take place on Monday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm.