

## **Home and School Minutes September 25, 2017**

### **Attendance**

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Nathia Messina, Ilana Popliger, Christina Ross, Liz Allen, Sherri Reinblatt, Marie Trinidad, Chantal Latour, Alia Odubayo, Erin Richler, Bena Diamond-Menchaca, Lana Geller, May Gomaa, Arbel Schacter, Andrea Altman, Preetha Krishnomorthy, Melissa Hoffman

Kelly welcomes everyone to the first Home & School meeting of this year. We went around the table and introduced ourselves.

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

Andrea motioned to accept the September Agenda; the motion was second by Liz. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

### **Acceptance of May 2016 Minutes**

Liz motioned to accept the May minutes; the motion was second by Ilana. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pizza brought in \$16 000 this year so far, this is an increase of about \$1,000 from last year

### **Administration Report**

Because of the weather, the school has been very hot. Everyone is doing their best to deal with the high temperatures.

There are many new teachers this year; they are a great addition to the staff.

The renovations to the school give it a fresh new look. The work is not yet complete; it will be completed throughout the year.

### **Teacher's Report**

Mme. Chantal and Mme. O. will be our teacher reps this year.

Thank you so much to Home & School for the welcome back breakfast, and for the corn roast. The new teachers are wondering if they are able to get an allocation, as had been done in the past. The homeroom teachers are also wondering if there are enough funds for them to have allocations this year.

We received a request from the office this morning for freezies for everyone at school, to help beat the heat, and to offer a treat to everyone for putting up with it during the heat wave.

Some classes were missing fans so the school bought them today and they were distributed.

### **Membership**

There are currently 33 members, please spread the word to people who may want to join. Anyone can join at any time.

### **Updates**

**Pizza** – there is an increase in orders from last year, and we are still receiving orders.

**Buddy Benches** – the benches have been put out in the yard. The kids were informed of why they were placed, and there will be another reminder of the purpose of the benches.

**Welcome back Breakfast** – went well and stayed within budget.

**Corn Roast** – went well again this year, for next year we will need to increase the budget. The cost of propane needs to be included in the allocation.

**Sharks T-Shirts** – there was not as many shirts ordered this year. We have just over 200 shirts ordered; last year we sold more than 500. The order will be submitted tomorrow.

**School Kits** – 167 kits were sold, this is an increase from last year. We made \$1342.05 profit, plus the 2 kits that were donated. There were some issues with some of the kits (some were not delivered to the school, so they had to be shipped rush to home at no charge to the parents, and there were a couple of missing or damaged items) but the company took care of the issues promptly.

**Jadon Promotions** – no update yet, there was lots of interest on curriculum night.

**Loveable Labels** - \$200 profit, we received 20% of sales made through our fundraising page.

**Summer Carnival** – there were 3 inflatables that were rented for the summer carnival plus the gym teachers organized games, at the end of last year. This was a replacement for the winter carnival that was cancelled due to weather. The kids had a great time

#### **Approved Fundraisers**

**Chocolate Bars** – The company will not deliver the boxes as scheduled tomorrow because of the heat. No companies are delivering to any school until the weather cools down. Not sure of the delivery date, it will probably be sometime next week.

**French Book Fair** – to take place Monday October 23 in the evening for family shopping night, and Tuesday October 24 for the classes to attend. The shipment of books will take place prior to this. French book fair items are shipped in boxes; volunteers will be needed for set up and to work at the book fair.

#### **New Business**

**New Teacher Allocations** – there are 8 new teachers, we think an allocation of \$150 is reasonable. Due date to submit receipts will be December 15. We will wait for the next meeting to see if we can allocate money or Scholastics credit for all homeroom and resource teachers.

**Apples for Terry Fox** – Phys. Ed. teachers have decided to postpone the Terry Fox Run to the spring. They said that there is not enough time to teach kids about Terry Fox. The \$150 we allocated for the apples this year can be used then.

**Ratification of Summer Carnival** –\$1845 was spent on the inflatables for summer carnival. We had no other expenses for the carnival, as we received a donation from Governing Board for the rest of the supplies needed.

**Ratification of Chairs** - \$2889.55 was spent on new chairs for kindergarten and cycle one classroom. The request came in after the last meeting of last year so an executive vote took place, whereby we were all in favor of allocating up to \$3000 for the purchase of these chairs, and we must now ratify the vote.

**Meeting Dates 2017/2018** – we will keep the home and school meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be held on October 23.

**QFHS** –We are no longer able to get tax receipts for any donations received to home and school. The fall conference is coming up, please see for Kelly more information if anyone is interested in attending.

#### **Ideas for Fundraisers**

**Partylite** = We were approached if we would like to host a Partylite fundraiser. At this time, we are awaiting the chocolate delivery, and we cannot sell so much at once. The candles are expensive, and the profit margins are not high – it is not the time to add a new fundraiser of this nature.

**Buddy Artists** = kids' art work printed on various apparel/items. We can look into it at a later date if we are interested, and time it with mother's day or something of the like.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, we ask that they bring it up at the next meeting or send it to Kelly via email.

When we send out info on fundraisers, we are trying to indicate what money is needed, and once raised, what it will be spent on. This tends to make fundraising more successful.

#### Other Ideas

- Mixology Class - geared towards women only?
- Shopping / Boutique night – People to rent out booths to sell their apparel/items
- Paint night
- Cook class – don't have the facilities
- Spaghetti dinner
- Bingo night

Kelly took a list of people who would be interested in forming a sub comity

#### Voting

A motion was raised by Sherri to allocate up to \$150 per each of the 8 new teachers, the motion was seconded by Bena. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

A motion was raised by Sherri to ratify the vote for the \$1845 spent on the inflatables for summer carnival; the motion was seconded by Erin. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

A motion was raised by Preetha to ratify the vote for \$2889.55 spent on chairs; the motion was seconded by Ilana. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

A motion was raised by Ilana to allocate \$84.51 to buy freezes; the motion was seconded by Christina. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.

A motion was raised by Bena to allocate up to \$50 in books per French homeroom teacher, the resource teacher and Francisation, to be spent at the French book fair; the motion was seconded by Christina. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions – approved.