

Home and School Minutes

October 25, 2022

Attendance

Melissa Hoffman, Jessica Fridman, Dana Frankel, Galit Zeira, Jessica Rogers, Melissa Layer, Erica Grand, Erica Horn, Jennifer Pierfelice, Mme. Chantal, France Poirier, Mark Kashetsky, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Welcome

Introductions done of the executive and members around the table to new members, as well as admin & teacher representatives.

Explanation of what home and school meetings entail and how we vote.
Explanation of home and school's mandate.

Acceptance of Agenda

Change of year on the agenda

A motion was raised by Mark to accept the October agenda with the change of the year. The motion was seconded by Erica G; all in favor - approved

Approval of May Minutes

A motion was raised by Erica G to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark; all in favor - approved

Treasurer's Report

After initial fundraisers (Chocolates, pizza, TCBY) we collected ~ \$115 000 – the cost of the items will come from this, the balance will go to our initiatives. TCBY money is earmarked for Grad expenses.

Starting off with \$60 000 to spend

We have carried over \$6-7000 from last year

Money that was raised

Pizza – ~\$21 000

Chocolates – will discuss during the update section

Shark shirts – loss, see next section

TCBY – \$13 056 money belongs to grad

Administration Report

Since the beginning of the year, the administration has reached out to the teachers to see what workshops they may be interested in.

Teachers are asking for virtual workshops that were done in the past. Would like to continue to do it again this year – Overture of the Arts. Most interesting ones were – P is for privilege – good

for all grade levels, and I is for inclusive - \$550 each and reduction of \$50 if we book 2 – therefore \$500 total for both workshops

There is also another company that the grade 6 students used last year – BREATHE – anxiety and coping strategies. Kelly's feedback said that the kids did not really get that much out of the workshop given so late in the year of grade 6, but maybe it would be better for other grades and/or earlier in the school year. \$3587 is the cost for grade 3 for this year.

Kind Kids workshop – for cycle 1 – 8 sessions – promoting social skills for younger kids. Total \$8800 for Kind Kids workshops – includes 8 sessions, materials, and taxes

There is no deadline to approve these workshops, so therefore a more in-depth conversation can take place and teachers can look into other workshops

Mme. Poirier is asking if people have time to go through the lost and found. They would look through the clothes and return the ones that are labeled. Some parents offered. Parents can go through the lost and found monthly and after a set amount of time, whatever clothes are not claimed, will be donated.

Teacher's Report

Teachers are thanking all parents for participating in fundraisers

Teachers have been asking if they will receive any allocations this year. Homeroom teachers usually get allocations from home and school to help set up their class – 28 homerooms this year.

In previous years – new teachers to school or new to grades/cycle received an extra \$100 – 9 new teachers this year.

Specialists request –

Art Teacher Mme. Scarlet – a lot of materials have disappeared over the summer; she has already spent her own money and is asking for allocation for materials \$2300 including some materials from Scholastics.

Music – Mme. Boileau – last year we bought 6 ukuleles – asking for 6 more - \$70 each plus tuners and a sound meter to test different sound volumes – total \$600

Phys. Ed. – Mme. Lafano – asking for voice amplifier that is made for outdoor and team teaching – amazon \$97.72.

Science – Mme. Pallotta – requesting support for program again – amount \$1000 – this is for materials for the science and robotics program.

Mme. Lebrun – asking for something specifically for her class, asking for book bags for the back of the students' chairs.

Membership

31 members currently

Clarification of rights and obligations of paying members – for some initiatives where we must limit volunteers, we tend to prioritize active members in good standing. This does not mean that you must pay to be considered, nor do we encourage people to pay just to be on that list, but that list is first consulted for volunteer selection. Classroom volunteers are chosen by the teachers and have nothing to do with us.

Updates

Fundscrip – for all gift cards bought at face value, we get a percentage back – determined by them, each vendor has their arrangement made with Fundscrip – with Pizza Pizza we get 10% back – we should get about \$2500 back with Pizza Pizza over the course of the year through purchasing their gift cards for our pizza lunches. Code is up on the website to make a purchase.

Pizza Lunch – based on last years prices there was an increase in price, and they were offering a smaller slice for that price in the individual boxes, so to keep the same price, we decided to not have the individual boxes and go back to the original extra-large pizzas. Lunch monitors are given gloves for handling the pizza. The individual boxes were also not good for the environment.

606 slices are bought

Families that cannot afford pizza – H&S provides them with slices. We analyze lists at the beginning of the year to ensure that no child is left off the lists for financial reasons.

School Kits – very successful this year – ~\$1800 commission was made, final numbers to be confirmed by December.

Sharks T Shirts – K's and Sales- 1088 ordered and then we ordered extra for the incoming 2023 kindergarten students – about 120. The cost of the T-shirts ordered does not cover the cost of the 120 we order for kindergarten; they would be too expensive and too high a margin, so H&S covers the cost on those.

New Families Orientation – on the second day of the staggered entry – Kelly did a small orientation outside – was done well and many people attended

TCBY - 506 cups ordered – gives the grad just over \$13 000. For them to spend on their initiatives.

Chocolates – current \$14 710 currently but waiting for 28 people to return boxes or money – invoices will be sent out shortly. Costing us money if they are not sold. We have until the end of the week to return the unsold boxes back to the company.

Approved Fundraisers

none

New Business

QFHSA News – Fall conference was scheduled in person – now cancelled and will move to workshop format on Zoom.

Fundraiser's 2022/23 – looking for ideas for this year. Be aware that a lot of small fundraiser don't usually work for a school of our size, we must be mindful of how much and how often we make asks of the community.

Door Decoration Contest – these contests were done last year. Themes were given to the teachers and then they decorated their doors. Volunteers came in to judge and then the best classes won a prize. 5 prizes throughout the school will win a class pizza party – 1 per cycle plus K and then overall best door.

Raffle Baskets – last year before the holidays we had a raffle off of holiday theme baskets – asking governing board to do this fundraiser again – cost \$700 and raised about \$2000. Will need to outsource for donations.

Book Fairs – will look if we are allowed to have the bookfairs again. We raised a lot of money in previous year. Kids can come with parents during the evening or come with their class during the day.

Science Allocation – already discussed

School Yard Paint (Stencils) – we are slated for a renovation of the repave of the school yard and parking lot. But this will be done at the end of this year. A parent volunteered to paint if the supplies are provided

A request was made to purchase stencils to paint the games on the pavement. \$700 for multiple stencils for games. Will not purchase this now as winter is coming and may not be worth it to paint the games if it will be re paved in the summer.
Will need more information to make an informed vote

Questions

Can we request activities for after school programs?

This must go through the daycare or school; this is not an H&S item.

Vote

1. A motion was raised by Dana to allocate \$100 to each homeroom teacher, for a total of \$2800. The teachers will have a deadline of Dec 16 to hand in receipts, plus an extra \$100 allocation to go to each of the 9 new teachers: total of \$3700. The motion was seconded by Erica G; all in favor. Approved.

2. For the Art request. We will need some more details on what is needed. The Scholastics items will be reviewed separately as we have credit with them.
A motion was made by Kelly to allocate up to \$1000 now and tabled the rest when we have more information. The motion was seconded by Mark; all in favor. Approved.
3. A motion by Galit to allocate phys. Ed. \$100, music \$600, for a total of \$700. The motion was seconded by Erika H; all in favor. Approved.
4. A motion was raised by Erica G to allocate \$400 from our scholastics fund to Mme. Lebrun (need to make sure that we have enough money). The motion was seconded by Erica H; all in favor. Approved.
5. A motion was raised by Erika G to allocate \$1050 for the online Zoom workshops for overture of the arts. The motion was seconded by Kelly; all in favor. Approved.
6. Kind Kids – need to see how much funding the school can get – because it would be a lot of money for one cycle and we cannot afford to spend so much money only for one cycle. Mme. Poirier will come back with a number. Tabled.
7. BREATHE – we will wait for feedback from last year. Tabled.
8. A motion was raised by Mark to allocate \$1200 for Halloween theme giveaway for students. The motion was seconded by Kelly; all in favor. Approved.

Next Meeting

November 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Possibility of it being on Zoom, we will confirm.