

Home and School Minutes November 29, 2022

Attendance

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Melissa Hoffman, Chantal Latour, France Poirier, Diana Martire, Jinal Patel, Erica Horn, Erica Grand, Dana Frankel, Jennifer Pierrefelice, Mark Kashetsky

Acceptance of Agenda

A motion was raised by Jennifer to accept the November agenda. The motion was seconded by Melissa; all in favor - approved

Approval of October Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Not much has changed
\$112 000 in the bank – \$60 000 to spend

Administration Report

A big thank you for the parents who came to organize the lost and found. There are still a lot of items, but it makes a big difference for it to be organized and labelled items redistributed to the students. Mme Poirier is asking if it is possible for this to be done twice a month. A system will need to be put in place, as there were not a lot of people who claimed the items. Plus, there was a lot of items added to the pile. Ms. Martire suggested adding tables with the items in the main hallway prior to the winter break, the kids can go through the piles of clothes and items not claimed will be donated. Parents can also come into the school and look at the tables. After that is complete, whatever is left will be donated and we will start fresh with a new system.

A huge thank you for the door decorating contest; the students, teachers and parents had a lot of fun. It was nice that the parents wore costumes as well.

The 2 virtual workshops that were approved have been booked with Overture of the arts – Jan 26 and March 30.

Requests

Planning on having a special week prior to the vacation. They want to have a movie in the gym on the last day.

After the break, they would like to have cookies and hot chocolate or chocolate milk for carnival week. Request for H&S to pay for the special snacks for these events.

Requesting for home and school to help pay for their cost of new beanbag chairs. Previously bought at a cheaper price elsewhere but the quality did not meet our needs. 50 units @ \$150 each.

Teacher's Report

Thank you for the allocations to the teachers – they were all excited to get the allocations Dec 16th deadline to hand in receipts to be reimbursed.

Request

Grade 6 – requesting the bins for their desks – 100 bins - \$12 each – Total \$1380

Art – All projects were thought out for the entire year – will be used by all grade levels

Scholastics items were already purchased

There are still some items that need to be purchased

Total \$1194.37 – already allocated \$1000 – about \$200 extra

Jennifer reached out to Lasalle college – They may be able to donate some money towards a fashion design program. She is also looking into some donations from Omer Des Serres . Will get back to us with more information

Membership

No Change – all paperwork has been submitted to QFHSA

Updates

Fundsrip: purchased another batch of Pizza Pizza gift card. We now have \$1000 in commissions.

Pizza Lunch: Running smoothly, going well

School Kits: no update yet

Chocolates: Just reached over \$16 000 profit, still waiting for 9 outstanding boxes

We get \$450 in prizes, these are provided by the company. The drawing will be done later this meeting. We can decide how we want to distribute the prizes. We can get \$50 gift cards.

Suggestion was made to get Indigo GCs, as the students can buy books or other things.

Door Decoration Contest: parents had a great time, the kids really got into the contest, 3/5 prizes have already been given, the rest will be done before the holidays. Students were all really happy with the prizes so far.

Book Fairs: not to be done before the holidays, we can possibly do a combo French/English bookfair in the spring. Scholastics did start to do the in person bookfairs. No point of doing an online bookfair, as it yields minimal sales. Kelly can look into dates that may be available.

Allocations: Got some receipts for refunds of allocations. A few teachers have asked Kelly for extensions for their allocations. Kelly has agreed to those specific teachers extending deadlines

Approved Fundraisers

Raffle Baskets: approved by governing board – will run in the spring

New Business

QFHSA News: all conferences are being done virtually now, all free to members. Kelly can provide you with information if you want

Fundraisers 2022/23: No list yet, will update as we go on

Appreciation Week 2023: In February we do a teacher appreciation week. Still early on voting for the specifics, but we want to ask the administration or teachers if they would want a big item, or we continue as we have done in the past. Budget \$500 - \$1000.

Usually done in February around valentine's day

Can ask for monetary donations, to put towards teacher appreciation day

Teachers really enjoy the hot meals from the restaurants, they selected what meal they wanted

Try to do something every day for the teachers

If someone has a contact, with something to donate, please get in touch with Kelly

Vote

1. A motion was raised by Melissa to allocate up to \$1400 for the purchase of bins for the Grade 6 students. The motion was seconded by Erica G; all in favor – approved
2. A motion was raised by Mark to allocate \$250 for the additional art supplies. The motion was seconded by Erica G; all in favor - approved
3. A motion was raised by Mark to allocate up to \$1000 for the raffle Baskets. The motion was seconded by Kelly; all in favor - approved
4. A motion was raised by Mark to allocate up \$1500 for a popcorn snack. The motion was seconded by Kelly; all in favor – approved
5. A motion was raised by Kelly to allocate up to \$1500 for hot chocolate and cookies. The motion was seconded by Erica H; all in favor - approved
6. A motion was raised by Mark to allocate \$2600 for bean bag chairs. The motion was seconded by Melissa; all in favor – approved

Winners for chocolate bar fundraisers – we have \$450 in prizes – will do 9 prizes of \$50 each for an Indigo Gift Card

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| 1. Angelo Neil A | 4. Jake P | 7. Jack T |
| 2. Sienna P | 5. Elina E | 8. Nathaniel A |
| 3. Jacob F – Grade 1 | 6. Marco D | 9. Mila C |

Next meeting - Wednesday January 11, 2023