

Home and School Minutes
February 21, 2023

Attendance

Jennifer Ilkiw, Melissa Loyer, Courtney Shapiro, Mark Kashetsky, Diana Martire, Lindsay Rothenberg, Chantal Latour, Jessica Rogers-Litvack, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Melissa Hoffman

Acceptance of agenda

A motion was raised by Courtney to accept the February agenda. The motion was seconded by Melissa Hoffman. All in favor, approved.

Approval of January 2023 minutes

A motion was raised by Mark to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Courtney. All in favor, approved.

Treasurer's Report

No change from last meeting.
\$40 000 to be spent by home and school

Administration Report

The month has started off with the challenge of school yard and parking lot drilling to gather information and soil samples in preparation for the summer school yard renovation project. Staff have also prepared a draft plan of proposed activities and games that will be painted on the surface of the playground in all three yards around the school.

A HUGE THANK YOU and message of appreciation to our parent community and the specific efforts of the Home & School Committee for showering our entire staff all week with appreciation. Thank you also for the contributions towards our "we are" team mosaic. The feedback has been very positive.

February is a busy month for staff preparing reports and meeting with parents. Report cards will be going home in March with parent/teacher conferences by invitation on March 16th.

No new requests at this moment

Still looking into estimates for new blinds for the classrooms

Teacher's Report

Huge thank you for all the goodies and food that was given to us for teacher appreciation. Tuesday lunch was very much enjoyed.

There were a lot of submissions today for the jellybean guessing jar. Only missing about 11 classes.

Deadline for submissions extending until Friday.

Request – asking if home and school can pay for t shirts for the math Olympics team. Ms. Niunka is willing to put her \$100 from teacher allocations and she is requesting for home and school to allocate the rest of the money.

18 T-shirts needed, suggestion to allocate up to \$250, Kelly offered to make the shirts, as it would be cheaper than sending it to the printer.

Membership

No change

Updates

FundScrip – over \$2 000 in commission that we can cash out at the end of the year.

Pizza Lunch – Status Quo

School Kits – We got our \$1553.08 commission check. Sold great this past year.

Book Fairs – need to think if we want to hold a bookfair this year. It does bring in a lot of people into the school, but it raises a good amount of funds in Scholastic Gift Cards for the school. Discussion made and maybe a good idea to save it for next year or have one in the spring. Diana will check with staff to see if they are willing to interrupt their day to take the kids to the bookfair. Will come back with an answer.

Teacher Appreciation Week 2023 – collected a good amount of money; \$2 148 total collected from parental donations. Not as much as usual but still a nice workable amount. Home and School allocated \$1500. There was also \$500 allocated for a welcome back breakfast that was never used, therefore these funds were used for teacher appreciation.

Tuesday – Al Quds – \$2038.35

Wednesday – Pizza Lunch - \$376.58

Thursday – Gift – Still waiting

Friday – Mr. Puffs and Hot Chocolate/Coffee – \$733.96

\$175.41 – all the extra small costs for tea, paper products, small incidentals

For the upcoming years, will have to remember that everything is more expensive and people are not as giving, so home and school will have to increase their allocations in order to do a proper teacher appreciation week.

Door Decoration – left it open if the teachers want to do another door decoration contest. They will let us know what they want.

Candy Jar Guessing Game – teachers are giving their class guesses. Due on Friday. Will announce the winner.

Approved Fundraisers

Raffle Baskets – already approved – will think about what is necessary and organize it now that it is quieter. A committee will be formed. Funds already allocated.

New Business

QFHSA News – no update

Fundraisers 2022/23 – welcome to suggestions

Executive Elections – Kelly will send out an email asking if they are interested in running for open positions. Any person in good standing with home and school may run for the executive positions.

Sharks Shirts - Colors – Keep coming back to different colors for the shark shirts. It would be nice to make the shirts in different colors for spirit days (orange/pink shirt day). Its better to look at it in advance and not scramble last minute.

Would need to be more pro active in advertising and selling the shirts.

Can also change the design to tie into kindness or spirit day messages.

It will also boost the sales of our shark shirts.

Needs approval from administration and governing board.

Diana thinks that it is a great idea and can print a message on the back of the T-shirt.

Can look into availability and cost.

No Questions

Vote

1. A motion was raised by Kelly to allocate up to \$250 to order and make T-Shirts for the Math Olympics Team. The motion was seconded by Melissa H; all in favor. Approved

Next Meeting

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