

St. Pat's Home and School Meeting

September 8, 2015

Called to Order: 7:05pm

Present: Stephanie Davidson, Meloney Heagney, Mimi Hamon, Sarah Williams, Jennifer Colantonio, Kristin Bigras, Janice Stott, Jennifer Taylor, Sarah Smith, Melissa Proudlove, Lisa Gloutney, Mike Besner, Pam Robinson, Elva Taylor, Amy Greenspon, Jael Symes, Dawn Gordon, Michelle Keefe, Tracy Witzke, Anastasia Wilson, Jenny Sousa, Melanie Rose, Amy Moore Ede

Regrets: Mr. Rabinovitch

Accept minutes/agenda: not applicable

Welcome and Introductions

Report and announcements:

1. Administration - not applicable
2. Staff - not applicable
3. Governing Board
 - two parent Governing Board (GB) representative spots open for election at curriculum night on September 10
 - Major School Change (MSC) is a standing item on GB agenda
 - no parents have expressed interest in MSC
 - discussion for St. Patrick to become Français Plus school (not immersion because Edgewater is immersion); no information has come from Edgewater as to whether they may become Français Plus, which would allow St. Patrick to become immersion
 - possible two-tiered daycare for pedagogical days: parents may choose to send child on scheduled outing or to have child remain at school; parents are invited to contact Mary Vassilakis for more information
 - GB meets on the first Tuesday of every month; all parents are welcome and can ask questions regarding school policies.
4. Treasurer
 - outstanding cheques: Wings to Fly (\$275.00), Upper Canada Village/grade 5 trip (\$276.99), Autobus Galland/grade 5 trip (\$1052.00), QFHSA - 2 memberships (\$36.00), QFHSA administration fee (\$50.00)

Business arising from the minutes:

1. Allocations (per June meeting)
 - 2015-2016 allocations total \$11275.00
2. Welcome back barbeque
 - H&S made profit of \$1104.78

New business:

1. Fall fundraiser - committee leader: Lisa Gloutney
 - receiving catalogues week of September 14
2. Fundscrip <http://www.fundscrip.com>
 - this is the easiest way to raise money for our school
 - gift cards can be purchased for 116 retail stores in Quebec (157 in Ontario) at no additional cost to the individual and a percentage of sales goes directly to the school (e.g. Maxi = 3%, Winners and Home Sense = 6%, Children's Place = 8%)
 - for families with children in Grades 5 and 6, a percentage of sales can go directly towards events for these grades
 - Sarah W. asked for suggestions as to how to publicize the program
 - Stephanie suggested buying a small amount of cards to have on hand to sell
3. Grad tshirts
 - \$800.00 allocated
4. Terry Fox Run - October 1, 2015
 - event will be run by Home & School
 - suggestion: grade 6 run assembly to show Terry Fox video to school
 - parent volunteers will be needed on day of event

5. Committee leaders:
 - a) Pizza / Subway lunches - Mimi Hamon; two volunteers are needed for each lunch
 - b) Scholastic book fair and bake sale - Melissa Proudlove and Mimi Hamon
 - c) Christmas lunch - Maureen Bird
 - d) Santa store - Elva Taylor and Kristin Bigras
 - e) Teacher appreciation week - Janice Stott, Elva Taylor, Anastasia Wilson, Kristin Bigras
 - f) Spring fundraiser - Sarah Williams
 - g) Locks of Love - to be determined
 - h) Spring dance - Janice Stott and Jennifer Taylor
6. Meeting dates
 - second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
7. Varia
 - a) Question for Mr. Rabinovitch: How will distribution and handling of Home & School (H&S) papers and collection of monies work (e.g. fall fundraiser)? Do the Pearson Teachers Union work to rule guidelines allow teachers to attend H&S meetings? Can papers be distributed by students and money be collected by H&S members?
 - b) Library:
 - until/unless a librarian is allocated to St. Patrick, it was suggested that H&S advise the LBPSB library representative that the library will be opened (library technician is unionized position, not currently filled)
 - c) Pizza/Subway lunches:
 - first event is pizza day on October 30 (Chartwell running Halloween lunch on October 29)
 - remaining 2015-2016 dates will be decided later in September (two in November, one in December and Christmas lunch)
 - two parent volunteers needed for each lunch
 - H&S will ensure to order extra to provide for children who may have forgotten lunch/hadn't opted for special lunch
 - d) Christmas Lunch: Stephanie will ask Maureen for a date that works with her schedule
 - e) Spring Fundraiser: product being used for fundraiser to be confirmed
 - f) if and when St. Pat population reaches 600, Mike Besner proposed that additional recreational outdoor equipment be sourced and purchased; he proposed launching this as five year plan and to speak with other schools (e.g. Notre Dame de Lorette), teachers who have worked at other schools, the physical education teachers, etc., for ideas
 - g) H&S bought new (used) fridge to replace the existing one which no longer worked
 - h) H&S will obtain a free 100-cup coffee/hot chocolate urn from a caterer who is retiring
 - i) H&S will be selling school logo sweatshirts and start a clothing supply store on school grounds
 - j) H&S will purchase and distribute gift cards or thank you cards, as appropriate, to thank people from outside our school community who volunteered goods, equipment and/or time for the barbeque (i.e. Shane, Tom Wood/night caretaker, Bob Cox/Scouts, Les Patriotes football club, St. Patrick Church, Maxi)
 - k) St. Patrick Elementary won the membership award from the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (prize: set of two books) for having the highest membership percentage growth over the course of a year

Adjourned: 8:18pm