

St. Patrick Home and School Meeting

October 13, 2015

Call to order: 7:07pm

Present: Stephanie Davidson, Meloney Heagney, Mimi Hamon, Sarah Williams, Kristin Bigras, Jennifer Colantonio; Janice Stott, Amy Moore Ede, Jennifer Taylor; Lisa Gloutney, Julie Beaulieu, Philippe Guimond, Shannon Seary D'Andrea, Mike Besner, Michael Rabinovitch

Regrets: not applicable

Accept October 13, 2015 agenda:

Accept September 8, 2015 minutes: Lisa Gloutney, Jennifer Taylor

Welcome and Introductions

Report and announcements:

1. Administration - Mr. Rabinovitch
 - minutes from May 2015 and June 2015 not on school site; Jennifer Taylor will provide to Mr. Rabinovitch
 - Dare to Care session scheduled November 30, 2015 for grades 5 and 6
 - date for October strike day yet to be provided to school administration (as of October 13)
 - grade 4 vaccine day went well; Lisa Gloutney suggested two rooms for subsequent years (i.e. vaccine and recovery)
 - Remembrance Day assembly on Wednesday November 11 (9am); Sarah Williams will invite Dan Sicotte (her husband); Mr. Rabinovitch asked to extend invitation to all school community who are also in military community; students can wear cub/scout/brownie/etc. uniforms
 - one last reminder being sent for Terry Fox Run contributions; thus far total amount is higher than past years; although duration of run (i.e. from start to finish) impacted teaching time, event was appreciated by school community
2. Staff - not applicable
3. Governing Board - Mike Besner
 - summary of preliminary draft for Major School Change (MSC) brief: St. Patrick to remain bilingual school; requesting return of catchment zones lost in 2010 MSC; Edgewater Governing Board representative said that school is full; St. Patrick may agree to have single immersion cohort for Kindergarten through grade 3, but grades 4 to 6 would remain bilingual
4. Treasurer - Mimi Hamon
 - funds still coming in
 - \$110.00 received for Lamontagne
 - \$522.00 membership in September 2015
 - \$225.00 for St. Patrick t-shirts
 - Home & School (H&S) paid \$20 for locks and keys
 - some cheques are still outstanding
 - no allocations touched yet this school year

Business arising from the minutes:

1. Fall fundraiser - Lisa Gloutney
 - Estimated total of \$2000.00, not including what was received on October 13
 - suggestion to send one catalogue per family in future
 - Mike Besner asked if anyone knows how other schools are faring with their fundraisers
 - Lisa Gloutney said Macdonald High School also doing Lamontagne and their sales are not necessarily high, but are more than last year
 - Mimi Hamon said catalogue vendors at past Quebec Federation of Home and School Association (QFHSA) conferences said they have seen sales and interest decline; Mimi's opinion is that we research our options
 - Jennifer Taylor said that "fundraising fatigue" (i.e. due to so many organizations fundraising during same periods, throughout school year) may require we vary types of campaigns
2. Distribution of paper/collection of money
 - Mr. Rabinovitch said that papers are distributed in a basket per class and then papers distributed from the basket to each student; teachers are not collecting money, rather the kids are putting papers/money in the class basket; Mr. Rabinovitch is open to H&S helping to distribute to the classes

3. Library
 - opened to students as of October 13; Karen Lamothe (new librarian) is at school every Tuesday
 - per Mr. Rabinovitch, Karen and her methods have been well received by staff
 - Kristin Bigras added that Karen opted not to request additional volunteers (i.e. other than from last year), but that all volunteers are welcome
 - Mimi Hamon and Sarah Williams both have experience in covering/repairing book, will contact Karen to discuss
4. Christmas lunch
 - scheduled on December 15; minimum 25 volunteers required for day
 - Mr. Rabinovitch will advise Chartwells
5. Teacher appreciation week
 - Feb 8-12 2016
6. H&S meeting dates
 - every 2nd Tuesday of month at 7pm
7. Grad sweatshirts
 - Stephanie Davidson gave template to Mr. Rabinovitch to give to Ms. George for students to sign
 - students to choose a colour
8. Pizza / Subway lunch schedule and forms and TCBY
 - Mimi Hamon confirmed first pizza day is October 30 and first Subway day is November 5
 - next dates: November 19 pizza, December 10 Subway
 - Domino's delivers; carrier bags must be returned to Domino's
 - TCBY can be stored in freezer for up to three months; inventory being received week of October 19; per vendor unused inventory can be returned at end of school year
 - Philippe Guimond asked about profit margin on pizza/Subway fundraiser; Mimi Hamon confirmed \$0.75 profit on TCBY, \$1.25 profit on pizza/one slice and \$1.00 profit/two slices; Subway data available after November 5th
9. FundScrip cards
 - discussion around best procedure to purchase FundScrip cards to have on hand
 - Mike Besner suggested asking QFHSA for direction as to how to allocate funds (e.g. online solution)
 - motion: purchase FundScrip cards to sell to parents and raise the profile of this profitable program
 - o Lisa Gloutney moved that we allocate \$300.00; Sarah Williams seconded the motion
 - o no one in the room had any amendments
 - o motion passed unanimously
10. School logo sweatshirts/clothing supply store
 - Janice Stott found another vendor who can make t-shirts for \$8.00 less than quote from current vendor
 - waiting for sample to verify quality of second vendor's product

New business:

1. Spring fundraiser
 - World's Finest (vendor name) provided chocolate samples to try as potential new fundraiser vendor
 - Mabel's Labels link no longer functions and has to be removed from the St. Patrick school site; Mr. Rabinovitch will follow up
2. Halloween
 - Mr. Rabinovitch relayed discussion from October 13 staff meeting; he advised that "Haunted Hall" cannot happen this year; Jennifer Murphy invited H&S to call her to discuss how it has run in past years and planning required; students will be invited to wear costumes; teachers are on board for H&S to help; Mary Vassilakis could clear daycare classrooms to provide room for activities; Mimi suggested pumpkin carving activity during lunch in days leading up to Halloween; Meloney Heagney and Kristin Bigras will speak with Mary Vassilakis to organize having grade 6 students carve pumpkins and decorate cafeteria
3. Buddy bench - to be installed, potential grade 6 art project
 - Mr. Rabinovitch is open to the grade 6 students decorating the bench, as is Mme. Deppy
 - once the bench is introduced to the school population, Jennifer Taylor proposed a program whereby grade 6 leaders could monitor the bench
 - H&S will start searching for bench to purchase online
4. Babysitting course

- Canadian Red Cross proposed January 12, 13 and 14 from 2:20-5:00pm (10 hours); all instructors have had security checks; students have to be between 11-15 years of age
 - Mr. Rabinovitch will draw up service contract and have it approved by Governing Board; vendor must be pre-approved
 - Mr. Rabinovitch provided another vendor to contact: Pulse Aid (514-626-5219)/contact Joan Lasx; Stephanie Davidson to follow up
5. Volunteer security checks
- volunteers obtain form from Ms. Pompeo, complete and return to Ms. Pompeo
6. Fall conference - November 7
- Stephanie Davidson, Mimi Hamon, Meloney Heagney, Jennifer Colantonio, Kristin Bigras and Lisa Gloutney want to attend; per Mimi Hamon payment is due at conference
7. Movie night
- Mr. Rabinovitch authorized one movie night in fall 2015; Janice Stott suggested screening "Inside Out" on November 6, to coincide with movie becoming available for sale
 - second movie night proposed in early 2016; to be discussed at future H&S meeting
8. Scholastics and Bake Sale
- on Portfolio Night, November 19
9. Potential strike days for Montreal per Mike Besner
- 1st: October 29
 - 2nd: November 16 and 17
 - 3rd: December 1, 2 and 3

Adjourned: 8:52pm (Shannon Seary D'Andrea)