

**St. Pat's Home and School Meeting**  
**November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

**Called to Order:** 7:03pm

**Present:** Stephanie Davidson, Meloney Haegney, Donna Gibbons, Melanie Moore, Tara Mark, Marie Robinson, Nadia Cirelli, Taedra Harris, Madeline Melo, Meaghan Macro, Trina Pearson, Andrea Cappelli, Jennifer Colatonia, Yvonne L. Sinsmyr, Elva Taylor, Donnalynn Rainey

**Regrets:** Shannon Seary, Mr. Rabinovitch, Mimi Tabaczuk

**Accept minutes:** Donna Gibbons / Elva Taylor

**Accepts Agenda:** Tara Mark / Meloney Haegney

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Report and announcements:**

1. Administration - not applicable
2. Staff - Ms. Macro (Phys. Ed):
  - Ms. Macro wanted to start by reintroducing ourselves and our kids as our first meeting was a while ago. A reintroduction was a great way to start the meeting.
  - The Science & Resource teachers have come up with a list of items they would like the Home & School to look at to see if we could provide funding for some or all of the items listed. The list is included at the end of the minutes for members to see. We will be voting on this at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is \$841.36 allocated to Resource and \$817.25 allocated to Science left on the Monthly Financial Report.
  - One of the teachers has included items purchased off Varage Sale. Home & School members present discussed if funding could be arranged for items purchased second hand online (which does not provide a warrantee or receipt.) It was discussed that the teacher would need to provide a signed paper with the seller & buyers names, seller's address, description of the item, selling price and finally, signature. This could be hand written or better, typed before pick up.
  - The USB stick that was approved for Mme. Murphy & Mme. Melissa's Science classes was bought and very much appreciated by both teachers and students.
  - Ms. Macro and the Phys. Ed. Department have applied for a grant to help fund new cross country skis for the kids to use this winter. The grant has not been approved or denied as of yet. If the Phys Ed department is short on funds, would there be any money in the Home & School budget? Ms. Macro will advise the Home & School in December's meeting how the grant was decided and exactly how much they might be short. Home & School members can vote once the exact numbers have been presented.
3. Governing Board – Donnalynn Rainey:
  - At the last Governor's Board meeting they approved quite a few things;
  - The service contract was approved for the after school Homework program Tuesdays & Thursday's.
  - Car safety at our school is quite an issue. The grade 6's wanted to put out a safety video to speak to the parents about the safety around our school.
  - There is a phone number available upon request to report car safety issues.

- For safety reasons, it was voted that on all publicly published calendars, no locations may be printed on the calendar. (i.e. calendars posted on the website, Facebook page, ect.)
- Governing Board budget cannot be used towards the school; but CAN be used towards parental training.
- Donnalynn was asked if any more effort was being put into getting St. Pat's its own crossing guard. Since our school is on a quiet street, not a busy one, the city so far has denied the request. If there are more complaints directly to the city, it would probably get more action. There is a phone number available to anyone who wishes to make complaints directly to the city.
- The St. Pat's new Facebook page is up and running! Go check it out and "Like" it!

#### 4. Treasurer – Donna Gibbons;

- The Scholastic book fair was a huge success, as was the bake sale. The exact numbers were not in, but as per Mimi, St. Pat's may have hit the next level of "reward" points awarded to a school. More details on both the book fair & bake sale in December. There are returns to be made that will go into the final numbers.
- So far, \$69.05 has been spent on the Santa Store purchases.
- Lamontagne orders are due to arrive very soon. Final numbers for sales should be available in the Financial Summary in December.

#### **Business arising from previous minutes:**

##### Christmas Lunch:

- Andrea & Janice are in charge of this fundraiser. 26 turkeys' were bought and are in the new freezer at the school! 330 lbs of turkey! \$330.00 spent so far.
- So many volunteers for this year's service! Elves, cooks, servers, it is very nice to see everybody wants to participate.
- All the info for the kids to participate in the Christmas lunch / Santa Store in on the Pizza / Subway form which will be sent out at the end of November. It replaces the Subway portion of the form. Home & School can receive all payments on one cheque.

##### Santa Store:

- Elva is in charge of this fundraiser. Also had a great response to receiving volunteers for the Santa Store. Need more "Dad" gifts but there are great ideas going around. A huge amount of wrapping paper was received as a donation from Uniprix and is very much appreciated!

##### Clothing Supply Store:

- Amy & Janice are in charge of this fundraiser. Setting up the table at the Scholastic Book Fair was a great idea! Orders are coming in. People would like info on getting winter gear.

##### Baby Sitting Course:

- Course has been approved. Forms are ready and will be sent out in December.

##### Mme. Murphy & Mme. Melissa USB Key:

- The USB key was ordered and received as mentioned by Ms. Macro. The teachers and students are both very happy!

Maxi's BBQ Letter:

- St. Pat's was told last September that in order to get donations for the September BBQ fundraiser, the letter needs to be sent in November of the previous year. The letter has been sent for the BBQ in September 2017.

Edition Vaudreuil:

- The contract was signed with Edition Vaudreuil Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be good to go for the 2017/2018 school year. Parents will be able to order their school supplies through Editions Vaudreuil and have it shipped directly to the school.

**New business:**

1. Pizza/Subway Forms - committee leader: Stephanie Davidson
  - We want the Pizza/Subway forms added to the Home & School section of the St. Pat's website so parents can go and print them directly if they do not receive them from their children. Forms will still go home but will also be made available online.
2. Spring Fundraiser – committee leader:
  - We are selling chocolate! There had been discussion of finding something simpler to sell, but this is the easiest way to raise money for our school.
  - Is there a type of chocolate we would like to sell? Maybe something different this year? There are some chocolates that give a better return to the school, but some might sell more? Can we get samples of different chocolates? Lisa will look into and get back to everyone.
3. Increase Dare 2 Care Allocation:
  - Edgewater School approached St. Pat's with the idea of holding a parental Dare 2 Care night at Edgewater to help with the prevention and coping of bullying in schools.. St. Pat's would split the cost of the course with Edgewater. The cost to St. Pat's is \$375.00.
  - The meeting is taking place Wed. November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Edgewater School.
  - The Governing Board will look into paying half with the Home & School seeing as how it might be considered a "parental training" type expense. Donnalynn has to check with the board and will keep Home & School posted.

**Varia:**

- a) McDonald's thank you card was done and delivered. We really appreciate the ice they donate to the St. Pat's BBQ as it saves Home & School around \$100.00 on ice!
- b) Question from Donnalynn:
  - Parents Committee on Wed. wanted to know if Home & School would like to make it available to parents to pay everything direct deposit online (like the daycare fee's are now).
  - The general consensus was yes, Home & School wishes everything could be paid by direct deposit instead of by cash or cheques. Donnalynn will keep us posted.

- c) Pizza/Subway lunches pay for the whole year:
  - At some schools they allow you to pay for your pizza lunches for the whole year; would this be something we could do too? Maybe receive a small discount for paying upfront?
  - Would have to come up with a procedure for that since not all parents would take advantage of that type of payment. Would need a new system but defiantly worth looking into.
- d) Meeting for December 13th:
  - After our next meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Christmas Wine & Cheese. The wine will be provided but if everyone attending could bring something to share after the meeting that would be great!
- e) New fundraiser idea:
  - Melanie Moore brought up a leaf raking fundraiser to start in our community.
  - Maybe elderly people or just anyone who doesn't feel like raking their yard.
  - Maybe available to grade 5 & 6 students. No other details or planning at this time.

**Adjourned:** 7:49pm

**List provided by the Teachers for review;**

Teachers Requests for Home & School – UDL & Science Materials

- 1) Anne-Marie Tremblay & Deppy (Gr. 5 & 6) – Science Materials & « Chaise RAY-L » **(\$110 + \$75)**
- 2) Diane Ceravolo (Gr. 1) – 2 bean bag chairs from Best Buy **(\$89.99 ea = \$189.00 total)**
- 3) Niru Bholra (Gr. 3) – BALLance Stability Ball Chair 1 set of 6 from Moving Minds Magazine **(\$165)**
- 4) Nadia Bruzzese (Resource) – Mambo Stools for K classes **(\$74.95 / stool x 5 classes = \$375 total)**
- 5) Kim McCrae (Gr. 4) – Movement Stool (1) & Hi Back Bean Bag Chair (1) **(\$200 for both)**
- 6) Kristin Bray (K) – 10' Wedge Cushion (x2) **(\$43.99 ea x 2 = \$88.00 total)**
- 7) Lyne Corbiere (Gr. 2) UDL second hand items purchased on Varage Sale (no receipts) – can she be reimbursed? Items include: IKEA Leaf (\$7), Storage Unit (\$25), Pillow Cases and Pillows (\$50) Modge Podge (\$10) **(92.00 total)**
- 8) Katherine Watt (Gr. 5) – Science-related French Books to read in the class during reading time **(no reference to dollar amount, amount needed please)**