

# St. Pat's Home and School Meeting

## April 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Called to Order:** 7:05pm

**Present:** Meloney Heagney, Mimi Hamon, Kuljinder Kaur, Shannon Seary, Jen Murphy, Trina Pearson, Michael Rabinovitch, Taedra Harris, Melanie Moore

**Regrets:**

**Accept minutes:** Taedra Harris & Mimi Hamon

**Accept Agenda:** Trina Pearson & Taedra Harris

### Welcome and Introductions

- **We wish to inform our members that our President Stephanie Davidson, Vice-President Meloney Heagney and Treasurer Mimi Hamon have decided to NOT run for elected office again next year. That means that these positions will be open for anyone who wishes to run. Members are asked to join us for our May and June meetings to hear from members who wish to run and furthermore be elected by vote.**

### Report and announcements:

#### 1. Administration

- Annie JR. was a huge success! 2 matinees; one which the kids from Edgewater attended and one our kids saw too. Evening shows were basically sold out, maybe 2 empty rows in the back. Great job to our kids and to our teachers who worked so hard to make the show a great success!
- The Choir is going to the Choir Festival May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017. It's being held at Lindsay Place High School.
- The Cabaret Show is the next show being worked on here at the school. It's a talent show put on by the Grade 3 – 6's. The show should be June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Grade 6 Graduation is being held June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017.
- Art Gala: Ms. Mary & Staff will be holding it May 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. 4-6pm in the cafeteria. All parents are welcome to attend. This is a huge success. The kids will be able to go through and see the art as well, probably the next day.
- Grade 2 & 3 students will be doing the Jr. Cross Country Run at Dorset Elementary May 10<sup>th</sup>. Grade 4 through 6 will be doing the Track & Field at Riverdale High School May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Indoor soccer will be held at Beaconsfield High School in May.
- Our Volunteer Special day to honour all the volunteers that help us here at St. Pats: (Governing Board, Home & School, Library, reading etc.) will be Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. starting at 2:45pm. Final info to come in the next few weeks.
- As always, all this information is available on our website.

#### 2. Staff - Ms. Murphy:

- Thank you Home & School for the hot chocolate for the kids during Carnival week. The kids really enjoyed going to get their hot chocolate.
- Thank you also from all the teachers whose wish lists were granted. Very much appreciated.
- The Grade 4 vaccines will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 starting at 8:00am. Volunteers needed please, just to hold kids hands and make them feel better.
- The Grade 4's would like to ask if they could borrow the coffee maker for a Mother's Day Tea they are holding?
  - H & S: Yes, of course they can.
- Spring Dance will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- Teachers were wondering if they were going to be receiving the "money" towards books that they were told about.
  - H & S: Yes, there is about another \$100.00 / classroom from Scholastic that will be going out to each teacher. I should have a letter in the next couple of weeks.

#### 3. Governing Board – As relayed by Mr. R:

- There was a meeting in April and another on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- They had put forth the supply list that was given to Donnalynn.

4. Treasurer: Mimi Hamon:

- The numbers on the financial report are for March and April combined.
- The Pizza / Subway lunches have brought in \$14 000.00 profits so far. That number will change slightly as more parents had opted for the "pay in full" option that stated a few months ago.
- We have made \$2568.27 on the Lamontagne fundraising so far.
- Our second book fair was actually quite popular. We did not bring in as much as the November one, but we did more than we thought we would. So we are happy to be able to give the teachers another \$100.00 roughly towards classroom supplies / books. The letter will go to them shortly as mentioned before.
- \$23 424.00 so far collected from the chocolate sales. Roughly \$4389.84 profit so far. After we process all the returns, we should see that number get closer to \$10 000.00. We need families to return the unsold chocolates please.
- The Teachers Wish list items: we did not pay out all the allocated money: \$247.00 is free at this time for resource and \$800.00 is free for science. So please teachers, use the allocated money before June! After June, we will no longer be able to accept receipts.
- There is a negative amount in the clothing supply store, but rest assured we did make and collect money on the tuques.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

**1. Chocolate Fundraiser: Committee leaders: Kuljinder Kaur and Tracy Witzke:**

- We are still waiting for approx. 55 families to return their unsold chocolates or the money collected from chocolate sales. Even though the deadline was 2 weeks ago, we have been sending letters and trying to get these issues resolved.
- Next year we will be doing this fundraiser differently. We did not receive a great response at first from families regarding the "Opt in" option. Only about 30% of families asked to actually receive chocolate. Had we stayed at that number, we would have only brought in around \$3000.00 from this fundraiser. That is way below what we would normally bring in. Because we brought in so much extra chocolate and sent home at least one box to each family to sell, we got a much better response than originally expected.
- Did the donation option work well? Yes. The donation only option was very much appreciated from some families and will be available next year as well.
- Feedback from teachers was wonderful. No confusion at all in giving out the chocolate to the kids. It went great.

**2. Pizza / Subway / TCBY Allocation for May:**

- This will be sent out to members by email.

**3. Hair Donation: Committee Leader: Liz Bertrand:**

- 2 Hair dressers have been chosen: Barbara Foley-Turban & Alex Kerworth.
- Date: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 10:15am.
- If you would like to volunteer, a letter will go out soon.

**4. Celebration of Learning:**

- This event went so well! It was our first year doing this event and we will be doing it again next year.
- The Book Fair went really well. We made around \$2000.00 for the teachers. We will be holding the Book Fair again next year at this time. It went better than expected. Should we sell Pizza too, since it is around dinner time?
- We'll book Scholastic for the end of March 2018.

**New business:**

**1. Spring Dance: Committee Leaders: Janice Scott Tetrault, Andrea Hayden, Leila Erb & Vicenza Conte**

- The dance will be held on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- DJ has been booked and cost \$80.00.

**2. 2017 – 2018 Executives:**

- The positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer will be available.
- Kuljinder Kaur and Melanie Moore will remain in their positions for their last year of office.
- Members should come to the May and June meetings to run and vote!

**3. Book Swap: Kuljinder Kaur:**

- Come bring us your books!!
- We will collect them, process them (check them) and set them up for each child to look at and choose one book.
- Kids can come through the cafeteria and will be able to browse and pick a book of their liking.
- If we do not collect enough books, we will sort them and bring them to the age appropriate classroom, or to the library.
- Information to come as this is a new idea.
- The date would be sometime in June? We will get some info together and send out letters.

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- a) For the chocolate fundraiser next year, could we look at selling lollipops or other items as well? Might be a good idea to get some other peanut-free options. Vessey's Seeds has a 50% return.
- b) Talk to parents about the election: Get people informed!

**Adjourned:** 7:55pm