

St. Pats Home & School Minutes March 20th 2018

Called to order: 7:09pm

Present members: Caroline Ostrowski, Jennifer Murphy, Maria Peunte, Manon Tremblay, Jael Symes, Natalie Knott, Trina Pearson, Taedra Harris, Melanie Moore, Mimi Tabarzuk, Sarah Smith, Andrea Cappelli

Regrets: Donnalynn Rainey, Tracy Witzke, Maloney Heagney

Adoption of Agenda: **TCBY treats for end of year – add to varia** Accepted by Andrea, second by Sarah

Accepts the Minutes: Accepted by Trina, second by Jael

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Resource Room Funds Event:

- The Recycle / Clean up fundraiser was brought up to the Gov. Board – is the event still on? This fundraiser is to earn money just for our new resource room. We will also / only be receiving a grant for \$1000 for this room. We have a list of items, we just need the money to fill it.
- We will discuss it at the April Gov Board and Teachers Council meetings and let you know.
- Mrs. Knott: Are there any dates in mind?
 - Any day will work, but we will need the school for it. We thought about having it outside, but if it does rain, we would need to have access to inside. This is a one-day event: they come, set up tables and haul away the items same day. Could be a weekday or weekend. We just need to let them know.
 - The next Staff Council meeting is April 10th. We will discuss it.
 - Would the May long weekend work? It is garage sale weekend, maybe the Sunday? People could bring us their unsold goods instead of bringing it all back inside...we could get the community involved, instead of adjust St. Pats parents? We could advertise it on the boards, people could drop off their unwanted stuff. Could get us way more money.
 - May long weekend too many people are away, the weekend after maybe?

Carnival Week:

- Or, lack thereof! Our Carnival Week sort of melted away! We had allocated \$300 for hot chocolate for this event. After some phone calls, it turned out that it was going to cost \$720 instead – yikes! So, we would not have had the funds to do that anyway. We will look into another activity to add to Carnival Week; that amount of money can go a lot further than just hot chocolate. Maybe syrup on snow? That looks to be around \$400 which is much more affordable.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

- We had 100 people sign up for the event. The morning of, 25 people cancelled. We ended up with 23 people there. Taedra had bought snacks & hot paws to keep the kids fed & warm. Needless to say, there are extras! We will save the snacks for the Grade 4 vaccines. The hot paws we will keep downstairs.
- We need an allocation for next Year's parade.
- Although we were placed behind the fire truck, it was surprisingly not loud at all! We looked good in our St. Pats gear & our St. Pats flag & banner!!

Celebration of Learning:

- Next Wed. March 28th from 5-7 pm. Along with the book fair and bake sale.
- Question: Will we have the gym for the book sale? We believe the gym teachers have it set up for events.
- The arboretum works well too.

School Dance: Committee Leader – Maria

- What date works better, May 25th or June 1st?
- Some themes that have come up are Masquerade, which I really like. Colours, give a different feel to the dance.
 - This theme would violate the schools no mask rule, so we probably cannot do this one.
- We also have: Dance around the World. Different music & dances from different cultures.
 - : Dancing Through Time. Different music types from different era's.
 - : Mardi Gras. Would have the same feel as masquerade with the colours but no masks.
- Another mom has volunteered to make the tickets. I know a good DJ if no one has the name of the one from last year. I need a date to book anyone though.
- Other ideas: face painting? Door prizes? Any other ideas, feel free to let me know! Also, any volunteers who want to be involved? Do we charge an entry fee to the dance?

Reports:

President: Taedra

- Thank you to our volunteers and members. It is not said enough and we need to do better. Be it with helping out in the classrooms, setting up events, sending in snacks, buying our fundraiser lunches and pride wear, counting money, re-counting money, running the library - which is only open 5 days a week due to it being run by parental volunteers – to the schools convenience. The

time for acknowledgment and respect is long overdue. Our members are tired, insulted and drained. Communication is lacking and we get the end result of it. There were events recently that took place to show gratitude and to honour our school. Despite many obstacles, our volunteers showed up to make sure the spirit of kindness, good will and mostly, appreciation, was shown to the staff through a week long celebration. Right after an event was held making sure that every child felt special by choosing a book to take home. What thanks did we receive? Upset that utensils were used in the process. The work many of us have done for the school is significant. We are more than this stereotype of women *needing* something to do. We choose to enhance the learning environment for our children and their school. Too many complaints have come to me from members / parents feeling that their time and efforts have not been valued and that is not ok.

Home & Scholl are homeless – at our school. We have been kicked out of our moldy room and kicked to the basement, where our “space” is left open and vulnerable. Merchandise has been damaged, decorations tossed aside and stock has been taken by those who think it is ok to help themselves. We cannot continue to buy cabinets that will be bombarded with bins and trash, making them inaccessible. I am making a formal request to have space for Home & School. We need room to count money, log forms and keep property at our school, not in our homes. This needs to be a partnership.

- Mrs. Knott: We are truly sorry that members feel this way. We will work on what we have talked about here today. Mr. R has ordered a door, so your section of the basement will soon be closed off. I hope that is a start.
- I am not sure if others have heard, but we are having issues with the Editions Vaudreuil for next school year. We will keep you posted.
- The Regional QFHSA council meeting is April 5th from 7-9 pm. Can we nominate someone?
- The Annual QFHSA meeting is April 28th. Please let me know if anyone wants to go. (This meeting has since been cancelled.)
- Donnalynn wanted parents of children with an IPE to know that the SNAC (The Special Needs Advisory Committee) will be hosting a FREE parent to parent information night Tuesday March 27th at 7pm. At the LBPSB head office in Dorval.

Vice-President: Meloney: N/A

Administration: Mrs. Knott:

- Our staff really does appreciate our volunteers. We are sorry that is not felt through out our school.
- Our 5-7 is not being held in our gym anymore. It is now at Notre Dame de Lorette school. Spaghetti dinner March 21 2018. It's free! Info for parents and babysitting for kids.

Staff: Jen Murphy:

- It was Pink Shirt Day around he school. You can see all the pink shirts drawn by he kids.

- March is nutrition month.
- "Shrek" at Lyndsay Place is a go for the theater committee.
- The respect assembly is March 23rd hosted by the Grade 6's.
- Grade 4 French exams are April 4-19th.
- The school play, "Suessical" is April 19th at 7:30pm. Matinees will be for Edgewater and our school the 17th & 18th.
- Cycle 1 Storytelling will be March 22nd, 29th & one in April.

Governing Board: Donnalynn:

- Taedra: there was talk about the budget and a budget survey.

Treasurer: Sarah:

- For the Baby sitting course, the money came in and went out. There was a great turn out for the course.
- For the Pizza lunch numbers, March is not included in this report.
- We have made \$666 by using Funscript up to this point of the year.
- I have moved the allocation of funds for the playground, instead of leaving it in our account. It currently sits at \$36 000. We have \$1100 towards the resource room.
- Sold some scarves, so clothes sales are up.
- Question: should the \$700 for music be a minus, as we gave them that money?
Yes, I will check that – Sarah.

Membership: Position is yet to be filled.

Volunteer Coordinator: N/A

New Business:

- **Grade 4 Vaccines April 12th**
 - We will need 4 volunteers.
 - Mimi can help.
 - We will use the left over parade snacks, we may need extra cookies.
- **Hair Donation:**
 - We have kids growing out their hair! We will be donating to a company that does not charge for their wigs. We are going with CanDonate.
 - We need a date and a hairdresser.
 - Who would like to lead this event? Would Liz Bertrand do it?

Varia:

-TCBY End of Year Treats Fundraiser – Andrea

- I thought it would be a good way to fundraise for the end of the year by offering parents a chance to order a 1L tub of the TCBY we currently order for the Pizza/Subway lunches. Since they deliver here once a month, there would be no extra delivery fee for this. We could hold it in June. They offer a ton of flavours that we do not order for the lunches (chocolate, vanilla, chocolate/vanilla swirl, strawberry, Neapolitan, orange sorbet, cappuccino, salted caramel, blue cotton candy, vanilla cake batter and more.) All the sorbet are dairy free.

- In store, they charge \$9.99 per 1L. They would charge us \$7,50, we could charge \$10 I think. There would be a 1 day pick up time, after school, for parents. We would not send it home on the busses. When it arrives here at the school, it is flash frozen, so it is very cold and does not crystallize. Very safe for parents to come and get without melting. We don't really have anything to lose. We only buy what we need.

Book Sale / Bake Sale Mimi (books) & Jael (bake)

- Taedra to Admin: For long shifts, can we please have the school cover the costs of food for the volunteers?
- Question: Can we sell pizza at the back sale? Jael: will look into!
- We were thinking of making the final book fair all French books, but it will not be this year. We have asked Babar Books if they would work with us instead of Scholastic because Babar offer a better range of French books. Babar only gives us a 15% return on the amount sold. Scholastic gives us back 50-60% of what we sell in credit, which goes directly back to the teachers. So, we will probably stick with Scholastic and our last book fair next year will be only French books.
- I will need help setting up and taking down. I will also need a few people to work during.
- I always do a preview before the book fair for the teachers. I bring coffee and doughnuts. I also need to cover the paper costs of the fair and bake sale. This usually runs around \$70 / fair. Can we allocate for this?
- **Motion: We motion to allocate \$140 to the costs of the 2 book fairs and bake sales throughout the year. Motioned by Mimi, second by, Jael. Vote was unanimous, motion granted.**
- Question : Can we start to use the Scholastic credits towards the resource room?

Pizza Lunch Coordinator Position:

- We are going to be in need of a new lunch coordinator, as Andrea can no longer take this on and all she has going on. We will need someone to step in a do this position. Does anyone wish to step up? She has done a fantastic job of organizing the work and with most orders online, it is even easier!

Adjourned: 9:20pm