

St Joseph's – A. McKay Home & School Minutes

Date: Wednesday May 8th, 2019
Time: 6:30pm
Location: SJAM Library

Attendees

Regrets

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Jessica Winton	Heather Breeze	Jenn Beamer			Shannon DeCoste	
Erin Galllott	Natalie Hagerty	Erica Butler				
Tina Hiscock	Heather Thornhill	Alan Farquhar				
Bethany Lander	Kathy Shano	Chantelle Dooley				

Agenda

1. Motion to approve current Agenda
2. Motion to approve minutes from April 2019
3. Treasurer's Report April 2019
4. 2018/2019 Fundraising Calendar
5. Financial Requests
6. 2019/2020 Fundraising Calendar
7. Principals Report
8. Round Table
9. Signage

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Jenn Beamer *Second:* Jessica Winton

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2019:

Motion: Kathy Shano *Second:* Erin Galllott

3. Treasurer's Report April 2019:

- Kathy reported that \$11,179.00 was deposited (mostly funds from Wine & Cheese event). Discussion re very successful fundraising from this event. New method of payment via e-transfers went well overall.
- RBC account will be closed when 1 outstanding cheque has been cashed
- Cheques for the new account at CUA have been ordered
- Estimated funds at discretion of H&S: \$26,455.89

4. 2018/2019 Fundraising/Event Calendar

Wine & Beer tasting with Silent Auction

- \$11, 010 total raised (with 1 more advertising donation to come in). We had \$168 in expenses for the event insurance and once our wine bill was settled Bishops will be paying us \$68. This amount is worked into the total however we have not received it yet.
- Discussion that fundraising for advertising at the event was successful
- T4G may be moving. Alan suggested that Mayflower Curling Club could be an option for an alternative location, it's a bar so people could stay after event.
- Some suggestions made for next year:
 - Have printable order sheets for wine still available at the event and H&S could submit orders for people who do not want to make online order
 - Promote event/rebranding as "Parents' Night Out"

- Lots of cheese leftover and sandwiches. Suggestion to limit these next year

May 25th

Spring Fair

- Obtained volunteering sheets from teachers. There are 55 game/table slots still left to fill. There are still 57 food donation slots still left to fill as well.
- Tina asked that H&S members reach out to parents they know and ask for volunteers/donations. Discussion that technology is making sign-up cumbersome for some parents. Tina encouraged members to re-tweet H&S volunteer request for Spring Fair
- Natalie agreed to purchase the bouncer for the purpose of inclusion and can be used at other times. Jill P went to Canadian Tire and purchased this for her.
- Jessica put in a grant application for Spring Fair but hasn't heard
- Natalie will check if staff member has vehicle that can pick up bbq on Friday night. Natalie will bring propane tank

5. Financial Request/Disbursements:

- McKenzie/Dearman/Collinson - \$300 for Grand Pre Trip and Superstore cooking class (to use in addition to grant they received)
- DeWare/Mott - \$304.27 for trip to Hope for Wildlife
- Purdy/Swinamer/Tulley - \$225 Discovery Centre
- Purdy/Swinamer/Firlotte. - \$275 Grade 1 t-shirt making
- Good Food First - from grant funds- invoice for first 3 sessions for staff running session.

Everyone in agreement re above financial requests

-Discussion re allocating money for each class that could be used for trips or activities, not just trips.

-Suggested that teachers could keep receipts from activities and submit request through H&S if teacher has not used money allocated for trips.

-Heather will ask teachers for feedback from other teachers re what may work best for using H&S funds allocated to them

6. 2019/2020 Fundraising Calendar:

-Proposal for 2019/2020 H&S fundraising and event calendar was shared with group. Includes budget for allocating funds to classrooms so there is a goal for fundraising. Erin and Tina previously met with Natalie to discuss this and identify priority events

-Discussion re limiting requests made to parents for donations and volunteering.

-Plan is to create 1 school calendar with H&S fundraising and events, grade 6 fundraising events, and other school events.

This would be sent home to parents at the beginning of the year so they can anticipate events.

Details of proposed calendar:

-Sept - Nourish your Roots. Timing not really flexible as we do it in preparation for Thanksgiving. \$ from this event goes to Breakfast program

-Bath bombs will be sold in time for holidays

-Front row tickets for Holiday Concert will be sold at Curriculum night

-School clothing will be sold in March vs at the beginning of the year

-Proposal that there be no BINGO next year to allow opportunity for grade 6s to have a fundraising dance

-Dominoes fundraiser involves flyers being sent home in kids' backpacks that any pizza purchased within a given time frame results in % going to H&S. No volunteers needed.

-Grand in Hand involves 400 tickets printed and sold at \$10/tickets. When all tickets sold, the person whose number gets drawn wins \$1000. The rest goes to H&S. The money would go to teachers for classroom supplies. Event would start at Curriculum night and go for as long as needed to sell all tickets

-Discussion re selling of school clothing late in the year likely meaning students in grade 6 wouldn't purchase.

- Discussion re loss of BINGO as a nice community event. Would Grade 6 dance be a similar replacement for families to attend a fun school event?
- Discussion re Grand in the Hand: could tickets be sold for lower price (\$5?) to make it more affordable?

ACTION:

- H&S members asked to provide feedback on proposed calendar, incl what they like, what they would like to see changed.
- Heather Thornhill to get feedback from staff re proposed calendar
- All feedback requested 1 week before next meeting so it can be reviewed and discussed at next meeting

7. Principal's Report

- Registration process complete. Proposed class configuration completed. 9 French Immersion (FI), 7 English classes. Pre-primary again next year. Currently 2 FI Primaries (17 students each), 1 English Primary (17 students)
- Staffing steady. 2 FI positions will be posted. Mrs King (Resource teacher, Writers' Cafe coordinator) is retiring so her position will be posted. Discussion re appropriate ways to recognize/celebrate her.
- Proposal that there be an SAC report from an SAC member at the beginning of the H&S meeting. SAC meetings happen 6 x/year and generally right before H&S.
- Discussion about accommodating kids playing soccer/basketball on the upper yard. Currently kids are playing basketball or soccer in the gym every recess. Wondering about joint committee H&S/SAC re repurposing upper yard. The wooden stage in outdoor area could potentially be used to free up space for sport playing. Discussion re whether stage could be moved - maybe to lower yard.
- Discussion re whether the money from Lindell Smith be used for this purpose instead (Amy currently sourcing landscaping but is this a better use of the money)?

ACTION

- Heather Breeze will inquire with HRM about how to manage existing wooden stage and potential next steps to move it.
- Tina will text Chris Poole who installed it re how it could potentially be removed/moved.

8. Round Table:

Garden Committee

- Good Food First going well
- Claire Gallant running food component, Maria running garden part and teaching aspect of program
- 12 participants (more manageable than 15 from first session)

9. Signage:

May - Alan & Yolanda
June - not discussed

Next Home and School Meeting – June 12th, 2019 630pm at SJAM