



# Minutes of Home and School Meeting

## Children's World Academy

2241 Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: October 19, 2022

Start time: 18:46

End time: 20:25

### *2022.10.01*      **ATTENDANCE**

Angela Mastromonaco, Angie Fato, Barbara Giallo, Diana Trochei, Genevieve Emond, Gillian Pereira , Grace Petrucci, Guy Walker, Josie Montesano, Karina Lanza, Kimberly Jones, Kirstie Gordon-Loiello, Laura D'Adamo, Lisa Perfetto, Mara Nazzari, Mariana Vetro, Nadisha Hosein, Nathalie Tremblay, Nicky Giulietti, Sabrina Baker, Sara Solazzo, Silvia Di Ciaccio, Soo-Lin Ng, Steph Rizzo, Tamara Dell'Olio, Teresa Verelli, Vanessa Gervasi

### *2022.10.02*      **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda Purposed by Kim  
Agenda Second by Barbar

### *2022.10.03*      **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Previous Minutes Purposed by Marianna  
Second by Nathalie

### *2022.10.04*      **H&S NEWS**

- Fall conference will be held in person on Nov 12, 2022
- Green committee award will be given out that day
- 25\$ attendance fee covered by H&S, lunch and activities are included. All are welcome

### *2022.10.05*      **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

#### **Mr. Gellar's report read by Barbara**

- Thank you to parent volunteers for all they do in the school.

- Facilities, many beautiful plants have been planted around the school by Ms. Patricia, staff, parent volunteers, and students. The green committee was a big help along with Eco Cartier.
- Covid protocols: Numbers of cases have been minimal in the school. We will continue to minimize the number of interior gatherings in the school while starting to do some limited in person events.
- Interim reporting: Interim reports have already gone home. The school year will go back to 3 terms, with reporting in November, February and June. Parent teacher interviews will take place the evening of Nov 17th and during the day on Nov 18th.
- Orange shirt day: Mme France, Mr. Grant and students spoke to the importance of this event.
- Terry Fox run: Thank you H&S for the apples. This is a very important activity in the school to raise cancer awareness and money for cancer research.
- Field trips: Students starting to go on field trips. Thank you to teachers and parent volunteers. Kindergarten went apple picking. Grade 1 had a special guest "les mots s'animent. Grade 2 went to Bois de Liesse. Grade 3 went to Droulers. Grade 4 did a community clean up. Grade 6 went to the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament and today students from grade 4,5,6 went to the cross country run at the Morgan Arboretum.
- Special guest speakers: Thank you to Ms. Tania in grade 6 for organizing the visits of Lasalle mayor, Mme Blanchet and federal MPs Me. Beauchemin and Mr. Lametti.
- Fire Drills & Lockdown: we have had 3 successful fire drills, with quick exits from the building. We will do one more in October as well, we did a mandatory lockdown earlier in the month.
- Open house: Our open house will take place on Nov 10th. We promoted through our Facebook page, our website, the board's website, hand delivered flyers to local daycares and preschools and soon five digital billboards in the LaSalle area.

#### 2022.10.06 **TEACHER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Walker will start forwarding teachers' reports.
- Grade 6 exhibition will start in 1 month; parents will be asked to be guest speakers.
- Our school will have an IB audit in 1 year.
- It was very nice to have parent volunteers at the cross country run.
- Ski trip for grade 5 is scheduled for the end of January.
- Leadership, we are getting students involved in recess and assemblies.
- Ms. Kim Harkness will be joining the meeting one month on, one month off.
- Staff would like students to receive something other than chocolate treats and candy for Halloween.

#### 2022.10.07 **GOVERNING BOARD'S REPORT**

- Adopted positions, Genevieve Chair, John Vice Chair, Mario and Karine sharing the secretary position, parent rep Suzie. We are missing a treasurer.
- Uniform committee formed again, chaired by Jessica V.
- Safety committee chaired by Karine B.
- No daycare user committee formed.
- Voted on approval of Grade 5 field trip to the Train Museum.

#### 2022.10.08 **Treasurer Report**

- Meal's fundraiser started. \$18,100 collected, estimated profit \$5,934
- Vegetable baskets profit of \$282
- Grade 6 graduation hoodies, \$1500 deposit issued with balance to be paid in about 2 weeks.
- Staff appreciation, apple pies and cold coffees were offered to the staff costing \$283.85 - this came from the carry forward amount from last year
- Students received a welcome back gift, a bendable pencil costing \$227.52

- Marianna was able to get free apples from Metro for the Terry Fox run, minimal cost of \$8.63 incurred for the bags
- Office-Zoom renewal for another year cost \$229.95 and Bank fees to date are \$55.20
- -We have 23,685\$ in the bank but we still have things pay (total amount allocated \$14,249.90) such as the cost of the lunches \$10,076 and approved items such as:
  - Green committee carry forward amount \$204.51
  - Student Council carry forward amount \$192.04
  - Balance of hoodies about \$1500.00
  - Membership payment to QFHSA - \$1040
  - Halloween budget \$800.00
  - Grad breakfast-pay it forward to be used for grads of 2023 - \$347.21
  - Library magazine subscription about \$40.00
- Available funds for planning future events/activities is \$9,435.73 .
- Yearbook estimated budget is \$3500 - to be approved at a later date
- Staff appreciation budget in the past has been \$2,000
- Christmas-a budget will need to be allocated once we know what we can and cannot do

## 2022.10.09 FUNDRAISING

- Meeting held last week
- We want to keep things simple, home delivery, online payments.
- We are looking for new ways to communicate fundraisers to parents and the community.
- Discussed if funds raised can go to a specific purpose, are we allowed? The problem with being specific is that should the funds not be raised as required, what happens then-do donors get refunded? Best to be general when raising funds.
- Fundraising has started, super recyclers, vegetable baskets, meals, Bo Sapin, Mtl Craft Cocktails, December Domino's meal night, Redi Pizza may be an option.
- Possible upcoming fundraisers, May- Super recyclers, Boxes of greeting cards, Maple products, reusable Ziplock bags (if anyone knows someone who does them, please let us know)
- Lunches are our biggest fundraiser. We use Sagoto for the ordering of meals. Some issues need to be fixed. After the deadline parents are still asking to place orders. This is causing extra work and chances of errors. Trying to figure out a way to still accept meals after the order deadline in a reasonable matter. Laura recommends opening links no more than a week after the deadline. We need to remind parents more often that the deadline is coming up. Maybe we can do lunch blocks for 3 months so it gives parents more chances to order.

## 2022.10.11 ACTIVITIES

- Grade 6 hoodies ready in 2 weeks.
- The Terry Fox run was a success, kids loved apples.
- Halloween, we would like to go with less wrapping and waste. Maybe a craft or 1 treat to eat at school. It was decided to go with 1 mini doughnut per student. Doughnuts are nut free, gluten free and vegan.
- Committee will need 230\$ more for the doughnuts, original budget was 800\$
- Doughnuts will be distributed at lunch-by-lunch monitors and eaten at school.
- 504 doughnuts ordered for students and 100 for staff. Staff doughnuts will come out of staff appreciation budget.
- Decorating of lobby will be done by Laura and Nicky. Tables for the pumpkin display will be set up on the Friday before.
- E vote sent out to approve the 230\$ extra for the donuts, 100% approved.
- Nadisha will look into Cabane a Sucre and get quotes so we can decide if we want to do it in the Spring.
- Nathalie will bring Lego sensory table to the resource room.

### Christmas

- We need to ask Mr. Gellar if we can have breakfast with Santa.
- Maybe we can have an in-class breakfast.
- Can the older kids help out with the breakfast?

### Staff appreciation

- Staff were treated to McDonald's pies and cold coffees as welcome back.

- Laura proposed 1000\$ for staff appreciation and Nathalie 2nd it.
- Marianna sent out an E vote for \$1,000 budget for staff appreciation, 96% for and 4% abstained.

#### Yearbook

- Committee met this week.
- Link is being set up on drive
- We went through the old yearbooks and we want to slim down the book to get the cost lower.
- Nadisha will call Hueneye, cost will probably be higher this year due to inflation.

#### New Ideas

- Family literacy day, does anyone have ideas?
- Does anyone have new ideas for new committees?
- Can H&S do anything to help staff with wellness?
- Possible return of carnival and Jungle sport. H&S has helped with the cost of Jungle sport in the past.
- Can we bring back skating day? Mr. Walker will look into it.

### 2022.10.12      **GREEN COMMITTEE**

- Nothing to report

### 2022.10.13      **PROJECTS/WISH LIST**

#### Library

- Ms. Tiffany has a wish list, she would like to purchase a second set of popular books and Graphic Novels.
- She is asking for a budget of 1000\$
- Lisa P asked if parents can donate books to the library?
- Teresa V mentioned other schools have parents donate money to purchase books for their library and in the book, it would be mentioned it was donated by "The Smith family"
- Mariana proposed 1000\$ for the library, Barbara 2nd it.
- Marianna sent out an E vote for the \$1000 and it was approved 100%

### 2022.10.14      **VARIA**

-none

### 2022.10.15      **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

-nothing to report

### 2022.10.16      **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned by Nathalie at 20:25 p.m
- Next meeting on Zoom November 16 at 6:45 pm