



Minutes of Home and School Meeting

Children's World Academy

2241 Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: November 16, 2022

Start time: 6:45 p.m.

End time: 9:11 p.m.

2022.11.01 ATTENDANCE

Adrian Geller, Angie Fato, Anne Moorhouse, Barbara Giallo, Betty Chong, Erica Caruso, Gillian Pereira, Grace Petrucci, Josie Montesano, Karen Macdonald, Karina Lanza, Kimberly Jones, Kirstie Gordon-Loiello, Laura D'Adamo, Lisa Perfetto, Lorry-Ann Clarke, Mariana Vetro, Mary Mancuso, Nadisha Hosein, Nathalie Tremblay, Stephanie Rizzo, Tamara Dell'Olio, Tara Babore, Teresa Verelli, Vanessa Gervasi, Yolande Kam

2022.11.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Proposed by Mariana
Agenda Seconded by Nathalie

2022.11.03 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous Minutes Proposed by Barbara
Previous Minutes Seconded by Kim

2022.11.04 H&S NEWS

- Fall conference has been canceled because of low registration. They are trying to figure out if it's because of in person.
- Workshops are being offered - all info can be found in the newsletter. You can also find out what other schools are doing in the newsletter as well as any subcommittees you can join with the QFHSA.
- QFHSA has books that they can donate to us for use in baskets for holidays.
- Since the fall conference is canceled, the QFHSA would like to present the Pat Lewis Environmental award at a school assembly. Nat will coordinate with Mr. Geller.

2022.11.05 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Weather has been good as the activities happening at school.
- Speaker system in the gym has been fixed by Mr. Walker, Mr. Andrew and Mr. Geller, replacement not needed to date.
- Had a full school assembly for Remembrance Day. The assembly was the right length and had the right content. There were bagpipers, 2 guest speakers and the children were involved. Lasted about 35 minutes.
- Covid is still lingering. Have not had any spikes but with the flu and other viruses around, school is being cautious. Media has mentioned the possibility of masking once again. Mr. Geller suggested that H&S members entering the school could wear masks.
- Term 1 report cards went out with no difficulties. Parent-teacher meetings taking place this week.

- EDDI (Equity, diversity, dignity and inclusion) - a report was requested on what CWA did for EDDI and to name some of the few: orange shirt day, black athletes olympic wall, artwork in foyer, purchased literature for library, main photo on school website is pride flag created by students. Working with Mr. Grant to continue initiatives.
- Field trips: most of the ones done to date have been subsidized. Some coming up will have a cost attached to them.
- Fire drills all done for the year.
- Tania D'Alessandro has worked so hard to bring in politicians to help the grade 6 students with their unit of inquiry. Students were engaged and received a different perspective from each attending politician. (Blanchette, Palestini, Beauchemin & Lametti).
- Open House: thank you to all for spreading the word, for the volunteers helping out. Mr. Geller visited all feeder schools personally. The turnout was very good and registration for the dec. 2 testing day is surpassing previous year numbers.
- Fundraising initiative in house: Pearson Education Foundation. The school board has challenged each school to raise money for this foundation. This in turn will then go back to students and schools more economically challenged, in the LB Pearson school board. We will have a free dress down day on Nov. 30 to raise funds for this.

2022.11.06 **TEACHER'S REPORT**

- Movie night sometime in January or early February to support the grade 5 ski trip - H&S will help Mr. Walker organize this.
- Needs to be approved at the Governing Board level.

2022.11.07 **GOVERNING BOARD'S REPORT**

- Discussion about a smell from the sewer close to the daycare door - City was called and it was fixed last week
- A community rep was voted in : Anila Erindi (past parent)
- The Uniform subcommittee is currently reviewing all documents and recruiting new members. If any H&S members are interested, you can join by sending an email to the GB email-looking for 2-3 parents. First meeting to come soon and will be chaired by Jessica Burelle.
- The Safety subcommittee is also currently recruiting new members. Again, H&S parents can join by sending an email to the GB-looking for 2-3 parents. Karine Bassal will act as chair and the first meeting will be set up soon. Discussion about some signage to be done around the school.
- Gb approved the GB internal Rules of Management for 2022-2023 and the yearly GB operating budget of \$574.10.
- Field trips were approved for kindergarten to the musée Pointe-à-Callière, Grade 2 for the Canadian Center for Architecture, Grade 5 for Mont St-Bruno for a ski outing and Grade 6 for the Barrage de Beauharnois.

2022.11.08 **Treasurer Report**

- Meal's fundraiser: We had about \$1600 that derived from manual orders. The estimated profit is about \$6K. For the next block, we will NOT be accepting manual orders after the deadline as it requires too much manpower which we don't have and potentially creates errors. This was the reason we started using the online ordering process. It defeats the purpose of paying for online services if we still accept manual orders. There will be no exceptions made.
- Uniform sale done at the same time as the veggies baskets with Équiterre generated \$475.00.
- The Basket fundraiser generated \$395.70 on final count. According to Équiterre, most farms registered less orders this year. To redo next year.
- Grade 6 graduation hoodies, total cost \$2940, were delivered to the students.
- Staff appreciation: We spent \$168 on donuts for Halloween to go with those received by students. \$1000 was allocated leaving a balance of \$881.15 to spend for future events.
- Students received donuts for Halloween costing \$1008 plus a bit of decor that was purchased bringing Halloween total to \$1025.49 (Budget was \$1030).
- We issued payment to QFHSA for the membership fees of \$1060.00.
- Bank fees to date are \$83.70 which will be offset by the \$270.00 from extra \$5 on membership payments.
- We have \$16,324 in the bank less approved expenses:
 - Lunches to be paid out \$5,534
 - Green committee carry forward amount \$204.51

- Student Council carry forward amount \$192.04
- Grad breakfast-pay it forward to be used for grads of 2023 \$347.21
- Library \$1000 pledge to buy books in honor of Literacy Day in January
- Staff Appreciation \$881.15
- Available funds for planning future events/activities is \$8,164 for now.
- Items to consider for budgeting for now are Christmas and Carnival Week.

2022.11.09 **FUNDRAISING**

- Holiday Fundraisers have officially been launched (MTL Craft Cocktail & Bo Sapin).
- Flyer has been sent to Mr Geller to send out to the parent community. (Is it possible to have that sent out this week?)
- We had posted the BoSapin link on our Facebook page last week and have already gotten 12 orders.
- We were mistaken at the last fundraising subcommittee meeting when it was said that we had completely stopped sending home printed flyers. Did not realize that we were still sending home the holiday fundraisers by paper every year. After discussion, we will again have a paper flier sent home (only for marketing purposes, no orders are taken by the form) We will not be doing this for all fundraisers only ones that we feel it's important to do so. (probably holiday & lunches)
- Discussion was had and Mr. Geller suggested keeping the information coming from one source. From his experience, when the information is coming from various sources, parents will not access all sources.
- Sending papers home is also something to discuss. From Mr. Geller's experience, emails work better than papers in a school bag. If a parent is not receiving emails, they should contact Miss Sandra. It is their responsibility to ensure all contact information is correct. Mr. Geller would like to minimize/eliminate paper documents. Flyers can be posted at daycare doors and front doors, but it's possible that many parents don't really see this as they are not always approaching the door (using the APP). Mr. Geller said we can have access to posting on the CWA Instagram page and Facebook page in addition to the H&S ones. This might give us access to reach more parents. A suggestion was made to reach out to staff to add deadlines for H&S on the "Plan de la Semaine" but again, this affects others (the teachers) and adding another source of information may not make a difference. The use of the phone system as a way of sending messages was also discussed, but this comes with other problems and is not worth going this route.
- We are just about ready to launch the next ordering period for the fundraising lunches.
- Because of the overwhelming emails we had received about ordering lunches after the deadline last October, we are doing it a little differently this time.
- Instead of having the second run from January to June, like last year, we will separate it into 2 blocks: January to March and April to June. The upcoming ordering period will be for the January to March block only.
- We will have the ordering link open for over 6 weeks to give plenty of time to order.
- We will have a soft official deadline of Dec 30th, but the link will actually close the following week.
- We will not be accepting any orders by email after the deadline. No exceptions will be made. We do not have the manpower to handle the amount of work it creates, and it causes too many errors on the distribution sheets.
- We also still need to look into hosting a Dominos Pizza meal evening. We should hopefully have more info on that shortly and potentially do it in December.
- A potential Hockey raffle was discussed and will be brought to the Governing board for approval.

2022.11.11 **ACTIVITIES**

- Grad hoodies were delivered and students were happy.
- Halloween donuts were a hit.
- We have been given the green light to bring back the tradition of "Breakfast with Santa". This event brings in all the classes, usually in 2 seatings, for a breakfast served by the volunteers. Pancakes and sausages are served along with a fruit and sometimes a yogurt and milk. Children with allergies will be accommodated. Grace is heading/planning the event as she has a contact to get the food donated for free. Concern for future events when Grace is no longer a member was mentioned and it is possible that for future events, a budget will need to be allocated to this event. For this year, no budget was allocated.

- Grace will order the main food and tables are already reserved. Details will come. Volunteers will be needed for set up the night before the event as well as for the day of the event. We will abide by the limitations set by the school as well as based on the needs that Grace will advise us on. The volunteers will come from the H&S membership and if there is a limit, we will need to set up a criteria for signing up. More to follow. We will plan for 2 seatings, but be prepared to change this to 3 seatings or for in class distribution depending on any restrictions that may need to be applied. Mr. Geller will keep us informed as to any changes that may arise. The event takes place the morning of the last day of school (Dec 23). The classes usually take a picture with Santa and Kim suggested using a polaroid as an option to give pictures out right away.
- The Breakfast with Santa will be separate from the Christmas committee. After some discussion, it was decided that the members that signed up for the Christmas committee will continue planning any potential activities for Christmas but not for the same day as Breakfast with Santa since that day is quite hectic. An email will be sent out to the members that had signed up for this committee and once a chair is established, planning can begin. Any ideas must be approved by Mr. Geller first and then any budget amount needed can be requested via e-vote to the membership so as to have enough time to execute since our next meeting is December 6th. Some ideas that were brought forth are a customized Christmas ornament, a door decorating contest (Teresa), paying it forward, maybe doing a craft that teachers can incorporate in their day or save the craft for Valentine's day. Also, Laura will reach out to the student council and let them know of funds available to them should they need any support with planning any Christmas activities.
- Family Literacy day - January 27. Laura spoke with Miss Tiffany and the idea about families purchasing a book to donate to the library was presented. Miss Tiffany liked the idea and suggested it be a straight donation amount (average cost is about \$15.00 per book) and then once a donation is received, the family donor will be included in the book. Later, a display of all donated books can be photographed. Laura to meet with Mr. Geller to review this idea.
- Cabane a Sucre: Nadisha contacted a vendor who had two options: taffy on snow \$200.00 set up fee, \$1.00/person for the first 400 and then 0.75/person after that. We have about 500 students and 80 staff (24 classes). The other option is you pay \$60.00/class and he spends time explaining to the kids, it is a more animated event but he can do 3-4 classes in a day. This option may not be good since it would take multiple days to get through the 24 classes.
- Jungle sport-they are having some staffing issues so doesn't look good for this year. The phys. Ed. Teachers are brainstorming and will approach H&S should they need any support for events/equipment etc.

Brainstorming ideas:

- A suggestion was made for maybe having tournaments in the school.
- There will be an international carnival week (combining international week and carnival week). This year is a busy year since school is preparing for an audit next year so because of time constraints, combining the two weeks. H&S will be contacted should our help be needed.
- Year end activity to consider doing maybe with bouncy castles, etc.
- Earth month activity?
- Health month in March - vegetables and fruits per class?
- Ice cream truck like last year.
- Queue de Castor and Hot chocolate for carnival.
- Any ideas should be emailed to H&S and then subcommittees can be organized.

2022.11.12 **GREEN COMMITTEE**

- Nothing to report at this time

2022.11.13 **PROJECTS/WISH LIST**

- Lego sensory table delivered-pictures to follow.

2022.11.14 **VARIA**

None

2022.11.15

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nothing to report

2022.11.16

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Nathalie at 9:11.
Next meeting on Zoom December 6th at 6:45 pm.