



Minutes of Home and School Meeting

Children's World Academy

2241 Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: December 7th, 2022

Start time: 6:45 p.m.

End time: 7:54p.m.

2022.12.01 ATTENDANCE

Angela Mastromonaco, Angie Fato, Barbara Giallo, Betty Chong, Carla Ciavaglia, Diana Trochei, Geneviève Emond, Grace Petrucci, Josie Montesano, Karina Lanza, Kimberly Jones, Kimberley Harkness, Lisa Cuscuna, Lisa Perfetto, Mariana Vetro, Nathalie Tremblay, Sabrina Cavallaro, Sabrina Mancuso, Sara Solazzo, Stephanie Rizzo, Tamara Dell'Olio, Tara Babore, Teresa Verelli, Vanessa Gervasi

2022.12.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Proposed by Tamara
Agenda Seconded by Kim

2022.12.03 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous Minutes Proposed by Mariana
Previous Minutes Seconded by Tamara

2022.12.04 H&S NEWS

- The next school assembly will take place December 19th. QFHSA will present the school with the Pat Lewis Environmental award.

2022.12.05 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the last four months, Home and School has been absolutely amazing in supporting the school. Your contributions truly make the school a better place for both students and staff! Whether it is helping with lunches, running fundraisers, or volunteering at events – whatever role you play, please know that your efforts really make a difference!

On behalf of all staff, a sincere THANK YOU for all you do, and do so well! Facilities The city has installed two speed bumps on Menard that are helping slow traffic. Parking along Menard, with the new drop off periods, seems to be going fairly well. There is never enough space at “rush hour” so parents are encouraged to come a bit early, expect delays, and refrain from double parking at all times. The police do come around on a regular basis to ticket so please be careful and safe out there.

Covid- RSV - Flu

We have noted an increase in the number of students and staff absent but fortunately not more than what was expected. We will be cautious in the coming weeks and do our best to keep the number of cases to a minimum. Parents are encouraged to consider having their children wear masks (which are provided to all classes free of charge). For the

upcoming concerts, masking is being strongly encouraged. EDDI – Equity, Diversity, Dignity and Inclusion The EDDI committee along with teachers and our Spiritual Animator, Mr. Grant, continue to take action to raise awareness about these issues through classroom instruction, spiritual animation activities, assemblies, guest speakers, music etc.

Field Trips

Staff have been busy organizing experiential learning trips and their efforts are most appreciated. Grade 6s recently visited the Beauharnois Dam, grade 5s enjoyed their trip to Exporail back in November and the Ks learned so much visiting the Pointe à Callière Museum.

CWA Cares

Students, Simona and Alexia, are to be congratulated for collecting 1159 books for the Children’s Hospital. These were donated by families here at CWA along with friends and neighbors. Well done girls! They doubled last year’s total! We are in the process of collecting grocery cards to support Verdun and Riverview schools with their food basket campaign. They are starting to trickle in and a reminder will be sent to parents in the coming days, with the campaign ending December 16th. As well, we will collect non- perishable food items at the Holiday Concert, which in turn will be given to local food banks. Lastly, we held a dress down day fundraiser for the Pearson Educational Foundation on November 30th , to raise money for this internal charity that supports LBPSB schools and families especially in the area of giving out winter clothing and boots.

Wellness

As we saw in last year’s Tell Them From Me student survey, there is a jump in anxiety levels due in large part to the fall out of the pandemic, so we’ll be offering anxiety reduction workshops to our senior grades through our Special Education Technician, Ms. Tasha and our school psychologist, Dr. Morganstein. As well, we have instituted some measures to support our amazing, hard-working staff including lunch time mindfulness/meditation and sports activities.

Open House and Entrance Exams

We had an outstanding turn out at both the Open House and Entrance Exam events, with good numbers and a solid base to continue with our four Kindergarten classes next year. Congratulations to all the staff, parent volunteers and especially lead organizers, Guy and Sharon, in the excellent logistics and flow of both events. Holiday Events at CWA – In Person! We are all looking forward to all the fun and excitement in the coming weeks with special events like the Holiday Concert and Breakfast with Santa coming back this year in person (masking encouraged and distancing will be done when possible).

Thanks Laura and Nicky for decorating the front foyer and surrounding areas in the school – it all looks so festive!

2022.12.06 TEACHER’S REPORT

No update

2022.12.07 GOVERNING BOARD’S REPORT

- The next GB is on December 13th so no feedback
- We still don’t have any members that have joined the GB Uniform subcommittee and Safety subcommittee. We have many complaints about Moni from parents.. But in order to make a change we need your help. If you are still interested to join the committee email children_world_gb@lbpearson.ca
- Geneviève is to write up something that we can post on facebook for anyone that would like to be in the above committee.

2022.12.08

Treasurer Report

- Meals for Oct-Dec will bring us a profit of \$6,223.39 (\$8962.30 less meals left to pay of \$2738.91)
- Meals for Jan-March, ordering has begun, don't have any information yet on how it is going-Kim may have more insight to that.
- We received the Super Recycleur payment of \$226.25
- We received donations of \$75.00
- Yearbook Message from the heart request has gone out and we collected 2 so far= \$10.00

As for our expenses:

- We issued a reimbursement for student council Halloween expense totalling \$69.85 leaving them with a budget of \$122.19

To summarize:

- Our cash balance in the bank including petty cash is \$13765.32.
- From that, deduct the outstanding expenses (approved items) that total \$5293.97
 - o Grad breakfast \$347.21
 - o Staff Appreciation \$881.15
 - o Green Committee \$204.51
 - o Student Council \$122.19
 - o Library \$1000
 - o Meals left to pay \$2738.91
- We are left with \$8471.35 to be used to plan other activities/events. (This excludes the currently running fundraisers of Bo Sapin and Mocktails as I am not sure of sales)
- Some events to keep in mind are: Christmas, grad, yearbook

2022.12.09

FUNDRAISING

- Meals fundraiser has started and we have 212 orders. We still have another 3 weeks until our parents can place the orders. It ends December 30th we will not be accepting any order or adjustment after the deadline. We are still dealing with past deadline order from last time
- BoSapin we have 31 orders Total \$2,224.64 Profit \$309.49. The trees are really nice. A nutcracker comes to your door with the tree and a little gift for the kids. The trees are starting to get sold out so please order.
- MTL Craft Cocktail we thought was going to be the star of the fundraiser. We haven't been getting many orders, we have only sold for Total \$1,000 Profit \$200.00. The fundraiser ends December 12th so 1 week left.
- We sent out paper flyers to all the parents in the hope that we will get more orders in.
- Pizza Night with Dominos Thursday December 22nd. Thursday is a more successful day. You will have 3 meals to choose from and depending on the meal you select we get back \$5to \$10 per meal.

2022.12.10

ACTIVITIES

- **Breakfast with Santa:** Grace chairing the committee.
- Pancakes have been donated by Ville Toscana.
- A Supplier that has been used in the past had other commitments to help donate to other schools.this year we need to pay cost Total of \$403. Purchase of 200 qty yogurts ,15 cases clementines and sausages
- 3 moms will be cooking the sausages the day before, plates maple syrup and candy cans have already been purchased
- No need for a budget. Mr. Geller will pay for it under the food grant from the school.
- Also, milk cartons have been ordered that need to be washed and recycled.
- We need a Santa Claus. Teresa mentioned that her husband can dress up in the outfit.

- All volunteers need to be wearing masks.
- Debate about yogurt tubs and yogurt cups. Green committee would rather have the yogurt cups so that it can be recycled. It has been decided not to purchase yogurt.
- Nicky has already washed all the forks, The plates are compostable.
- Volunteer form for breakfast with Santa will be going out. Mr. Geller has approved to have 20 volunteers
- **Christmas Activity:** Stephanie chairing the committee. The students will be decorating a wooden ornament with stencil on Friday December 16th.
- Stephanie would like to have a meeting with the christmas committee on December 8th on zoom. Mariana will set up the meeting.
- Voting Christmas Ornament Allocate fund form H&S \$350.00 Vote 95% yes / 1% no 19 people have voted.
- Schedule needs to be made with the teachers to see what time is good for them on December 16th
- **Family Literacy Day January 27, 2023:** for literacy day the idea of having books donated by families was brought to the librarian. For logistic purposes, it was suggested that a general donation denomination amount be set (for example \$10.00 or \$15.00) and then if families want to “purchase” a book, they make a donation to H&S and Tiffany will use those funds to make the purchase. Then these books will have an inscription (label) placed inside reading “donated by xxx family”. Mr. Geller needs to approve all of this prior to finalizing anything.
- Need to setup a Literacy Day Committee to see what we can do on January 27th, 2023
- **Staff Appreciation:** we are currently planning for a Christmas treat for the staff (teachers, admin & daycare) – more info to follow
- **Yearbook:** Bio request went out to grads as well as request for baby picture and message from the heart
- Valentines Day
- March health month
- **Calendrier interculturel et citoyen du ministère de l'Éducation**
- http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site_web/documents/education/diversite/calendrier-interculturel-11x17.pdf
- **Cabane a sucre:** for next year need to make a decision

2022.12.11 **GREEN COMMITTEE**

- Teresa will be representing the green committee the day of Breakfast with Santa. Just want to make sure everything gets composted or recycled.
- The day of the breakfast the composted bins need to be outside at the end of the school day. Grace has offered if they need to go out on the side of the road she can pull them out.
- On Pizza days the pizza boxes are being recycled when it should be going into the compost bins. Need to remind Christina.
- Green committee would like to purchase the tarps for the garden. Still looking into the sizes that they need.

2022.12.12 **PROJECTS/WISH LIST**

- The school has received a government grant for food. The school with H&S will offer the students a free meal like what we did last year. It is still in the working progress with Ms. Geller to see the logistics and what meals we will be offering. We are communicating with Villa Toscana for the meals.
- Mr. Walker has mentioned that we will not be having the jungle gym at the school. For they don't have enough staff.. The school will be having on March 28, 2023 Geordie Productions (budget 1350\$ to approve). Allocate funds form H&S \$1,350 Vote 100% yes 19 people have voted.
- Mindfulness training for teachers 10-12 sessions (budget \$1,500 to approve) The members would like more information before voting to allocate the funds.
- Indigenous speaker for Grade 3 unit of inquiry (budget 250-300\$ to approve) Vote 88% yes, 1% no, 1% abstan 19 people have voted.
- Christmas Concert request for décor, I have not yet purchased anything – not sure how much to buy.
- I am not not sure about the movie night fundraiser that I had asked the H & S to help with as a way to offset the costs of the bus for the Gr 5 ski trip. The tentative date was January 27th. There is a licensing issue I am trying to find out more about with the board and will keep you posted. If there are costs involved as there have been in the past (almost \$400 for a license), it is just not worth it as a fundraiser.

2022.12.13

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None

2022.12.14

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nothing to report

2022.12.15

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Nathalie at 7:54pm.
Next meeting on Zoom January 18th at 6:45 pm.