



Minutes of Home and School

Meeting

Children's World Academy

2241 Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: January 18th, 2023

Start time: 6:45 p.m.

End time: 8:15 p.m.

2023.01.01 ATTENDANCE

Adrian Geller, Angie Fato, Anne Moorhouse, Barbara Giallo, Erica Curuso, Gillian Pereira, Josie Montesano, Karen Macdonald, Kim Jones, Kimberley Harkness, Laura D'Adamo, Mariana Vetro, Nicky Giulietti, Sabrina Baker, Sara Solazzo, Soo-Lin Ng, Stephanie Rizzo, Teresa Verelli, Vanessa Gervasi

2023.01.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Proposed by Mariana
Agenda Seconded by Laura

2023.01.03 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous Minutes Proposed by Soo-Lin
Previous Minutes Seconded by Kim

2023.01.04 H&S NEWS

- QFSA newsletter is out. It's online for anyone to read.
- Regional meeting for executives.

2023.01.05 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Not a lot has been done to our facilities since our last meeting.

- We need to acknowledge the great work done by Mr. Barry. He made sure the building was ready for school to start after the holiday break.
- Covid related, we are not quite ready to have parent volunteers in the classroom. We are hoping things will continue to slow down and we welcome more volunteers in the coming months.
- School level, there has been minimal covid outbreaks among staff and students.
- International week will be January 23-27. Many fun activities planned.
- CWA cares, Riverview and Verdun Elementary thank CWA for Gift cards donated for their families.
- Wellness, more ideas to come.
- Open house, Strong registration. Registrants will start coming in in the next few weeks. There is a short wait list.
- Recognition, thank you to Mr. Andrew for the great holiday concert. Thank you to M. Alexandre and students for the beautiful backdrop. Thank you to Mr. Walker for the tech and sound.
- Spring concert coming in the future.
- Minimum discipline needed in the school. Two SPVM officer will be offering anti-bullying workshops to grades 3-6

2023.01.06 **TEACHER'S REPORT**

- Teachers are working hard on the units of inquiry, Black history month and international week.

2023.01.07 **GOVERNING BOARD'S REPORT**

- It was our Christmas, in person meeting. It went well, we shared a meal followed by our meeting.
- We approved November and last June minutes
- We voted Romina Sicoli in as our 2nd Community Rep.
- We reviewed the school/center budget.
- The Uniform Committee got several requests from parents interested to join. The Chair contacted all of them already. A first meeting is supposed to occur in January. A big thank you to all H&S parents that showed interest and joined the Committee.
- We voted in favor for the request of H&S to have a "hockey ticket draw" as a fundraiser and the "movie night fundraiser" requested by M Walker to help lower the cost of the ski trip was also voted in favor.
- Next meeting will be held on February 7th.

2023.01.08 **Treasurer Report**

- Meal's fundraiser for the 2nd round is anticipated to bring in a profit of 7300\$. It could change slightly because of duplicate orders.
- We had a 255\$ donation
- 681.94\$ was spent to pay it forward to Riverview and Verdun elementary.
- Message from the heart for the yearbook: 180\$ collected so far.
- 425\$ was spent on cookies for the staff as a holiday treat, this is part of staff appreciation.
- Breakfast with Santa, we still need to purchase Cookies, tablecloths and milk.
- Holiday ornaments 352.27\$ was spent
- 1,000\$ was approved for desserts to go with free mac and cheese lunches
- office expenses 34.97\$ (step stool purchased)
- CWA stamp 46.89\$
- Workshop 330\$ Mohawk way of life for grade 3 students.
- 87.50\$ was paid to QFSA for awards from the previous year.
- Funds available 28,072.36\$
- After expenses paid the available funds will be 13751\$

- Events coming up, Grad, Yearbook and staff appreciation.

2023.01.09

FUNDRAISING

- Mtl cocktails did not do as well as anticipated, only mocktails were sold.
- Question for Mr. Geller, where do we start if we want to have a fundraiser selling alcohol?
- Mr. Geller, selling alcohol will have rules but he is not sure what they are. He will have to check with the legal department at the school board. This will be for next year.
- Domino's pizza night went well, it raised 610\$
- We have 400 orders for the meals from January to March. We had minimal late orders this time around.
- Ann reached out to Pizza Pizza's district manager for a year-round fundraiser. Pizza Pizza would offer parents of CWA a 10% discount on their orders.
- Hockey ticket raffle: Kim will try to prepare an online form and payments will be through e-transfer to offer a paperless fundraiser.

2023.01.10

ACTIVITIES

- Christmas breakfast, 1500 pancakes donated by Romina at Villa Toscana.
- Clementines did not make it and had to be thrown away.
- Milk was returned
- Sausage has been frozen
- Breakfast will be a Cabane a Sucre theme.
- We will offer maple cookies, decorated according to theme.
- The tables have been ordered from the city.
- Stephanie asked the question "Do parents need to cancel Merenda lunch" answer "up top parents' discretion"
- Stephanie: ornament decorating day was a success, kids and teacher enjoyed it.
Thank you to everyone who helped.
- Literacy day, Teresa: parents would donate a book to the library on behalf of their family. Mr. Geller: Great idea, but for this year the library budget is healthy. Home and school donated 1000\$ to Ms Tiffany for the library to purchase extra popular books. This would be a great idea to revisit next year. We should put the idea on next year's agenda for the first meeting in September.
- Valentine's day, nothing planned for that day.
- On March health day, Laura will get a quote from Villa Toscana for platters of fruit and vegetables. Mr. Geller thinks "That would be a great idea"
- Cabane a Sucre, Nadisha not present at meeting, no info available.
- Ice cream truck: Teresa contacted Wild Willy's early June available. Mr. Geller will verify with staff for a date in June. Last year we used Le Cornet parfait and the cost was 1809.60\$, Sara heard great feedback last year.

Staff appreciation

- We have 450\$ available
- Date will be confirmed
- A budget needs to be allocated
- Parents will not be solicited due to economic situation
- Laura proposed a budget of 2000\$
- Barbara 2nd it

- 57% in favour

Yearbook

- A reminder will be sent to grade 6 parents to send in their baby pictures and messages from the heart.
- -Meeting to come

2023.01.11

GREEN COMMITTEE

- No meeting was held.
- Merenda will stop including plastic cutlery in the lunches.

2023.01.12

PROJECTS/WISH LIST

- Mr. Geller has made a commitment with Bambara for Black History month. There will be live drumming and students will be involved. He received a 500\$ grant and is asking for the balance from H&S. Laura proposed 850\$ and Barbara 2nd it. All in favour.
- There will be no Jungle sport this year.
- The school is looking at an acrobatic act. They bring the program to the school. They are still negotiating the cost. Estimated cost is between 3000\$ to 5000\$
- Laura: Grade 1 teaches have requested 310\$ for their unit of inquiry "Le partage de la Planet" to purchase magic play-doh
- Laura proposed it, Ann 2nd it , all in favour

Voting results

Black History month 850\$
100% approved

Grade 1 to purchase Magic Play-doh 325\$
100% approved

Staff appreciation 2000\$
57% yes
14% No
29% abstained

2023.01.13

VARIA

None

2023.01.14

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- Grandparents luncheon is on hold for now
- We still need to be cautious with bringing people into the school
- We will re-evaluate in 1-2 months
- Karen: event was run by Mr Clahane not H&S

203.01.15

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Barbra 8:15pm
Next meeting on Zoom February 15th at 6:45 pm.