

MINUTES FOR NESBITT HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

In Attendance: Donna Tetlow, Alirio Ferreira, Nadia Barberio, Sonia Becket, Elvira Rosa, Matilda Rivera, Maricarmen Ramirez, Christine Gravel-Devoriche, Stephanie Salvo, A Scrocca, Angela Christodoulopoulos

1. Approval Agenda / Approval of Minutes (from last meeting)

Approval of agenda moved by Donna, seconded by Nadia.

Start of meeting Minutes moved by Elvira seconded by Nadia. During meeting Christine moved for an amendment to the Minutes - the amount under point 2.5 of the minutes dated June 14, 2016 should read \$1600 not \$16000 (typo!) seconded by Donna, all in favour.

2. Elections

2.1. President

Alirio Ferreira. Nominated himself, seconded by Donna, all in favour.

2.2. Vice President

Need for the position discussed, agreed to have, all in favour. Sonia and Donna put themselves forward. Elvira moved to have Co Vice President Donna Tetlow & Sonia Becket, all in favour.

2.3. Treasurer

Nadia Barberio. Nominated herself, seconded by Donna, all in favour. Signatories to remain Nadia Barberio & Alirio Ferreira. Moved by Alirio, all in favour.

2.4. Secretary

Maricarmen Ramirez. Nominated herself, seconded by Donna, all in favour.

2.5. Membership

Alirio Ferreira - Mentor Sonia Becket and other members, all in favour.

3. Reports:

3.1. Principal's Report

Good start to the year. Enrollment 287 students (anticipating an increase of 10 more).

School Beautification project to continue focussing on shade solutions. Met with Eco quartier to discuss grant for tree planting (10-13 trees), tools and also an outdoor classroom for senior yard. Classroom could be pergola or mast and sails structure with tree stump benches or large stones. \$2000 grant requested.

Breakfast club will start in October. Employees of Keurig volunteer at breakfast club. 10 of their volunteers will be painting the mini gym Friday October 14th. H&S volunteers required to oversee project.

Comedy Night Friday October 14th Rosemont High. \$20 a ticket. Half of ticket sale proceeds to be returned to school, half to Red Cross. Joint venture, 4 schools involved. H&S volunteers required to sell refreshments on the night as share of profits will again be returned to school.

PELO - 40 students registered for Italian and 40 students registered for Spanish. Each will have a junior and senior class. Held once a week for 60 min. Will use Room 21 Tue/Wed/Thur and Library Wed. Not enough students for Greek or Portuguese class as each only had 6-7 students (require 14)

Snack Bar available for lunch time activities, as is big gym (Wed/Fri) and Library when not in use for Pelo. Need to check mini gym availability.

Book fair proceeds - each of the 24 teachers received \$150. Have \$3000 in reserve.

Dates for 2016 English Book Fair - 16/17 November.

Next newsletter will include information on H&S, catalogue fundraiser, paint for mini gym project (need to source - possible lead Rona on Beaubien)

Template letter to be drafted so H&S members can approach companies/organizatons directly.

3.2. Home and School Membership Report

Requesting membership payments - 3 membership payments received so far. Email sent to QFHSA re lack of receipt of newsletter by members last year. Should receive electronically. 1 hard copy delivered to school. Information filed late last year could be possible explanation. Conference Nov 5th. Alirio to forward information and to look into whether cost should be covered by H&S or members themselves.

3.3. Governing Board Report

General Assembly held September 15th. 5 spots were available on the Board, 5 candidates so no vote held. 1st GB meeting to be held October 4th.

3.6. DFS Fundraiser update

Request during meeting to move this agenda item up, no objections. Suzanne from DFS was present on Curriculum Night with a few samples. Deadlines - 13th November for parents to return orders, 17th November for Stephanie to submit paperwork to DFS. Online option available for orders, delivery to home address. Question from parent regarding whether 2 cheques required if placing an order and also making a donation. Confirmed 2 payments would be best for book keeping purposes.

3.4. Treasury report

Copy of H&S Balance Sheet provided - Current balance \$6653.27. Reserves \$7987.48. So without

fundraising we will be in the red \$1334.21. Planned fundraisers for 2016-2017 DFS Catalogue Sales, Read-a-thon.

Cheque received at the meeting for \$500 from CIBC courtesy of Anne Marie Sabelli. Last one we will receive as Anne Marie's daughter has now left Nesbitt.

Welcome Back Day reserve of \$3500 not used for Corn Roast event, cost was covered by the Principal. Will be used for a Community/Nesbitt Birthday celebration event in the spring. Review amount of this reserve for next year, maybe too high.

3.5. Welcome Back Day Report

Good. Fun had by students. Positive feedback for Grade 6 students and staff re organisation of the activities. Only issue - corn delivery was late. No explanation, bill not paid yet. Cost of event covered by Principal (\$900 corn, \$100 expenses for tattoos, face paint etc)

3.7. Eco-club update

Ideas/proposals welcome. Litterless lunches to start in October. Composting - Last year Ms Nancy was collecting the bin from the cafeteria and taking home need to check if continuing this year. Council collection - confirmed that we should be on pick up. Need to get bin and confirm days of the collection. May not be appropriate for caretaker to put out the bin. Students could do? Consideration of electronic communications, would need to survey parents. Idea to create posters for the recycling stations near the water fountains to provide information and add colour. H&S members to meet with Student Council to take forward. Suggestion of plastic table cloths for cafeteria. Principal Scrocca would like to paint. Ask students what they would like to see. Have a suggestion box available for student ideas/feedback. Would be nice to have more plants in school.

4. New Business

4.1. Dates for English Book Fair

16/17th November 2016

4.2. Free trees from friend of Darren (Nesbitt caretaker)

10/12 trees. Transport required. Coordinate with Eco Quartier project. October 21st.

4.3. Beehive Project

No decision made. Arrange for them to attend next meeting if possible to provide further information, answer questions.

4.4. Chess program

Christine to contact Chess'n Math association to arrange lunch time program. The Curriculum integrated program cannot be discussed at present as the Principal's budget not confirmed.

4.5 Lunchtime activities

Will commence after Thanksgiving. Will still allow for an 8wk program for tax purposes. Provider Enfant et compagnie. Possibility of an activity for just the younger students Pre k - Garde 1. Activities still to be finalised.

4.6. Plan dates of future meetings

Next meeting Tuesday October 18th 6.30pm

5. Question Period / Comments / Varia

Picture Day - October 17th (unofficially) Retakes, sibling pictures, Grad day and possibly Grade 6 pictures will take place in November.

Principal has met with a rep to discuss sports equipment for the school yard. Approximate cost for Basketball - wall mounted \$600, Ballon Poire \$3000. Not confirmed. Christine moved could look at go-elan.

Principal has also met to discuss the painting of more games for the school yard, more champ squares but has not received a quote back yet.

Following Public Health protocol re illness/diseases in school.

Thanksgiving assembly in 2 weeks. Reading The Giving Tree. Need volunteers to help make a Tree of Life.

6. End of Meeting

6.1. Adjournment

8.49 pm