



Home and School Association & Student Council Meeting – 13 November 2017

Welcome, Sign In and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6.45

Principal's Message

- New VP starting in January (Mr. Gardner). No longer an acting VP role.
- Social Media threat against St. Mike's (Humberview also affected) - deemed non credible.
- Big thank you to everyone for Breakfast with Santa. It was great to see the amount of grandparents.
- Mrs. Boese and Mrs. Pag's class have been going to sing for the seniors.
- Sometime in February, Ellwood will be going cashless.
- The Shoebox project has been successful again this year: 38 boxes + filled
- Candy Cane Gram sales are going on right now and there is a plan this year to ensure that all children will receive one (Grades 1-5). The money raised will offset the cost of the bus for the ski trips.
- Skating program is going well.
- Dress Rehearsal for Holiday Concert is December 13th at 9.30am and 2.05
- Holiday Concert is December 14th at 9.30am and 6.30pm
- Friday December 15 – Don't Go There: Anthony McLean – anti bullying performances for the students. K-2 at 9-9.30 and Grade 3-5 at 10.30.
- Next week is Spirit Week: Mon: Red, Blue, Green or Black Tue: Winter Hat Day Wed: Dress like a Candy Cane (Kindergarten Open House), Thurs: Pyjama Day Fri: Ugly Sweater Day
- Jan 8 Back to School
- Jan 22 PD Day (report card)

Financial Update

This update does not have the BWS information included, but we are still sitting around the \$17000 mark with money in from MacMillans.

Breakfast with Santa Update

In raffles tickets alone we raised \$1600. We sold \$692 in raffle pre-sales and over \$900 on the day. \$1154 was raised in meal sales, with costs of \$676. The net raised was \$2074.56, making it our most successful BWS so far with nearly 250 attendees. Thank you to everyone for the effort. The ad was meant to be in the paper last Thursday, but at the last minute they

pulled it. It is meant to be in this Thursday instead.

Free Family Skate

Not much to update. It is the last Sunday of the holiday break: Sunday 7th January at 12.00 at ABCC. We are not asking for donations this year. Would appreciate teacher's sending a Remind to their families the day before.

Food Days Update

We are no longer offering pasta as there were not enough orders. Only 59 students were ordering with some students planning not to order again. We are going back to subs on a weekly basis and we are going with Mr. Sub instead of Subway as they were making too many mistakes. They matched the cost and service provided by Subway so we will see how it goes. Orders are open now. More reminders will be sent that we are moving toward a cashless service. Deadline is December 22 and no late orders will be accepted.

Chocolate Sales Campaign

Assembly to be held January 30th and Feb 2nd the chocolates go home. Progressive prizes for each box sold. There is an option to opt-out on the form that will go home. Some people will only sell a few (\$45 profit for \$90 box. Just over 300 ordered) bars and return. In the past we have done 3 prizes (Great Wolf Lodge certificates, Wonderland Passes + Parking for family of 4, etc.). Suggestions of hotel+water park passes, gaming system, Hockley Valley. Will discuss again at meeting on January 8th. Help will be needed to count the money and distributing extra boxes to students. Hoping to make around \$12000, though more would be better. It was suggested that in the past schools have given a cashback incentive instead of doing other prizes.

Open Discussion

Update about the T-Shirts from member. \$3-\$5 a shirt. Harp Promotions is a Peel Board approved vendor. 100 shirts \$5.50+tax 50 shirts \$5.95+. Will need a logo in Adobe Illustrator. Question about when to move forward on this idea. Idea floated about graduation shirts. AG will ask office if they know the vendor previously used.

Member spoke with OFHSA about direct donation campaigns and they require that we submit our books so that we can be approved for charitable tax receipt. As this would be our first year we can submit books in advance in order to start a direct donation campaign in September. Discussion about when is best to push a direct donation campaign.

Discussion about how to acknowledge any parents who donate a certain amount of money that will be used toward the playground.

Update on the cookbooks from member: Went home from meeting and contacted a company, within 24 hours they responded and have sent a sample cookbook. Front and back cover laminated and own design at no extra cost. We can submit recipes ourselves at no extra charge otherwise they charge \$0.75. For every 100 books ordered they send 3 books to sell to offset costs. We have 60 days in hand to sell before need to pay. With us within 4 weeks. Discussion about what is included in the price and any hidden costs. AG will also look into PDSB's print shop costs. Discussion over how often you would run this fundraiser. Will discuss further in January.

Next Meeting: Monday, 8th January 2018 at 6.30pm in library.