



Home and School Association & Student Council Meeting – 10 SEP 2018

Attendance Taken

Welcome, Sign In and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6.35

What We Do

- At our Home and School meetings we discuss what is happening at school, any issues, and fundraising.
- Meetings are open to all Ellwood families and that volunteering is not required.
- All emails sent by Home and School are confidential and names/addresses are all BCCed.
- We are the Home and School committee and we mostly fundraise and hold community events to give back to our families. All children attending EMPS benefit from the fundraising through such things as dance workshops, speakers, Scientist in the School, Subsidised field trips, and the creative playground.

Membership and Insurance

- As Home and School we are members of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) and as paying members we are covered by their liability insurance.
- There is a \$15 fee that gives you membership, insurance, and voting rights.
- Forms could be filled out tonight, but that we had until October 1st to submit our members for this year. People can join after that date, but it will take 20 days from payment for the insurance to kick in.
- Parents/Guardians are still able to volunteer and attend meetings, but will have no voting rights or insurance coverage
- It was suggested that if anyone had questions about H&S, to visit the OFHSA website or contact a current member of H&S.

Executive Appointments

- The current set up of our H&S Executive is that we have two Co-Chairs, a Treasurer, Communications Chair, and a Secretary, but the make up of the executive can be made up of various other positions.
- Member was nominated for the position of Treasurer with no objections.
- New Member offered to be secretary with no objections.
- Two returning members offered to Co-Chair with no objections.
- Member to be Vice Chair.

- Member offered to be Communications Chair with no objections.

Principal's Message

- Creative Playground was installed mid-July and has already been well received by the children.
- Budget allocated by Board to run entire school for the year is \$44,231 (\$104.50 per K-3 student and \$115 per Junion) based on a projection of 408 students. As we only have 380, some of this budget will be clawed back.
- There is a very good chance that there will be a reorg this year that will mostly affect the Junior grades as their students numbers are low, but we will not know until next Tuesday.
- We have partnered with two organizations this year: an anti-bullying campaign with the Argos (working with the Juniors) and Home Hardware who is donating \$1600 worth of landscaping (hoping to get shade trees). The Mayor and media will be on hand on September 20th for the occasion.
- A thank you to ex Ellwood parent for the donation of 600ft of window screens.
- SchoolCashOnline is going extremely well with a participation rate of ~85%, and once you sign up it follows you through the end of high school.
- There were some glitches with the attendance line, but as of today it should be all fixed.
- The 2nd Hydration Station was installed over the summer outside of the gym.
- The new sign out front was installed over summer and has been working since last Wednesday. It gives the ability to update immediately, rather than keeping out of date information up. Some students have already made slides for the Fall Fair that are being displayed on the new sign.
- The first Staff Meeting of the year has not yet been held, but there is already talk of another STEM night after such a successful one was held last year.
- Skating dates have already been booked and the ski dates are nearly solidified.
- This year the Board is focusing on Self-Regulation and there will be pushing it through all of school. We already started focusing on this in staff training last year. Another focus will be Engaged Math.
- Principal received a visit from the Region of Peel regarding rodents in the area. There have been rats spotted at the plaza across the street from the school. So far there has been no evidence of them being on school property, aside from one area resident spotting.
- Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health are issuing new forms for those students who suffer from life threatening illnesses such as anaphylaxis or asthma. These new forms are more based upon individual care plans for the student and specify exactly who the information can be shared with.
- Mr. Stegeman (previous principal of EMPS) has offered to donate the extra shirts from the Terry Fox Run on top of the 20 shirts (x\$20 each) that we purchase each year.
 - Request for \$400 from Home and School to purchase 20 shirts: **APPROVED**
- Upcoming dates:
 - 12 September: First Staff Meeting
 - 14 September: Spirit Day – Dot Day
 - 21 September: Bolton Fall Fair walking trip Grades 1-5

- 25 September: Re Org Day NO SCHOOL
- 27 September: Meet the Parents Night
- 4 October: Photo Day
- 5 October: PD Day
- 2 November: Photo Retake Day
- 9 November: Progress Reports Sent Home

Financial Update

- It was explained that we are still waiting for the final playground bill which is approximately \$35,000.
- Member reviews current financial status of the H&S and prior year's debits and credits.

2018/2019 Fundraising Goal/Project

- Member explained that last year we dedicated all of the monies raised to our big project until it was completely funded and would suggest that we go back to putting through as many requests instead of allocating a big chunk to one.
- Last year we discussed the big project for this year and it was mentioned that the staff was interested in an outdoor classroom.
- It was explained to the new parents attending what the staff had discussed regarding a space where the children could learn closer to nature, and perhaps it could tie with the Home Hardware project.
- If anyone had fundraising ideas, to feel free to contact the H&S Executive in person or via email.

Ongoing Fundraisers / Food Days

1. Pizza & Subs

- a. Each Friday we offer Pizza Pizza (in compliance with the MoE nutritional standards)
- b. Each Wednesday we offer subs.
- c. We are starting earlier this year to give a few extra weeks of food days for the students/parents.
- d. To order you must do it through Munchalunch as we are following the school board in going paperless.

2. Fundscrip / Macmillans

- a. Fundscrip is a gift card program and it is open for anyone to chair if they are interested.
- b. MacMillans offers frozen foods (cookie / muffin batters, savoury foods) and we normally run this fundraiser around the Progress Reports in the beginning of November. Member offered to run the paper end of the campaign and other members offered to help on the day. More hands will be needed to pick the orders.

3. Mabels Labels

- Mabels Labels is an ongoing campaign that only requires supporters of the campaign to select Ellwood Memorial from the fundraising list on the website before

placing the order. A Remind message will be sent to subscribed parents about this.

4. T Shirt Sales

- Member is willing to run this campaign again and will bring more information on pricing to the next H&S meeting.

Community Events

1. Toronto Marlies Hockey Night

- This fundraiser was run for the first time last year and was a success despite the game falling on the day of the ice storm.
- We are offered tickets at discounted tickets and with more seats sold you can receive perks such as a pre/post game skate or fan tunnel.
- If someone wants to chair, speak with current member of Home and School, or we will not run it this year.
- Scheduled date is 20 October 2018.

2. Breakfast with Santa

- This has been an amazingly successful event that is always well attended.
- Normally held on the same day as the Kinsman's Santa Claus Parade, it has been held at the ABCC auditorium for the past few years.
- This year it cannot be held there as the room will be under construction.
- The previous chair of this event will not be chairing it this year and is looking for someone else to take over.

3. Family Skate

- Last Sunday of Winter Break is when this event has been held for the past few years. It has been a very well attended event with teachers sending Remind messages the night before.
- No date has been booked yet, but should be booked in October.

4. Movie Night

- Normally held in late April or May, it is a free event with hot dogs / popcorn / water on sale for \$1 each.
- Popular event with our Ellwood families.

Home and School Communication and Newsletters

- All communication with parents will be done via the Remind app this year as we are going paperless
- The school website has a Home and School section where you can see all of the previous newsletters.

Open Discussion

- Parent raised a safety concern regarding a parent who is consistently parking on the sidewalk of the Kiss and Ride, blocking access to parents and children walking to school. It was discussed that there have been a few Kiss and Ride issues this year and Vice Principal is looking into ways ease the congestion and help with traffic flow.

Next Meeting: Monday, 15th October 2018 at 6.30pm in the library.