

**PALGRAVE HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING**

**May 3, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 Principal's Report**

Ms. Johnson reported that the Triple "A" Night was a great success. The attendance was good and all the events went well. The E-Fair was an amazing success and the totals will be announced to the school soon.

Ms. Johnson reported that there is a new Swimming Safety program being offered to the Grade 3's by Caledon pools. Ms. Johnson will keep us informed on when it will be available.

Ms. Johnson reported that the Volunteer Tea will be held on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

Ms Johnson reported that the dates for the grade 6 EQAO will be May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The grade 3 EQAO will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Track and Field day will be May 24<sup>th</sup> and the Play Day date is yet to be decided.

Ms. Johnson reported that there will be a Welcome to Kindergarten night on May 24h from 5:30 to 7:30 for all the new kindergarten students. It will include information for parents to help prepare the students for the full day program. There will be a room available for older siblings which will be supervised.

Ms Johnson reported that the staff and student numbers projected for next year are approximately the same.

**2.0** Heather Patterson called the meeting to order in the library at 8:10 pm. Approximately thirteen people were in attendance.

**3.0** Shannon Brillinger and Debbi Lam approved the Agenda.

**4.0** Kathleen O'Malley and Shannon Brillinger approved the minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.

**5.0 Correspondence**

Christine Hackett Czar is still requiring items for the newsletter. Please forward to her ASAP any articles to go in there.

Christine Hackett Czar reported that Ms Jones will officially retire in June. Krista Murray is responsible for purchasing the leaving gift from Home & School.

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**Coordinator Positions**

Heather Patterson reported that Vesna Merrick will stay on as food coordinator. Jane Fogerty will take over Gardening Club. Pauline Stannard's milk coordinating position is open for next year. A name of a possible replacement has been given to Pauline to contact. Running club is still in need of a coordinator.

### **Food**

Vesna Merrick reported that food is going well. However, a replacement is still being considered for the subs. It was decided that a trial lunch day with Extreme Pita would be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> to help decide if they should replace subs in the fall.

### **Milk**

Shannon Brillinger reported on behalf of Michelle Appleby that milk is running smoothly.

### **Running Club**

Heather Patterson reported that we need someone to coordinate the running club. Ms. Johnson added that the students have missed it this year and even making the program simpler would be good as the kids just want to run. Krista Murray will send out a note to the existing volunteers asking if anyone is interested in coordinating this program. Shannon Brillinger reported that all the equipment is in the parent room.

### **Gardening Club**

Meredith Taylor reported that the gardening evening was good. A lot of progress was made and she thanked all the volunteers who came out to help.

## **7.0 Other**

### **Fundraisers for 2012/2013**

Heather Patterson asked if anyone had any suggestions or amendments for fundraising for next year.

Krista Murray reported that the gift card fundraiser held at Christmas time had a draw that still had to be honoured. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting. It was also discussed whether we should continue with this fundraiser as the support was poor and there was a lot of working ordering and sorting the cards. It was decided that we would continue with the fundraiser in the fall. Heather Patterson suggested marketing it better for next year as it has the potential of being a good fundraiser.

Heather Patterson reported that magazines, food, milk, Zehrs tapes and the Fall BBQ will all be done next year.

Shannon Brillinger suggested that we come up with a specific "item" that the Dance-a-Thon monies be used for next year. Amanda Zarifopoulos suggested doing a poll to see what the students would like. Christine Hackett Czar suggested using Survey Monkey to get the students to vote. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Lataille Herdsman will research possible items to suggest to the students. A survey is planned for September.

Heather Patterson motioned that we leave this fundraiser off the budget in June and revisit it in October. This fundraiser will be a student driven fundraiser and proceeds will be used to purchase the items the students voted on. If funds are remaining after

the item(s) have been purchased they will be used for H&S Arts, Athletics and Academics. Shannon Brillinger seconded, voted and carried.

### **Outdoor Greening**

Ms. Johnson reported that the Walking Path has been passed by the superintendent, we are waiting for the associate director to sign off on it and then things will start.

### **H&S Newsletter**

Christine Hackett-Czar requested all items for the newsletter be forwarded to her.

### **Fall BBQ**

Heather Patterson suggested this be carried over to the next meeting when we will know the school re-org date in Sept. The BBQ will be scheduled after re-org. It was decided that popcorn would be included in the BBQ.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Debbi Lam presented the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, and Budget Status for transactions as of April 30th, 2012.

Total Assets on March 31st, 2012 (includes cash, shares, GIC's)	\$ 44,893.37
Revenue	\$ -3,961.51
Expenses	\$ 19,418.48
Accounts Payable	\$- 81.16
Total Assets on April 31st 2012	\$ 21,432.22

The following releases from Home and School budget money were discussed:

Track and Field	\$1,000
Awards	\$ 600
Grad	\$ 800
Community Spirit	\$ 500
Outdoor Learning	\$ 500
Total	\$3,400

A motion to release the above monies was made by Debbi Lam, seconded by Meredith Taylor, voted and carried.

Note: please contact Debbi Lam for more information regarding Treasurer's Reports.

### **Budget Discussions**

Heather Patterson led the discussion of the preliminary budget numbers. These numbers will be finalized at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

**Next Home and School Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:30 pm. in the Palgrave Public School Library.**