

Meeting Wednesday May 20, 2026

In attendance: Sonal, Melanie M, Melanie D., Joya, Lisa V., Julie R., Angela M-B, Rebecka, Tyler, Gina

Online: Nadia Roussy, Kathryn M., Mme. Murphy

Regrets: Natalie G.

Called to order at 6:39pm.

Annual General Assembly:

We are in a healthy position this year, where we can up the budget for certain allocations next year (2026-27 school year).

- We increased Thankful Bucks to \$35/teacher (instead of \$25).
- Teacher coffee- adding another one, increasing the budget.
- We are allocating \$200 to buy pumpkins for the Halloween Pumpkin contest.
- Ice Cream Friday has been changed to \$1600 for the year (not per month)
- Staff requests- adding a new line- for the pre-Ks (since this is a whole new grade level)
- School Play t-shirts title changed to School Play (this will include pizza or a meal cost, and whatever Ms. Jen wants to give to the students as a memento)
- Kindergarten t-shirts will now include K4, so we are upping the allocation to \$2,000
- Winter Carnival has been increased to \$300
- Clarification regarding Student Aid- we used to give two 500\$ cheques to daycare and to front staff, and they would need to give us receipts, so far they have not
- Clarification re. Community Fund- Ms. L- needs to send us receipts
- Clarification re. Administration- supplies that we need
- What happened to our advertising budget? We had allocated \$1,000 last year. But instead of advertising to go towards a specific event, the advertising should be more about making banners that can be re-used, banners and signs that advertise H&S in general
- K- orientation, increasing to \$250
- Open/Close wine and cheese- we've stopped doing those
- Clarification re. QFHSA membership fee- we send \$150 to register the school, not the members, the fee they pay to us goes directly to the QFHSA
- Website- we don't have one right now, Joya will look into it, what the cost would be for our new website, we will leave at \$1200 for now.
- Adding an End of Year event line- because we have had to do special allocations in the past few years- \$3,000
- Melanie D. asked about the Dance Team, if we could allocate for them- but there might not be a Dance team next year
- Melanie M. brought up the idea to allocate a certain budget to the new K4 classes, but Mrs. McRae said that the new classrooms are given a budget; if the teachers need anything, they should ask us for an allocation directly as anyone else would

A discussion was had about air conditioners. The second floor is very very hot, we all know that. But, air conditioning units can only come from the school board. Perhaps we can buy more fans....like the ones we bought for the gym. They would just have to be put away in the non-hot months. Mrs. McRae will bring the issue up again to the school board.

We are looking for a new treasurer. If anyone is interested, please let us know.

Tentative dates for the Welcome Back Carnival- September 11 or September 18. Melanie D has offered to help plan this year, along with Melanie M.

Regular meeting called to order at 7:41pm.

Melanie M. does the land acknowledgement.

Adoption of agenda:

- Adding school dance to New Business

Rebecka motions to adopt, Melanie D. seconds.

Adoption of meeting minutes:

- under Treasurer (Sonal): fix to "currently we have \$86,000)
- Fix a sentence under the Krispy Kreme (the sentence that starts with For sure next time...)

Rebecka motions to adopt, Julie seconds.

We took a moment to thank Gina for all her hard work the past 7 years. We presented her with a gift (money collected by members/ did not come out of H&S budget).

Melanie M. had a meeting with Mrs. McRae and Mr. Lambert, and explained what our expectations were when we initially fundraised for the playground.

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No matter what, the school will get \$10,000 from us, because that was our minimum contribution. We did say we would give up to \$25,000, if there was a playground committee and if home and school members were a part of this committee. So far, there is no committee. (the school does have an \$1,100 donation from us already).

Pizza:

- Next year, Nadia would like to reduce it to 10 pizza days per year (right now we are at 15)- 1 per month, and 2 in June. Since it would be 10, parents could pay a lump sum, if they would like, or 2 payments, September and January.
- This would also be good when it comes to ice cream, it would not interfere as much

Admin report (Mrs. McRae):

- We have not heard yet from the school board regarding the playground, all we know is that they have to fence up some areas for the K4s
- June 1- K orientation- if H&S could be there to offer snacks, drinks, maybe coffee, the meeting will be in the atrium while the students go into the classrooms with the teachers; H&S would be able to talk also
- Would be a good idea to get t-shirt sizes for the incoming students
- Pincourt sent the email request for the pool, June 16, 17, 18, 19- pending approval from the pool- but Mrs. McRae is bringing those dates to the governing board
- No date yet for the violin concert/ talent show

Teacher report (Mme. Murphy):

- Waiting for pool dates to see when Splash Day could be
- Allocation request for splash day: \$200 for sponges and other things; asking to use the dunk tank, and we think we still have some kind of rainbow sprinkler, and we might have a kiddie pool somewhere (we do not think there is a pool down there); there might be a bin labeled splash day down there
- Mme. Murphy went around to the teachers to see if they got their money back for the allocations
- Mme Virginie is going to wait for next year to do the dream catchers, so that request can be removed
- For next year, please put Ice Cream and Pizza Days on different days

GB report (Melanie):

- next GB meeting is Monday and the last meeting was the day before our last meeting, so nothing to report
- We will bring the first few events and blanket approvals to their attention for next year

Treasurer (Sonal):

- Garage Sale- so far we have \$265
- Krispy Kreme- we still need to figure out if there is a discrepancy

Membership (Tyler):

- leaving the fee at \$25 for next year

Allocations:

- ratifying the play allocation:
 - o This motion is for Ms. Jen to help with costs for the play. \$443.97 for the purchase of programs for the kids and staff to keep. (They used to buy Tshirts, but Jen thought this might be a better keepsake). This is for the programs and the rights to print them. She has also asked for \$175.00 for pizza and tip to serve the kids dinner before the play. Total allocated amount: \$618.97.

- This motion is to allocate \$500 for the Garage Sale / Vendor fair for the purchase of drinks, chips and hot dogs to be served the day of. (I have someone to do the BBQ). Total allocated amount: \$500
- We motion to allocate \$3000.00 for the rental of an ice cream truck June 10th to provide ice cream to all the kids and staff.
- Grade 3 dream catchers- not needed anymore
- Motioning \$200 to allocate to Mme. Murphy and Splash Day, to buy the supplies needed; Melanie motions to approve, Julie seconds.
- Tyler motions to buy a speaker for our zoom meetings, \$126.45, Melanie seconds

Garage sale update:

- We have vendors coming, some people have just bought tables for themselves
- Doug will be bar-b-q-ing, 2\$/ hot dog
- Angela will look into making 2 signs for the garage sale
- Mel will ask the Grade 6s if they can make signs to put around the neighborhood

QFHSA AGM:

- No one has stepped forward to attend, Mel has figured she would be the one to do it; there is a possibility that Mel might not be able to make it- she would need a back up

Play canteen recap:

- We were in the staff room (not our first choice), it was a nice set up though
- Mel did not like the fact that we were told at the last minute that we were in there
- Angela felt that it was the ideal set up, because it was not crowded, the hallway can get very jam packed; people knew we were there, they announced it
- We would have to see in comparison, did we make less money?
- Chocolate roses for next time?

June 4 meeting 6:30pm:

- Julie will ask Jean if anything is available
- Perhaps a social get-together pot luck style- if Omni-Centre is not available, we could do the staff room
- Allocate \$60 to buy drinks for the event; Julie motions to approve, Sonal seconds.

New Business:

- Sweet Dee's contacted us about a fundraising opportunity, we told her about the Garage Sale, she was busy that day
- The bags would be \$6.75+tax, she suggests to sell them for \$11
- Melanie will bring it to GB- for November or December

Dance (Rebecka)

- Our usual DJ is not available this year, so we do need to pay for someone
- Rebecka has reached out to 4, only 1 has gotten back to her – it would be \$440 total (with set up, take down)
- The theme is Let's Glow- still need to rent the black lights from Long&McQuaid
- If we can update the poster, and have it ready for K-orientation- we could invite them also

Volunteers needs:

- Garage sale: Natalie, Julie, Melanie M., Doug, Tyler, Angela, Melanie D., Vero
- Freezie Fridays: Melanie will put out a call for volunteers- would start around 12:15, go classroom to classroom, with the cooler on the cart
 - o We would buy the small ones for K, and the big ones for the other kids- now we are just going to do small ones for everyone- there is a sale starting tomorrow at Canadian tire
- Dance: will ask for volunteers closer to the dance
- Splash day volunteers: Melanie will email Mme. Murphy to see how many volunteers she would need (once we know the date)

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.