

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Hybrid (in-person and zoom)

In Attendance: Mary-Kate, Tyler, Melanie, Gina, Melissa B, Vilja, Rebecca, Julie, Sonal, Tara, Mel___, Ms, McRae, Mme Nissa

Regrets: Angela

Call to order: 6:42 PM

Freezer died, so the meeting started late – Mel and Gina had to clean it out.

Mary-Kate does the land acknowledgement.

Adoption of Agenda: Add “s” to New Freezers under New Business, and change “Chez Glory” under events to “yard sale.” Rebecka moves to adopt the agenda with changes, Tyler approves. Unanimously adopted.

Adoption of Minutes: Nadia moves to adopt the minutes (because she was there and she read them), Ms McRae seconds (because she read them). Unanimously adopted.

Staff Report (Mme Nissa):

Questions from staff – how do new students who join in the middle of the year get in on pizza lunch? We answered that they can get in on the next 3-month block when ordering opens. We can also have them order via email and eTransfer (sometimes Jodi sends the new student info to Melissa)...we don't want to advertise this.

Nissa found the missing Black History kits – we agreed to put them somewhere upstairs (either Ms. McRae will keep them in her office, or Mme Nissa will keep them).

Karaoke night suggestion from Ms Jen.

- Thank you for the hot chocolate and marshmallows for Carnival week.
- Thank you for TSAW week!
 - Absolutely thrilled with the kitchen makeover
 - People loved the poke bowls
 - People loved the draws for the prizes.
 - The trail mix bar was great!

- The wish list might've been better if we were given it in advance.
- In Kindergarten, In March students have been learning about nutrition. A few recipes are in the works for our kiddos.
- We have started robot buddies with Mme Katherine's grade five students.
- We will be going to the Biodome in April on a field trip.
- We have been struggling with several lice outbreaks as well as many sick kids! We are excited for warmer weather.
- Grade one had the fire department come on Mar. 20th
- Grade 5 went to BHS to see their theatre production last Friday.
- Grade 5 is doing a quick science-univers social unit on bridges. We are going to be making bridges out of popsicle sticks.
- Cycle 3 had their term 2 awards assembly on March 13th.
- Grade 6 successfully ran the stations for carnival week.
- I love to read week is April 14-17
- Grade 6 went to the Tchoukball tournament March 24th.
- Grade 6 yearbook students are preparing for the book sale April 15-17. Grads (and now others) are being asked to donate books that will be sold for 1-3\$. As in past years, teachers sign up for a time, and take their students (need cash).

Admin (Ms. McRae):

April 14-17 literacy week (theme each day), Ms McRae will send the schedule.

April 15-17 book sale, \$1-\$3, all proceeds go to grads.

All the air exchangers (installed after COVID) have been cleaned, filters changed in the grade 5/6 hallway. The one in the gym will be done over the summer. The classrooms in the new wing have centralized air exchangers.

The play will be the evening May 8th and at the school on May 6th for our kids, and on the 7th Edgewater will come see the play. Tickets will be \$10 + service fees (tbd). Canteen requested again – we would like to sell before and after as well as during intermission. We'd like to change the venue and have it not in the atrium.

Mr Lambert wants us to know that Ms McRae will be our VP (officially) until at least June.

Treasurer's Report (Mel):

Estimate of 2.9% fees taken out for Stripe payments, Mel has estimated this, we don't have the full amount since Stripe is still withholding our funds.

Missing at least 1 receipt from the holiday lunch (something from catering).

Pink Shirts \$464.38 donation to Friendship Circle (\$390 additional sales raised were actual pridewear, not pink shirts). Vilja would like to buy the extra pink shirts for her neighbor.

Julie motioned to increase our donation to \$500, Tyler seconds.

Staff shirts have been delivered during TSAW. Apparently, we had a mix-up with the list, so some shirts are missing (one of which is a larger size, and one is not in stock, and has a surcharge...but we will deliver the missing shirts when we get them). These are not part of the TSAW allocation.

We raised \$410 in donations from parents. We've spent \$2,568.67 so we are over the allocation, will need to look at it this next meeting. We will get ½ the lunch cost back from admin for the lunch, so the final TSAW numbers are TBD,

\$3,864 in sales for Bingo – about \$2,474 in profit (but we are missing some receipts), so the number is not final.

\$100 from boo bucks has been given to staff recently. \$616 is left to be distributed.

\$1,089.55 paid out for our website renewal. Slightly over the allocation because of USD.

Laptops for Robotics - \$180 was donated to H&S anonymously for Robotics. We are waiting for the 2 that have already been allocated for to arrive. Mme Kathryn and Mr. Patterson want to donate their boo bucks money and prize money to buy a 3rd laptop.

Mr. Lamberts' suggestion of doing free shirts for kids and staff vs. a guest speaker – to use the money he has in his budget for something like this if we want to. Up for discussion next year.

Membership (Tyler):

Want to increase the membership fees by \$5 so we can cover costs like the website and that money can go to us, not the QFHSA.

No Pizza Update

No Pridewear Update

Fundraisers:

- **Chocolate Bars:** opt-out forms should go out tomorrow, to be returned by next Wednesday (April 2nd). Mary-Kate can pick up the boxes on April 10th, and the boxes would go home on the 14th – to be returned by April 25th (knowing that we may have to chase people into the following week, after Election Day). 2 options for boxes:
 - La Montagne - \$3 each bar, x 36 bars. Box costs \$108 (we owe \$45 to the company), we profit \$63. Flavors are almond, sea salt, crispy, and caramel
 - Laura Secord - \$5 each bar x 30 bars. Box costs \$150, we profit \$52.50. Flavors are mint, crispy, dark, crunchy.
 - We vote to go with La Montagne
- **Chez Glory:** Hot Dog (\$5.50 for 2 hot dogs, only pork), Hamburger (\$7 for beef, \$8 for beyond burger), Grilled Cheese (\$6.00). All meals come with chips (or oatmeal cookies, banana bread, or goldfish) and a juice box. Must have 1 option per day, but MK can ask if we can offer all options on the same day. And we need to know about GF buns and condiments. Can only be on a or Wednesday, or Thursday. We would need more volunteers in order to consider this. Julie mentioned that you can get hamburgers from Chartwells, we decided to do just hot dogs. MK will follow up w/ Chez Glory and Chartwells.
- **Ice Cream Fridays** – start Friday, April 25th, do it through May and in June we won't sell ice cream because we have "free freezie Fridays" (June 6, 13, 19).

Events:

- **TSAW recap** – MK suggests that we run a fundraiser early in the year and earmark the profits for TSAW so we have an idea of how much money we'll have to work with. The kids notes from 2024 was more meaningful than asking parents to send in notes because we didn't get much. We agree with Nissa that teachers should have more time with their lists – ask earlier so we can have more time to shop. Give them a budget so they know what they can ask for.
- **Trivia** – based on the survey results we got after Bingo, people seemed interested in an 18 & over Trivia Night would be fun. Friday, May 2nd at the Omni Center. Teams of 4, \$50 flat fee for your team. If you don't have a team, then \$15 per person and you

can form a team when you arrive. Sell alcohol, same as Bingo. And we'd offer chips and snacks for sale (a few dollars each). 3 levels of prizes. 7:30, doors open at 7:00. Suggestion to do a 50/50 again (like at Bingo). Mel asks for an allocation of \$2,000.

- **Dance** – Friday, June 13th theme “let it glow”...glow in the dark party. Keep the back of the gym lit, but the front will be “dark” and have lots of glow sticks and black lights.
- **Yard Sale** – someone brought up that Pincourt used to do a community yard sale – charge people \$\$ to buy a table and sell their stuff...and maybe add a car wash in the school parking lot. \$25 for a table (can sell whatever you want). Kristin (?) has spoken with the city already and Denise. May 31st (June 1st rain date).

New Business – tabled for email, and Stripe conversation will continue to see when we can get paid so we can switch to another payment plan (Square).

Allocations:

1. Ms Lynne wants 24 new whiteboards (\$207.72) and \$88.22 USD (\$126.07 CAD – allocate \$130 CAD) Teachers Pay Teachers – supports the YouFly Phonics Program for Cycle 1
2. Nissa & Mr P - 2 packs of 6 privacy dividers for testing \$52.50
3. Ms Ceravolo – looking for baskets in room 255 (2 different colors) approx. \$92 since each basket is \$2 at Dollarama
4. Kindergarten classrooms – caterpillars for butterflies \$350, but Ms Shatilla is looking for a less expensive option. This would be for all 4 classes
5. Another laptop for robotics \$600 max (already contributing \$330 which includes an anonymous \$180 plus boo bucks and pumpkin and door contest)
6. New Freezers- \$500 (2 small freezers from Costco).
7. Trivia allocation \$2,000

Mary Kate motions for each of the 7 items listed above. Sonal seconds. All in favor.

Additional allocation of \$370 for Ms. Virginie for privacy dividers will be sent around to members in an email vote.

Pridewear allocation: \$650 for the purchase of new pridewear to replenish the stock and to include filling the gaps from the teacher orders. Mel seconds. All in favor.

End: 8:55

Next meeting will be April 16th, not the 9th.

Grade 4 vaccines are April 8th. We need volunteers and we've already allocated gummies and juice boxes. Ms. McRae will tell us how many people we need.