



Home and School meeting
September 10, 2025

In attendance: Mme. Murphy, Mrs. McRae, Vilija, Rebecka, Tyler, Gina, Melanie M. Nadia Roussy, Tara, Melanie D., Angela MB, Sonal (late arrival)

Online: Lisa Vanni, Joya T., Julie R., Samantha B., Stephanie O., Veronika

Regrets: Cynthia

Called to order at 7:05pm

Gina does the land acknowledgement.

Agenda should be amended to include the GB report. Tyler is our official GB rep. Rebecka motions to accept, Melanie D. seconds.

Melanie motions to accept minutes, Nadia R. seconds.

Presentation by Melanie M. of the exec team (Tyler, Angela, Gina, Sonal (to follow), and Nadia honorary exec member.

Admin report from Mrs. McRae:

- Mr. Lambert is wondering if H&S could provide some paint for the outdoor playground.
We do have the paint downstairs. We will be adding this to varia at the end of the meeting.
- Mr. Lambert wants to make sure that volunteers understand that when they are in the school, they should not be going to their children's classrooms to say hello
- H&S pizza- there are some students, perhaps 5 or so, who would need financial help. We will be in touch with admin, and arrange that.
- Gina states a reminder to volunteers that at the front of the school, there is a volunteer sign in. Volunteers should always sign in and use a badge. Don't forget to give them back when you leave.

Mme. Murphy:

- How do you want teachers to communicate their needs and wants? Mr. P did a google form last year. But Mme. Murphy will take care of that this year, she will take the requests by email and give them to us.
- New kids and new Ks coming in- how do they get their new t-shirts? Mrs. McRae (done by us) did send a form out to all new students. New teachers will be getting a t-shirt, however we cannot give out to day care staff.

Changes/ notes to admin:

- We need to send our pizza lunch dates to McRae for Chartwell's.
- October 30- Pumpkin Judging?
- Samantha B. is making a Facebook K page
- Angela must send an email to Mme. Murphy with info about BBQ, ice cream info, calendar
- December 16- Holiday Lunch and Santa Store
- The teachers or Mrs. McRae will give us the info re. t-shirts for their new students/ K students (she will collect what we need, by Friday)
- Pizza dates needs to be advertised on facebook
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Membership report from Tyler:

- We are currently collecting dues (\$25/ family), right now we have approx. 43-44 members; no formal declines have come in yet.

GB report from Tyler:

- Tyler explains what GB is; parents, staff, community members who make decisions re. the educational plan, projects, budget and everything that is required to run school

President's report from Mel:

- thanks again, welcome- it's Mel's first year as president, so she asks for patience and understanding because these new waters she is navigating
 - we are trying to figure out how we are going to be taking payments this year; we are still at a standstill; Fabrique à Projets would be ideal, but we still need an NEQ number ; we are in talks with the school board
 - Gina took some time to present herself
 - Mel reiterated a bit about respect towards our volunteers, and the fact that we do this in our spare time
 - Mme. Murphy had a question about the pizza lunch- is there extra that a student can take the day of? No. Not really. If a child does not have a lunch that day/ didn't pay for pizza lunch, they would be directed to the food pantry and given something from there. If a child is not there and they have paid for pizza, and the parent has requested for the pizza to go home, that, we can accommodate.
- Vilija mentioned that at her school, they would wrap up the pizza of a missing child, put it in the freezer, and would give it to the child the next day.
- Reminder about the member's only Facebook page- it's only for current H&S members

- Someone had a question about why we do not sell TCBY anymore- it just was not profitable anymore, it was a big hassle trying to serve it/ getting it to the classes, we've had issues with our freezers

Welcome back BBQ- this Friday. If you can volunteer, please let us know.

- Gina, Angela (after 4pm), Randy, Doug, Veronika (as of 2:30pm), Chris, Melanie D., Mrs. McRae (set up) that's about it so far.
- Perhaps we can ask some grade 6s to help out with the games

Reminder, we do these events with the help of volunteers. If we don't have volunteers, we can't run these kinds of events.

Please fill out the RSVP form. We do not want to overbuy this year.

We also need teacher volunteers for the dunk tank- they will each receive \$100 for their classroom.

- We need signs with indications (hot dogs, drinks, pricing, bathrooms, etc.)
- We need someone to watch the bathrooms and make sure no one is running around the school (the caretaker will close the fire doors)

We need a hose for the dunk tank, coolers.

Pizza lunch report from Nadia:

- Other than what was mentioned before, the first pizza lunch is expected to be October 10, 2025.
- We will have to start with e-transfer
- 2025: October 10, 24, November 6, 20, December 5
- 2026: February 5, 20, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8, 22, June 5, 19

Fundraisers, new ideas?

- Rebecka would like to do Krispy Kreme again this year (in the spring)
- Nathalie will look into Cascades toilet paper, bring the info next time

Mel is suggesting:

- Mitchell's soup company, perhaps around Christmas time, she would run that fundraiser
- A concert in the spring, locals bands- outside, inside? At the Omni-Center

Terry Fox run:

October 3, rain date is the 10th.

There is an allocation for the phys ed teachers, to buy juice boxes. \$225. The teachers (or Mrs. McRae will pick up).

Trivia night:

November 29 at the Omni Center, with the theme of The Nightmare Before Christmas. Teams of 4, alcohol served. \$15/ person., \$50 for a team of 4.

Starting at 7pm.

Re. our upcoming events, the dates that were set at our last meeting, have all been approved by Governing board.

Treasurer report from Sonal:

- deposit for the games for the BBQ have been paid
- QFHSA membership fee is due before September 30
- The floats need to be retrieved before Friday
- Angela has the ice cream money from last week

Allocations:

(this part of the meeting will be moved further up next time, so that Mrs. McRae and Mme. Murphy can leave if they want, sooner than later)

Mel motions to allocate the following:

- Ms. L. (FSSTT) would like us to allocate \$112.06 for two plastic bucket chairs and a plastic table, she bought them new for her space

Seconded by Nadia. Motion passes.

- The allocation for the Robotics laptops were never paid last year- \$2000 for 3 laptops

Seconded by Mel D. Motion passes

- The gym teachers put in an allocation for some gym equipment at the very end of last year- could Mme. Murphy please ask the gym teachers to submit their request again, with the full price and description
- We need to re-allocated for a new freezer? We have two broker freezers, we will only replace 1 this year. \$1000

Seconded by Sonal, Motion passes.

- Mrs. McRae will choose outdoor materials for this year, she has \$950 budget, she will send us the bill

- The donation to the Friendship Circle was never done, that needs to be done
- Would anyone like to volunteer for the lunch club shopper? Lunch club is a food pantry in school that we supply, with non-perishable foods, that if a child is hungry, forgot their lunch, etc. They can be given something from the pantry. Mel D. will do the shopping for that.

New Business:

Committee leaders- these are non-exec "positions", where a person volunteers for it, they can stay in the role for as long as they want.

Cynthia would like to continue as Pridewear coordinator.

Rebecka and Julie are the communication coordinators (they do most of our Facebook posts).

We are looking for:

- Newsletter coordinator- Rebecka and Julie have volunteered
- Volunteer coordinator- someone to help us get the word out re. our needs, collect the names, etc. – Mel D.
- Holiday lunch- Angela and Samantha
- Holiday Store- Tara and Kathryn (?) - Mel will follow up, Samantha would like to help with this also.

QFHSA is holding training sessions on September 17- online. If anyone would like to attend a session, please let us know.

The QFHSA fall conference is happening November 8, hosted by a Beechwood in Pierrefonds, great speakers, sharing of ideas, etc. We do cover the entrance fee if anyone wants to go.

Volunteers needs:

- BBQ- see above
- Pizza- Tara, Lisa, Adam (?)
- Halloween pumpkin judging- Thursday October 30

Varia:

- Rebecka has a special request for the ice cream days: when a student asks for the full ingredient list, please let them know.
- Mel- going back to last year's allocations- we had raised \$1305 for Ms. Leila. We gave \$1000 to her family. We still have \$305. What could we do with that money? Students that she worked with the most were grade 1 last year, grade 2 this year. We are proposing that the grade 2s come up with suggestions of what to do to honor Ms. Leila. Mrs McRae will follow up on it.
- Painting the school yard: Vilija and Rebecka will come this weekend? Is it possible that some of the stuff is still in Amy's (on Bayview St) garage? Vilija is allocated \$50 from the outdoor budget given to Mrs. McRae

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.