

Wednesday October 22, 2025

In attendance: Angela MB, Rebecka L, Melanie M., Nadia Roussy, Mrs. McRae, Mme Murphy, Lisa V., Melanie D. , Gina G.

Online: Leticia, Alyssa, Stephanie

Regrets: Joya, Tyler

Melanie M. does the land acknowledgement.

Approval of agenda:

Under New Business- Mel would like to add the QFHSA roundtable being held at Edgewater next week.

Nadia motions to approve agenda, Rebecka seconds.

Approval of minutes- Natalie was in attendance last month, but was not on the minutes.

Nadia motions to approve the minutes, Mel D. seconds.

President's report:

- Thank you to all who helped get the new students their t-shirts
- Still working with the school board to get the Project Factory going (hopefully, but it doesn't look promising)
- No playground committee yet, but does anyone want to be a part of it?
 - o Note, if there is a sub-committee happening regarding H&S, please let Mel know and include her in the conversations, chats, etc.

Admin's report:

- The champ squares and painting them- if possible to get it done before the winter, otherwise this spring
 - o Vilija was going to paint but then noticed that the paint we have downstairs is not the right paint to paint outdoors; she felt it was not right to proceed, if the paint was not going to hold up
 - o Gina says that our paint actually does hold up very well, and it lasted just as long as the professional one.
 - o But if we want to use up the paint, then Mme. Murphy suggested doing touch ups around the school
 - o Rebecka is suggesting, could we reach out to our greater school community and see if they can help? Lisa might have a connection. She will let us know.
 - o What about reaching out to the city to see if they could do it?

Mme. Murphy's report:

- All she has is allocations- will be done later

Mel had a general question re. the cross country run. Why did we not participate this year? Ask the phys ed teachers.

GB meeting:

What we had approved-

- Mme. Nissa reached out to us regarding the babysitting course. Nov 24, 25, 26, 27 6:30-8:30pm, \$65/ child.

Melanie also brought up to GB the potential of a Pridewear sale. If we were to do one, we can't really do it from the website anymore (kinda pointless) because we cannot take credit card payments anymore. So the next best thing would be a Google form, e-transfers. Hopefully we can have a Pridewear sale happen in early November.

GB approved a bunch of field trips, for classes and for day care.

Mme. Murphy brought up the idea of a used Pridewear clothing swap. Could we do that? How could we possibly do that? The Facebook grade pages utilize that a lot, advertising clothes to give away.

Mel will look into that.

Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report. Sonal not here.

Membership report:

Our fees need to be sent in by the end of the month. Don't forget to send in your membership fees before it's too late.

Allocations:

Side note from Mrs. McRae because a lot of allocations are for books- all teachers have a \$275 allocation for books (from the government?- can someone confirm that please). Maybe a lot of these requests were made before teachers knew this information.

To discuss- a teacher has made a request for \$800 worth of books. Do we want to set this precedence? A reminder about allocations, a teacher can request but we always vote on it.

- 1) \$811.54 for books, Mme. Ruiter. If we have her wishlist, can we try to find these books second-hand.

- a. What about the school library? We currently do not have a librarian. There is a shortage of librarians, it seems.

In the future, could we afford to give each teacher a blanket amount of \$250/ year for the purchase of books. They would give us a wishlist, and we would have a week to try to find as many used books on their wishlist as possible.

Mel motions \$250 to Mme. Ruiter for the purchase of new books for her classroom, with the option of letting us find as many second hand books as possible. Seconded by Nadia. Motions passes.

- 2) \$251. Mrs. Bray would like books, graphic novels, 10-15 copies of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Mel motions \$250 to Mrs. Bray for the purchase of new books for her classroom, with the option of letting us find as many second hand books as possible. Seconded by Lisa. Motion passes.

- 3) \$102.88 Mme Nicole would like mini white boards to practice writing in French, using the u-fly program for sounds. \$69.99 for the whiteboards, markers, erasers and command strips for posters \$19.49

Rebecka motions to purchase, Nadia seconds. Motion passes.

- 4) \$454.72 for 4 Bookinou players. Mme. Virginie is asking for a player to record her reading a story, and the children can listen to them.

We will have to do more research on this one.

5) \$500 for all the k teachers (collectively)- a water table to share amongst the 3 k classes. Could we possibly reach out to get something donated? If it's the one we think it is on the website, it is a very specific table (on wheels, removable, drainable).

6) \$74 Mrs. McRae is requesting, for our spiritual leader, the purchase of the gift of 4 tobacco boxes for upcoming indigenous guest speakers.

Motion for Ms. Caitlyn to receive \$74 for 4 containers of tobacco for the indigenous elders who are coming to visit our school.

Nadia motions. Lisa seconds. Motion passes.

7) \$80.85 Mme. Mishka is requesting STEM materials for her morning bins. Rebecka motions to purchase STEM toys and blocks for a total value of \$80.85 to use in her grade 1 class to start their mornings.

Nadia motions. Lisa seconds.

8) \$543 Ms. Yan to purchase of new musical instruments for Mrs. Yan's classroom.

A small discussion was had talking about why something like this might be. Before we approve this, we would like links to the products so that we can price shop, etc.

We motion that we allocate up to \$543 for the purchase of new musical instruments for Mrs. Yan's classrooms, which will benefit K, cycle 1 and part of cycle. However, we would need specifics (links to websites).

Angela motions. Gina seconds.

9) Mme. Katherine on behalf of robotics.

The past few years, we have always allocated money to go towards the purchase of laptops. However, we have not seen any invoices. Mme. Katherine has found 2 laptops at the school board that have been given to K.

We have previously allocated for 4 laptops, 2 have been received. We still need 2 more. And at this point, we need an extra \$400 for the last 2 laptops.

(Mme. Murphy says that in the past we have gotten refurbished laptops for \$80?!)

Motion an additional \$400 be added to the robotics fund, totally \$3200 for the purchase of laptops, with the 2 newest ones being ordered going to grade 4 (Mme. Murphy).

Nadia motions. Rebecka seconds.

10) \$109.50 Son-Au-Graph bundle (French version of U-Fly).

Motion \$109.50 to Mme. Stephanie for the purchase of the Son-Au-Graph to use with the students.

Nadia motions. Mel seconds.

BBQ Recap:

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was able to help. It was great to have so many GB members step in and help us serve. We couldn't have done it without the 10-12 people who stepped up. We ran out of hotdogs around 7pm. We did end up doubling the amount we rec'd an answer for and we did still run out. It was my call to not rush around and scramble to get more. We also bought 100 bags of popcorn (Gina - we need your receipt!) and ran out of that too. We easily could have charged \$5 instead of \$4 for the popcorn. It was much easier just BBQing hot dogs. The lines were no shorter than tickets, so really, either way works. There will always be lines unfortunately. There were still children who tried to enter the school. We thank Ian (Cythia's husband) for controlling the door. This is something Mr. Lambert said had to be done so we need to make sure there are people available to do this.

To make this event run smoothly, I would say we need 15-20 volunteers. We barely got by with the 10-12 we had. Next year is my last year at St. Pat's and I strongly encourage those who are here to join the BBQ committee and plan it. It is a big event and really should have more than 2-3 people plan it.

QFHSA conference- November 8, Beechwood Elementary. We will pay for any H&S members who want to go. But we can share this information with the general population. Would anyone like to go?

Holiday Store- Tara, Kathryn, and Nadia- are the Holiday Store committee. There are also people who volunteered at the September meeting. A what's app group will be created, with all those people who wanted to volunteer.

An inventory needs to be done on what we have already, and what will need to be bought. Mel has a lot of stuff left over from last year.

Trivia night- Mel is going to send all the info to Rebecka, she is going to make a poster.

New Business:

1) Welcome back teacher coffee? Putting it up on the member's page to see if anyone wants to organize it.

When should we do it? Need to check with Mrs. McRae.

2) Teacher Bucks, name ideas? We used to give \$25 to all the teachers for the teacher conference, but teachers wouldn't go...so instead we allow them to buy something up to \$25- we give them a voucher, and then they attach it to the receipt that they want to be reimbursed for. "Merci BUCK-ets.". Gina will design it.

3) Volunteers needed for October 30 Pumpkin Judging.

4) October 28- QFHSA roundtable at Edgewater, it is more for execs.

5) Pumpkin judging- October 30 after 1pm- we need volunteers- Nadia R. , Letecia; winning classes get \$50 (1 class per grade, and there is a people's choice- we have \$450 allocated for this event)

Varia:

- Pridewear: Neil's supplier is discontinuing the Kelly green color (not in the t-shirts, in everything else)
- Small and XL is all that is left

- A discussion has started about pricing around, seeing if we can get a better deal on Pridewear from someone else.
- Lisa will contact Lucky Monkey just to see. She is going to ask him the price of a hoodie and a t-shirt, specifically in Kelly green, printed front and back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.