

## Home and School Meeting

September 16, 2026

In attendance (person): Melanie Moore, Lisa Vani, Cynthia, Joya, Angela MB, Nadia Roussy, Tara, Rebecka, Tyler, Mrs. McRae, Jen Colantonio, Amanda, Melanie D.

In attendance (zoom): Stephanie, Angela T. , Ms. Yan, Rajan, Julie R., Christina,

Regrets: Nathalie Griffiths

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Mel does territorial acknowledgement.

Adoption of minutes and agenda.

- To add to agenda- add to allocations \$60 for the office to purchase label makers
- \$189 for the purchase of 20 stools for 601 and 602
- Under varia add Liquidation of old Pridewear

Amanda motions to adopt agenda, Nadia seconds.

To correct on the minutes from June:

- Need to \$3232.30 (Ms Jen's allocation)
- Stephanie mentioned twice in the adoption of minutes, remove Stephanie once
- I did not insert what Mel was supposed to insert
- Rebecka motions to adopt agenda, Nadia seconds

President report

- Because it is Mel's last year, she is going to try to delegate a lot of stuff out so that others can learn for when we are not here
- VP report from Nadia- nothing to report

Mrs. McRae

- Thank you on behalf of the staff, you are always so helpful, we know it's not easy, thank you for all that you do
- Thank you to Ms Yan and Ms Jen (Colantonio) for being the staff representatives
- Looking forward to the BBQ; because it is a PED day, a lot of teachers will be done by 1pm, so they might not be making it to the BBQ

- If you need any staff volunteers, let us know
- Picture day went really well, new company Green Apple, super well organized, thank you to Ms. Nadia
- Question to Mrs. McRae: when is the Terry Fox run? Mme. Gregoire is in charge this year, and because she has come back from a long leave, she has not had access to her emails, internet- so that could be the reason why we have not been notified yet; October 1, 2026 is the date
- Rebecka would like to thank admin for the new drop off zone, it's going really well
- Presentation of Angela Troli- community and development leader- she was brought in to partner with outside organizations and the school, creating community links, etc. Runnings workshops, seeing what kind of events that parents would like to see. She is a liaison between the community and the school. She would like to come to more meetings, to get to know the parents more, if she is going to do events with our participation.

#### Teacher's report

- Introductions from our new teacher reps:
- Ms. Jen is an integration aide, and she will be one of our reps this year
- Ms. Yan is one of our music teachers- she would just like to know what her role is, and how she can be of service to us this year

#### GB

- Meeting is only tomorrow, nothing to report this time
- A little note about GB and our meeting dates: we had to change some of our meeting dates to make sure we meet before GB meets (so that we can go to them right after to approve things, etc). So we had to move some of our meetings up a week. Please take note of the new dates on the minutes.

#### Treasurer

- Sonal is not here, so not much to report.

#### Membership

- We are in the process of collecting membership dues, please send them in. After that, we are going to update the police checks, and make our official members list.
- Membership from last year is good up until September 30; after that, only paid members have a vote in what we make decisions on.

#### Allocations:

- The gym teachers did not submit their receipt for the wall timers, did they buy them? Because it is a new school year, we have to re-allocate the request. We did notice there is a wall timer in the gym. Is that an old one? We are putting this off until October, so that we know what is happening. Ms. Yan will ask the gym teachers about it.
- Melanie Daga mentioned that her son's teacher asked the parents to donate money to put towards a new rug for the classroom- that is something we can do for them- they just need to put in the request
- Ms. Jenna and Ms. Ashely would like to purchase new labels makers, \$49.99 plus tax
  - o With tax approx. \$60, Tyler motioned, Cynthia seconded
- 20 stools from Ikea for two grade 6 classrooms (Mme. Nissa and Mr. P), it is easier for them to carry the stools instead of chairs- total cost would be \$189.48, Rebecka motioned, Tyler seconded
- Day care would like us to purchase Band-aids- we found \$75 for 3000 band aids; they would also like zippered pouches (for organizational purposes) 22 for \$39.99
  - o Nadia mentions that the school is very limited as to where they can purchase things (ie. Metro for food, a certain website for school supplies, etc.), it would help them a lot if we could purchase certain things for them

Amanda works at a pharmacy so she is going to check on band aids and see what she can find/ get.

For now, Cynthia motions, Lisa seconds

- Daycare is requesting new walkie talkies; Nadia got a quote from a company \$5016 for 12- Nadia asked if it comes with a charging base (it should be, but she still needs to confirm that from them). We can still vote on the maximum amount to allocate now, and decide later where to order them from. Tyler spoke with Mme. Karine, and she does not really care what brand we are buying, as long as they work with the ones they have now.

We are designating Nadia to take this project on- she is going to work with Mme. Karine to find the right product that they need.

We will motion no more than \$6900 for the purchase of 12 headsets, walkie talkies and charging stations. Nadia motions to accept, Amanda seconds.

- Ms. Tracey would like \$50 for the purchase of a 5 gallon fish tank, she will be buying it from Marketplace or somewhere else secondhand (she hopes). When she submits the receipt for it, we will reimburse her.

Rebecka motions, Mel D. seconds.

- K4 playground- Melanie sent some links to some outdoor toys. It's approximately \$400. We can take this from the outdoor fund. (There is a yellow bin outside, so they should be able to store them there, and they should be locked at night).

Mel D motions, Nadia seconds.

- Ms. Deidra in Resource sent in a request for \$405.51 for multiple fidget toys for the children who come to see the resource teachers.

Motioned by Tara, seconded by Rebekca.

- Ms. McRae bought 4 new microwaves for the staff room, she would like to be reimbursed \$321.89

Motioned by Nadia, seconded by Joya.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Teacher coffee- we had discussed in June that instead of doing a teacher coffee that we organize, we were thinking we would allow the purchase of up to \$40 a month for the purchase of coffee, sugar, creamer, etc. Ms. Yan will take this responsibility on.
- Welcome back BBQ committee- Friday September 25- 5pm-7pm; we sell hot dogs, snacks, drinks, etc. But families are welcome to bring their own food, as well. There is no charge to get in. We will also have a Pridewear clearance sale (whatever stock we have left, we are trying to get rid of). We are still looking for volunteers, if anyone can help, even for just 30 minutes. We still need to find a solution about keeping kids out of the school.
  - o Amanda, Melanie D. have volunteered to help.

We have a DJ, he is a MAC student, so we are giving him a chance, his cost is \$300. We did 700 hot dogs last year, and so this year we are aiming for 800 hot dogs. Rebecka will do some advertising on FB. Melanie D. will take care of purchasing the food. Chez Glory

has also mentioned that they would want to donate something, Tyler will get in touch with them.

- Pridewear- we are going to lower some of the prices of the pridewear that we have left over
  - o Youth Hoodies= \$30, Youth zip ups= \$35, youth sweat pants= \$10, adult hoodies= \$30, adult zip ups= \$35, umbrellas= \$20, baseball caps= \$20, tuques= \$10, we are going to keep the pens, keychains, sunglasses, etc. We have 2 pink t-shirts left (anti-buyling), Ms. Jen is going to raffle them out to teachers who would like them.

If anyone wants to know what we have for sale: [pridewear.orders@gmail.com](mailto:pridewear.orders@gmail.com)- just remember to put your child's name and room number

- Pizza lunches: K4 and K5s- two slices of pizza is a lot. We would like to give them the option of ordering just 1 piece. But we cannot just discern the k4s and k5s having the option to order 1 piece, because it is just a general google form. Is it worth it to give 1 pizza slice option? Or should we just provide Ziploc bags and kids can take home what they won't eat. Verdict: no 1 slice option- it is too complicated.  
We are having less pizza days this year, anyway. We will also be giving the option of paying for the full year, or paying for half the year.

#### New Business:

- Treasurer- we need a new treasurer, we need someone to take over from Sonal. We are looking for someone who is organized, good with numbers. We will not sugarcoat it, some weeks are busier than others. But we do need someone who has the time to do it. Amanda has shown interest in the treasurer position. She will take it on.
- Exec for next year: there are 3 of us (Melanie, Tyler, Angela) who will not be here next year. If anyone is interested in any of our positions (President, Membership, Secretary), we highly recommend you reach out to us within the coming year so that we can relay any important information to you. We are just putting it out there for people to think about it. If you are interested in any of the positions, send us an email. If we need to, we will have to put out a vote.
- Committee leaders- looking towards this year, we need people who would like to run these events- we will be starting WhatsApp groups for the following committees:
  - o Holiday cards (November): Tyler
  - o Holiday lunch (December): Melanie Daca and Angela
  - o Holiday Store: Nadia, Tara, Kathryn

- TSAW (February 16-19): Lisa Vani, Tara, Stephanie and Angela
- Chocolate sale (end of February): \_\_\_\_\_
- QFHSA workshops for execs: we will send out the email to everyone, so that if anyone wants to join a workshop, they can
- At the last meeting of last year, we had discussed shortening our amount of fundraisers, and focusing on a select few- for the next meeting, we should have a calendar ready with all of our fundraisers for the coming year, so that people are aware of what we are doing. We are also going to try to put more goals onto fundraisers, ie. This fundraiser is for Robotics, etc. Rebecka will work on a flyer that we can distribute at the BBQ, laying out our fundraisers for the year
- T-shirts for new teachers? We have never done it in the past. T-shirts for new students and k4s and k5s are being worked on. Teachers need to let us know by Friday of any new students.
- Future meetings: in person or zoom? As you can see on our agenda, January, February and March are strictly zoom meetings. It has been brought up that all meetings should perhaps be on zoom, other than the first and last meeting. We voted, and everyone has voted in favor, to have HYBRID meetings (in person, with zoom option- except for January, February, March). Our audio is also a lot better now, since we bought a microphone.

#### Varia:

- Terry Fox run- Mme. Gregoire would like the juice boxes to be put in bags, which will be left in the classrooms? Or does she mean to place the juice boxes in bags, and leave them in the schoolyard in front of the classroom numbers? Jen C. will double check with Mme. Gregoire, because it sounds like Mme. Gregoire wants the juice boxes to stay at St-Pat's.  
We have \$250 allocated for Terry Fox. Nadia will buy the juice boxes.
- Chez Glory- they would like to do hot lunches with us. We have mentioned to them that we have a lack of volunteers. Chez Glory has said that they will provide the service for us. We will check with admin, because we need to make sure Chez Glory staff are allowed to come into the school. Tyler will check with admin if we can make this happen, and we would like this approved by October's GB meeting. They have a hot dog or grilled cheese option. Ketchup and mustard on the side. We do try to be as inclusive as possible, but sometimes we cannot accommodate everyone's needs. We are thinking about doing one in January, and in June.
- Bingo February 12, 2027- the Omni-Centre is free- Julie is going to book it

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.