



Home & School February 04th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

1. WELCOME / ATTENDANCE / DINNER

- **Attendees:**
- Renee Aspiotis, Julie-Ann Leblanc, Kim Poirier, Nathalie Zobyhan, Melanie D'Antoni, Nadia Iacino, Kim McFadden, Stephanie Héroult, Dimitra Papapanagiotou, Tina Wentzell, Marlene Sayegh, Brigitte Legault

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Add: item 4.1. Pearson Foundation
- Motion to approve agenda
- Motion: Nadia Seconded: Julie-Ann

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES HELD ON Dec. 6th, 2018

- Motion to approve minutes from meeting held on Dec. 6th, 2018.
- Motion: Melanie Seconded: Kim

4. PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS' REPORTS

4.1. Pearson Foundation (PEF)

- Not for profit organization, they receive donations and help out the schools.
- They organize fundraisers such as golf tournaments, galas, etc.
- On LBPSB website, click on Pearson Educational Foundation.
- You can choose who to donate to a school, the school board, etc.)
- Mme Héroult would like to ensure that posting an ad to donate to MMES would not be in conflict with H&S fundraising should the year's objective (playground equipment) be identified.
- People who wish to donate can choose what they donate towards (e.g. a specific piece of equipment, an item for a specific class, etc.)
- If the person wishes to donate towards something that is not required, the principal would then contact the donor offer another donation idea.
- Mme Héroult to send out an email to make parents aware.
- Motion to support the school working with PEF for fundraising
 - Motion: Tina
 - Seconded: Kim,
 - All in favor, motion passed

4.2. Principal



- Huge thank you for Open House: volunteers, tour guides, gym, Green Team, etc.
- Breathe has begun for grades 5 & 6 today for a duration of 8 weeks (teacher: Gail).
- Staffing changes:
 - Catherine Guilmette has gone on Maternity Leave
 - Miss Heidi has gone to kindergarten
 - Allison has gone to grade 4
 - Miss Gabrielle is leaving gr 5, will be replaced by M. Bresciani.

4.3. Miss Poirier

- The kids did a great job at open house
- Thank you for candy canes and breakfast (Holiday week)
- Body Ball almost finished
- Omnikin ball is starting soon

5. EVENTS UPDATES

5.1. Movie Night – Postponed to Cancelled

- Google survey revealed only young families were registering, no older kids. Event cancelled.
- There will be no other Movie night planned by H&S this year.

5.2. Holiday Week – Week of Dec. 17-21

- 300 candy canes (Comfy Cozy Reading)
- Holiday breakfast (Dec. 20th). Thank you to the volunteers and 6th graders for help
- served croissants, cheese sticks, yogurts, bananas, clementines and juice boxes
- Visit from Santa
- We came under budget; Renee to place food consumption numbers and cost on Google drive for future
- Note for next year: Do not buy candy canes from the Dollar Store, they are not guaranteed peanut free
- Do not return unused or unopened drinks to Costco or Walmart, they will be thrown out
 - **Recommendation:** donate to On Rock or a similar organization
 - Mme Héroult: we are teaming up with a LBP school (Spring Dale)
 - Extra food/drinks could be donated to them
 - **Recommendation:** breakfast should take place earlier in the week, it could then be rescheduled to later in the week in the event of a snow day.

5.3. SAW – Staff Appreciation Week – April 1-5



- Subcommittee met and set the date for April 1-5
- A great theme has been chosen
- Missing a few leads, there will be a call out and another meeting will take place soon

5.4. Open House - Jan 31st

- Thank you to the parent volunteers, it showed representation
- Visiting parents felt more comfortable talking to MMES parents.

5.5. Year End BBQ – date TBD

- Renee to sit down with Mme Héroult to set a date
- An email will be sent out this week to form a subcommittee
- It'll be a year-end event, not necessarily a BBQ, subcommittee to decide
- Lesson learned from last year: Do not hold the event so close to Gr 6 graduation. A backup date or rain date is also required.
- Commitment of 2000\$ has been set

6. FUNDRAISER UPDATES

6.1. Fundraiser Lunches – Campaign 2

- On schedule
- Snow day Jan 24th postponed to Tuesday, Feb. 26th
- Next two fundraiser lunches:
 - Friday, Feb 22nd
 - Friday, March 29th – There's a Grad trip on this day. The students who have purchased a lunch could receive their lunch as they get off the bus.
- Special mention for J-P Cassan at Subway Colisee who allowed us to cancel the morning of Jan. 24th and did not charge us anything, even though he had to throw out the bread and baked cookies.

6.2. Recettes en Pot

- Thank you to Vira and Christine for the distribution
- Time extended, some people did not like the window that was offered
- Some people wanted to pick up at 1430, however, parents are not allowed to interact with daycare until the busses gone (between 1450 and 1500).
- Final sales 2932\$. Cost \$1493 and profit \$1439 (49.08%)

6.3. Families Helping Families

- All the donations went to On Rock (turkeys and food) and to the Montreal's Children's Hospital.
- Very good participation



- On Rock was very appreciative
- A parent had a company that donated an large amount
- Many trips to the Children's to bring the gifts
- Kids were very active and involved
- Baskets were done in a previous year. This year was better.
- Suggestion to donate to Spring Dale next year
- Thank you to Julie-Ann for all the organization – will upload all info to Google Drive for years to come

6.4. Mabels Labels & QSP

- Nothing to discuss

7. OTHER UPDATES

7.1. E-vote appreciation gift for Mrs. Newton

- Passed on Dec. 18th
- Motion to allocate 65\$ in funds for gift
- 24 respondents out of 43 members – All in favour. Motion passed
- \$62.50 final was spent on gift

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

8.1. Current Financials 2018-19

- See Net Profit Balance Sheet attached

8.2. Budget for remainder of the year

- Typically the Year End BBQ results in a bit of a loss
- See Net Profit Balance Sheet for Scenario 1 – If BBQ is a Complete Loss or Scenario 2 – If BBQ Breaks Even.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Winter / Spring Event or School Wide Field Trip - *discussion**

- Discussed at Staff Meeting:
 - 75% of staff want a school wide activity
 - Going to a movie \$5.50 per student last year
 - Is staff willing to put the playground equipment on hold to have a field trip?
 - 75% said no
 - The most popular idea is going to the movie theatre (no transportation involved)



- Pool as a second activity (30\$ per student)
- We have to form a subcommittee at next staff meeting (Wed) for the planning of playground equipment, 1 K, 1 Jr, 1 Sr, Miss Poirier and someone from H&S
 - Off the table, to be handled by staff
- Should we hold another community event?
 - Already many events are taking place this year: Welcome back event, Bingo, spring concert, Way-way off Broadway, Power Hour.
 - There are sufficient events for parents and we don't have the volunteer bandwidth.
 - Suggestion for after school event: Easter Egg Hunt, maybe next year
 - Under the Chartwells contract, we can go up to 3 asks (fundraiser lunches, TCBY, plus one more)
 - No new event will take place prior to Year End BBQ
- Fundraiser lunches status quo
- Suggestion: more Bake Sales as they are usually successful
 1. We have a blanket approval for bake sales at events
 2. Possibilities: Parent teacher interview in March, Power Hour and/or Breathe for parents on Tuesday March 26th

9.3. Fundraiser Ideas

- If playground equipment objective is met, it will be announced to all
- Additional fundraising would also go towards playground equipment

9.3. Bake Sale – Parent Teacher Interviews

- Aligning for parent teacher interview (Feb. 27th)
- Mme Héroult and daycare approves

9.4. Elections – May-June

- Hold elections at the end of the year (late May, early June)
- The person elected would shadow current elected member during the last month of the year (June)
- Distribute package earlier including a description of all the positions to be filled.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm