



Margaret Manson Home & School Association President's Activity Report to QFHSA for 2019-20



2019-20 was an active year for Margaret Manson Home & School Association. In addition to supporting various school related activities throughout the year, we also ran 4 events and 7 different fundraisers. A list of all the activities along with comments are provided below chronologically. Our major fundraising objective was to raise \$15,000 over a two year period (2019-21) to help fund the purchase of performance stage equipment for the school. This objective was divided as follows: \$10,000 for 2019-20 and \$5,000 for 2020-21. Despite the school year ending abruptly on March 13 due to Covid-19, we were still able to achieve the first part of the objective (\$10,000) and are on track to complete the full objective. Looking forward, MMHSA will need to consider online payment solutions and offer contactless delivery/pickup to meet health and safety restrictions imposed by Covid-19 and meet the growing demand for paperless transactions.

SEPTEMBER

AGM (Part 2) - a second AGM to June 2019 elections was held to fill remaining Executive positions.

Membership & Bake Sale Fundraiser - Curriculum Night

- hosted a membership information table for new and returning parents; sold baked goods, waters, coffee and espresso; profited ~\$145

Welcome Back Pizza Party

- hosted a Pizza Party for families and staff (50% discount) and offered pizza, chips and drinks as advance purchases; additional chips, drinks, baked goods onsite
- 50/50 raffle along with free activities offered for kids: Champs basketball, Pound Fitness Classes, DJ and Dancing, Sheltoons, Cup Stax competitions, Spin the wheel to win
- event was a great success and profited \$1198

Campaign #1 Sub Lunch Fundraiser - Sept-Oct-Nov-Dec-Jan

- offered 6" sub lunch + choice of drink + cookie , 1x per month for \$6.50 per order with Subway Colisee
- participation rate = 61% of school (55% last year); profits = \$1,838.62

Apples for Terry Fox Run - purchased apples for entire school as a healthy snack after run

OCTOBER

Membership - 38 memberships submitted to QFHSA (44 members last year)

Halloween Bingo Night

- hosted a sold out Halloween Bingo costume party
- offered samosas, beverages, coffee, chips for purchase on trolleys, a bake sale table + TCBY (Grads)
- 200+ bingo prizes awarded
- additional fun contests/games: costume parade and awards, Pick the Nose of Frankenstein and a Monster Raffle with prizes ranging from \$50 - \$300
- \$2290 profits raised in total
- limitation : location in gym too small (max accommodation is 225)

Labels Labels - yearlong online magazine and clothing label fundraisers launched

NOVEMBER

Bake Sale - Parent Teacher Interviews - Term 1

- baked goods and coffee offered over 2 days; generated \$513 in profits
- limitations: ran out of baked goods on first evening; limited volunteers/bakers for second day

Spirit Wear (NEW)

- offered MMES spirit wear apparel at Parent Teacher Interviews with online purchasing and pickup at school (T-shirts, hoodies and track pants); profited \$404

Cookie Dough Fundraiser (NEW)

- offered 4 flavours of pre-proportioned frozen cookie dough through local company (Félix & Norton) at \$10 a bag (~20 cookies per bag)
- received 50% back for each bag sold; generated \$3265 in profits
- limitation: online purchasing with direct delivery to customer's door was not available

Holiday Tree & Wreath Fundraiser (NEW)

- partnered with a local Quebec company (Bôsapin) and offered online Christmas Trees, Wreaths and accessories for purchase with direct door delivery
- received 25% back for each tree or accessory sold; profited \$365
- Benefits: very simple fundraiser with minimal volunteer effort; all online with direct door delivery

DECEMBER**Families Helping Families**

- annual charitable campaign collected 2 huge boxes of toys for Children's Hospital along with 45 boxes of non-perishable food and cash donations to purchase 33 turkeys for On Rock Community Services

Holiday Week

- treated entire school including staff to a continental style holiday breakfast
- provided candy canes for all children for Comfy Cozy Reading
- helped with set up of Winter Concert

JANUARY

- Open House** - provided volunteer support along with baked goods and beverages for Open House

FEBRUARY

- Valentine's Day (NEW)** - helped deliver Valentine mail to all children in school

Winter Party 2020 (NEW)

- hosted a sold out dance party for MMES families and staff
- offered hotdogs and refreshments as advance purchases; cotton candy, treat bags and extra refreshments for purchase onsite; also provided guests with self serve coat rack check-in
- fun activities/extras included: DJ + animation; photo booth, giant Connect 4 game; colouring pages for young kids; glow necklaces
- 219 people in attendance; \$905 in profits raised
- Notes: rented coat racks were great for coat overflow; external vendors hired to handle hotdog station and cotton candy machine helped free up volunteer positions.

Campaign #2 Sub Lunch Fundraiser -Feb-Mar-Apr-May-June (x2)- CANCELLED

- participation rate = 59%; \$2038 set aside for reimbursements
- Limitation: e-transfers with 2 signatories was not possible with our Community Plus Account with TD Bank; each participant was thus reimbursed by cheque by mail - a tedious and costly process; MMHSA will need to find an alternative banking solution that can allow for 2 signatories to sign off online and remotely

MARCH**Staff Appreciation Week - CANCELLED**

- weeklong celebration for all staff was to be set to a Country Western theme which included: a snack bar, multiple breakfasts, a luncheon, line dancing lessons, spirit day + sheriff stars activity with kids, wine, cubby and raffle gifts
- Perfect Potluck was an excellent way to sign up volunteers and food donations
- wine and raffle donations were kept for next year; perishable items were either donated or returned to donors

MAY

- 2020-21 AGM (Elections)** - CANCELLED - to be rescheduled for August / September

JUNE**Safety Support for Covid-19**

- monies allocated toward Staff Appreciation Week were re-directed toward purchasing 50 face shields for all staff

K Orientation - CANCELLED

- was to offer volunteer services and membership information and supplement a snack table for adults and kids; digital membership information instead are to be offered in welcome packages

Freezies for Power Hour - CANCELLED**Year End BBQ - CANCELLED**

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