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**Home & School Association Meeting**

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

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**Present:** Andrea Rose, Colette Strome, Meredith Higgins, Josie Berry, Christina Neary, Morgan Oakley, Justine Cowie, Allie Cassibo, Courtney MacKay, Meghan Thorne, Gemma Vale, Bailey Hale (teacher representative), Shawna Gray, Sandra Lee, Erica Brewer and Maryanne Fisher

**Regrets:** Genevieve Baechler, Melissa Cummings, and Tracy MacDonald

1. Call to order
   1. Andrea Rose (co-president) 7:11pm
2. Approval of Agenda
   1. Moved by Allie
   2. Seconded by Josie
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Moved by Colette
   2. Seconded by Josie
4. Principal’s report – Colette Strome
   1. Presentations & Trips:
      1. Discovery Centre coming to the school January 24 to visit each class and have a whole school assembly portion.
      2. School wide trip to the Emera Oval on Feb 4.
      3. Grade 5 has a felt art painting class.
      4. Grade 3/4 and 4/5 will have an author coming in for March; we will explore the Writer’s Federation for a later time.
      5. Hope for Wildlife is in the process of being booked for a visit.
      6. There will be an art project organized by the Fine Art Specialist (mosaic tiles with the school name to be installed in the spring).
   2. The holiday cheer bags were very successful, and there were 32 bags completed for Santa for Seniors. Next year we will explore how to orient the bags toward the local community.
   3. The HSA thanked everyone involved with the holiday concert and rehearsal.
   4. There will also be a metal sign installed with the school logo shortly, pending financial help of $200 from HSA (all approved).
   5. The milk program is temporarily suspended until further notice due to issues around online ordering. It has to be ordered through School Cash Online, and given that the hot lunch program is through a different website, it leads to potential confusion. The HSA discussed various options, looked at possible solutions, and will continue to think about what approach to take. More to come.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Colette Strome
   1. Account updates will be provided at the next meeting.
      1. H&S Family Bursary Fund – $1411.00
      2. Fundraising General – $1121.57 (including funds from Trunk or Treat)
      3. Spring fair – $11,401.86 – $5,700 for ipads – $1,000 for tables – prizes for spring fair + $500 from Andy Filmore = Approx $5,000 remains
   2. Selling the holiday raffle brunch tickets resulted in $191
   3. New funding requests:
      1. Basketballs, volleyballs, and soccer balls need to be purchased. Justine motioned that we approve $500 for this purpose, along with covering costs for curriculum related socio-emotional program books ($61), and new socio-emotional regulation materials (approximately $150). Gemma seconded, unanimous in favour.
      2. Meredith mentioned that the area around the slide near the pre-primary area needs to be addressed. Colette will call 311
      3. Brandy Reyno, a local community member with experience in fund-raising, reached out to say that she would be happy to do some fundraising for the school. Courtney will follow up.
6. Ongoing Business
   1. Writer’s Federation update: we are applying now to book an author in April. We will purchase books for the students.
7. New Business
   1. Fundraisers/events
      1. Wreath fundraiser went well and raised $2,300.
      2. Mitchell’s Soups will happen in February, which will be spearheaded by Justine with input from Colette.
      3. Movie night: potentially in the school gym (space for 240 individuals), one evening (e.g., 630pm Friday). Sandra and Andrea have offered to make popcorn, and Allie will take the lead. Dates will be explored.
      4. Moosehead game tickets have been purchased for March 16. There are two tickets, two child backpacks and two scarves, and the draw will be on March 6. Funds are dedicated toward the school sign.
      5. Spring Fair is June 7. Planning needs to begin. Allie will lead, and Justine, Josie, Morgan, Meredith, and Meghan will assist. Others expressed that they would join in as needed. Send any prize ideas while the tax holiday is in effect. Please be prepared to help set up and clean up.
8. Next meeting- **February 10, 7pm online and in-person**
9. Adjourned – 8:08 pm