



**Sambro Elementary School
Home & School Association Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025
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Present: Andrea Rose, Meredith Higgins, Colette Strome, Justine Cowie, Christina Neary, Shawna Gray, Josie Berry, Morgan Oakley, Allie Brann, Genevieve Baechler, Sandra Lee, Tracy MacDonald, Meghan Thorne, Courtney MacKay, Melissa Cummings, Gemma Vale, Erica Brewer, Danielle Henneberry (teacher representative) and Maryanne Fisher

Regrets: None

1. Call to Order- Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved by Courtney
 - b. Seconded by Meghan
3. Approval of Minutes for February 10, 2025
 - a. Moved by Josie
 - b. Seconded by Colette
4. Principal's Report – Colette Strome
 - a. Author Briana Corr Scott's visit was a phenomenal hit with 3/4 and 4/5, as was the actual book signing. Students learned about Sable Island and are still talking about her visit. An application has been made with the Nova Scotia Writer's Federation to have her visit with younger students. She thanked the HSA for sponsoring the purchase of the books.
 - b. Another author is booked for the Primary through 3/4 (note that the 4/5 had a felting workshop, and someone was already in to discuss comic books).
 - c. The 3/4 and 4/5 classes are going to the Discovery Centre, the grade 2 and the 3/4 classes are going to Africville, and grade 3s are writing the literacy and math standardized tests.
 - d. A Halifax municipal representative came to examine the slides in the playground, which the students had dug out. Repairs need to be made in the spring. During the HSA meeting, a question was raised about adding further equipment to the playground.
 - e. Hoodies for the grade 5s have been ordered. The year end trip for grade 5s is yet to be determined.
5. Treasurer's Report – Colette Strome



a. Financial Report update

Fundraising General: \$991.50

Spring Fair: \$5102.06

Bursary: \$1311.00

which includes the following totals from recent fundraisers

Wreaths: \$2280

Mitchell's Soups: \$255

Movie night: \$667.05

Hockey tickets: \$195

b. New funding requests

- i. Popcorn machine: We use a popcorn machine for many events, and the machine we have is no longer reliably working. There was a discussion about where funds could be obtained. Meredith will make inquiries.
- ii. Cotton candy machine: Allie has explored potential costs. One solution may be to rent a machine through HRM Mascots, with whom we are already booking things for the Spring Fair, and then use the funds raised to purchase a machine if it's a good investment based on profits at the Spring Fair.
- iii. The Discovery Centre field trip for grades 3/4 and 4/5 costs approximately \$800, which covers entry for each student and a bus. Colette asked the HSA to cover the costs. Allie motioned, and Gemma seconded. All voted in favour.

6. Ongoing Business - Merged with new business

7. New Business

a. Fundraisers/events

- i. Mitchell's Soups: this fundraiser occurred over a short period, so next year, leave the window a bit longer. Also, perhaps move it to early fall when people may be more interested in soup.
- ii. Spring Fair: Allie and the committee have been working hard. Volunteers are being rounded up, and donation letters are being sent. Grade 5s might be asked if they want to help volunteer and given tickets for their time and a coupon for food. Some school alumni would also like to assist. There will be some different games and attractions this year; there will



not be a petting zoo this year. Instead, there will be a bubble artist. Efforts are underway to improve advertising. Planning is a bit ahead of last year. Another committee meeting will be held soon. Anyone who wants to grow plant babies is encouraged to do so for the plant sale.

- b. Recycling/Organic efforts within the school: We are not currently composting because there is no pick-up of green bins unless we have a cage to stop animals like raccoons. Milk containers could be recycled, but no plastic recycling is available at the school right now. Perhaps plastics could be brought home, and maybe an “eco-crew” could be formed to help educate and maybe rinse items. Right now, the school has paper, cardboard, and garbage.
- c. There was discussion about holding a popcorn machine fundraiser with a bake sale like last year, which was held for the butterfly garden.

8. Next meeting: May 12, 2025- 7:00 pm

9. Adjournment at 8:07 pm