

Sambro Home & School Association

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026, 630pm

Present: Andrea Rose, Meredith Higgins, Josie Berry, Kim Roberts, Meghan Thorne, Christina Neary, Laurie Batten, Allie Cassibo, Natalie Reichenbacher, Genevieve Baechler, Courtney Mackay, Morgan Oakley, Melissa Cummings

Regrets: Justine Cowie, Sandra Lee, Gemma Vale, Allison Langille, Maryanne Fisher

1. Call to Order – Allie called the meeting to order at 6:41pm
2. Welcome/Attendance (noted above)
3. Approval of Agenda: Christina approved, Andrea second
4. Approval of Minutes: Christina approved, Natalie second
5. Principal's Report by Mrs. Roberts (sent via email ahead of time)
 - Seen by all and no questions
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - Wreath sale: profit was \$1353. Feedback was that it went well, and thank you to Sandra for organizing.
 - Movie night: profit \$413.
 - As of right now:
 - Spring fair \$3469
 - Bursary \$1311
 - General \$3139
 - Playground \$4200 – just bought \$2500 picnic tables and feedback is positive.
 - Requests for purchases:
 - 4/5 Class need \$22 for art class
 - P/1 Class name tags \$15
 - Agreed that under \$50 doesn't need motion to pass
7. Recent business
 - Movie night feedback:
 - No more Nerds candy
 - Movie was quite long, perhaps next one under an hour. Also discussed that it is ok that kids get fussy and talk to their friends in this environment.
 - Do we need to charge or ask for donation? Don't want this to be a barrier. Maybe donation jar could sit by the door instead of someone standing by it?

- Discussed having it earlier and noted that Excel needs the space until 6, but there are options to potentially adjust this.
- Wreaths:
 - Reach out to Sandra to see if there is anything she wanted to bring up
 - We heard finance update but how to delivery and pick up go?
- Green Christmas
 - School perspective: very appreciative of the help. Students loved it and the children were happy to participate. Thank you to HSA.
 - Discussed that other schools charge for this event and HSA is happy that ours is free.
 - Suggestion for next year to provide some guidance for donations (no ipads, also not a yard sale).
 - Need more tape next year!
- Santa for Seniors
 - Lori Gray said it was well received and the Seniors were touched by the community.
 - The list of suggested items was helpful.
 - There was a slow start, but a lot of stuff came in near the end. Suggestions to plug this stuff even earlier than mid-November, with many friendly reminders.
 - Discussion led to Seniors really enjoying the carolling and maybe next year we could invite the Seniors to the school for a concert.
- Winter Clothing Swap
 - Many thought it was done and got rid of things they were hanging on to.
 - Meredith said some clothing has been washed and mended and is at the school.
 - Parents are coming to school January 27th for Family Literacy Day so we agreed to have a table set up for parents to take from.
 - Kim to send a message out to parents about the swap and that they can bring clothes ahead of time. They will need to be washed after being brought to the school.

8. Future Business

- Do we want to renew movie license on February 17?
 - Decided not to renew because of cost and we do not want to encourage screen time.
 - Recall it being a significant amount, roughly \$900 for 6 movies

- Unclear why it costs so much – anyone want to research if we can show movies from our personal streaming accounts?
- Spring Fair
 - *Always* the first Saturday in June (June 6th from 11-2)
 - Uses about 100 volunteers, including grade 5s and alumni
 - Meagan is going to work to get the petting zoo
 - Allie to lead the Spring Fair Committee again – everyone was in favour. If you are interested in joining, please let Allie know.

9. Next meeting is **February 11th at 6:30pm.**

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.