Sambro Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday June 13, 2022

7:00 pm

1. Call to order: Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Welcome/ Attendance - In attendance: Andrea Rose, Nancy Ewing, Patty Hoskin, Pat Dempsey, Sandra Lee, Meredith Higgins, Maryanne Fisher, Josie Berry, Julie Stonebridge-Bujold, Jacqueline Bretzler, Catherine Bouliane, Alex MacPherson
	1. Regrets: Amy Gilkie, Melissa Cummings
3. Approval of agenda: Moved by Patty and seconded by Andrea. All approved.
4. Approval of minutes: Moved by Julie and seconded by Patty, and then also Andrea just in case Patty’s not allowed by by-law to second. All approved.
5. Principal’s Report – Patty:
	1. 5 classrooms next year, some combined, a few straight classes, hopefully. Numbers are determined by government. By August/Sept. class lists will be posted. Classes start Sept 7.
	2. Assessment day will be Wednesday, June 29
		1. Last day is June 30 - Pat’s last day EVER!!
		2. Digital report cards
		3. Busses will take kids home at 10 am, teachers leave early afternoon
	3. Surveillance cameras coming, approved by SAC. They’re expensive. Have had some vandalism already. Received a quote for 8, but only need 3;1 camera to zoom on makers space, the field, and the tennis court. Approved to be installed in July.
		1. We have a healthy playground budget - $20,000. The cameras will take from that. The PTA has committed to one playground specific fundraiser per year. Maybe woodchip top up from that in the future? Cameras on during afterschool or weekends. NOT during school hours. For vandalism watch only. Camera is coming from HRCE. There will be a “Welcome” sign as well along fence that also thanks sponsors, & a sign for letting people know there are cameras for surveillance
	4. Fire drills went well.
	5. In person primary orientation – yay!
		1. Presentation by Andrea about PTA
		2. Staff present, great night
	6. Gaga pit arrived and the students love it. They’ve been told the rules, about sportsmanship, safety, and respect. Plus they have the rest of the playground! It’s very well used, lots of interschool/grade play. Would stay all day if they could! A true community project! Well done, Catherine & team!
	7. Masks – not required anymore. Some wear them some don’t. Everyone is respectful.
	8. There was damage to the Makers Space. Volunteers have already come forward and repairs have begun
	9. Lots happening – year end:
		1. Spring fair – (now) Thursday, June 16
		2. Talent show – Friday, June 17
		3. Pat’s retirement – Friday June 17
		4. Dance & sing along – June 22
		5. Grade 5s to Bowl-a-rama & laser tag next week
		6. Whole school to Discovery Centre - Friday, June 24
		7. 3/4s walk to the beach (beside the church)- June 20
		8. Hoodies are in! Look amazing!
6. Treasurer’s Report – Pat
7. $4683.72 in account
8. Usually ok to keep some to carry over. Going to spend on spring fair – not half, so lots left for next year

7. On-going Business

1. Year-end recap (above in Principal’s Report)

b. Spring fair - final review of plan

1. Moved to Thursday, June 16
2. Glow Promotions is NOT honouring their contracted rain date, going with HRM Mascots. Their quote was for $300 more than Glow, BUT they’re able to do it on VERY short notice, and they’re charging us for 3 hours, but coming for 4. They’ve been super responsive & helpful.
3. Ice cream donation from Mishoo’s
4. $700 from Realtor Cara Todd and that will cover petting zoo & some BBQ costs

8. New Business

a. Wreaths confirmed for next year

b. New Executive positions in effect

1. Incoming Co-Chairs would like to survey parents/guardians about what they’d like to see happen at school. Please think of questions you think would be good to ask the school’s grown up population
2. Nancy has the binder of fundraisers to be passed on at a later date
3. Andrea mentioned that people have mentioned to her they’d like to help, but not commit to the PTA
4. Tonight was the last PTA meeting:
	* + 1. EVER for Pat!
			2. At Sambro for Catherine & Patty
			3. As Co-Chairs for Nancy & Amy

**THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

From Pat - 25 years at Sambro! 7 principals! Thank you everyone! It’s been my whole career!

From Catherine – Thank you for supporting staff & children & myself

From Patty – Thankful to parents & staff – beautiful spot! 2 years filling in. I adore Sambro!