

Gordon Minutes
November 22, 2018
6:30

In attendance: Athina Paraskevopoulos, Lisa Mooney, Liz Grebe, Lara Strebul, Jenn Stuart, Alison Steele, Judy Cowell, Tony D'Alessandro, Krista Kimmel, Barbra Durley
Regrets: Alison Cousineau, Darcie Lewis, Michelle Leone

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Adaption of Last Meetings Minutes

Moved: Liz Seconded by : Barbra Motioned passed

3. Chair Report

Alison shared the discussion the Fundraising Committee had and the decisions that have been made regarding fundraising. Currently doing Vermeers Poinsettia Fundraiser only at this time of year to not overburden families with asks for money. We are looking to hold a fundraiser in March/April. Fundraising Committee will meet in the new year to discuss what fundraiser they would like to hold moving forward.

An idea was brought to the table to ask if maybe the teachers could create a 'wish list' for parents for Christmas Gifts. The idea would to ask for things needed for the class or school so gifts help them with class needs. Tony also shared how he has been at schools where you donate to a cause in a teacher's name. He would bring the idea to the next staff meeting.

4. Administrators Report:

Quebec City: trip is a go. Approx 90 students will be attending in second week of June.

Cookie Dough: We sold \$30,000 of cookie dough. This fundraiser goes to kitchen or kids who need support for gr. 7/8 Trip.

Kitchen: is to be done over the Christmas break. This will allow us to switch the snack program from 3 to 5 days a week. Niagara Nutrition partners which currently funds program, might need some financial support from the school at some point in time. This is something we might look at in the future funding on a yearly basis. As an example we would be asked to cover 10% of the cost of the program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: happened last Thursday and throughout the week.

Vibs for Viv: there was an amazing vibe in the building on that day. A good amount of money was raised and passed onto the family.

Gr. 8 Open Houses: Today Reps from Centennial were here meeting with grade 8s. Intention sheets have been started to be filled in. Past students came and answered questions. Open house next Tuesday.

DSBN Academy: is coming here next Tuesday and speaking to all English speaking kids.

Book Fair: will be here next Monday Students will be able to preview on Tuesday. Sales will take place Wed-Fri. Will be open after school on Thursday for parents to come. Cash or Cheque only.

Christmas Concert: Tuesday 18, 6:30 at Centennial. It was asked that we make a mention that no videos be shared online due to safety of children.

Mrs. Kimmel: Shared with us a teaching video and some exercises from the math curriculum. Staff is learning about Building Fluency.

5. Financial Report:

No changes since last meeting.

6. Parent Involvement:

Lisa informed us that there are 2 current surveys on the ministry website to give feedback. One regarding Health Curriculum and another regarding funding for schools. All were encouraged to fill out the surveys. If still interested there is one more town hall call you could be a part of.

Pro Grant is on Pause. Provincial government has currently put a hold on that program.

Parent question on Sex Ed: what curriculum is actually being taught right now? There are two components. The physical education component was last revised in 2010/2015 and Human Growth and Development Strand in from 1998.

7. New Business:

Grade 8 Graduation committee will have a bake sale at the Christmas concert.

8. Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Judy Second: Barbra