

## Home and School Meeting January 18th

**Present:** Kara, Natalia, Jaime Fallon, Nikol Piscuric, Craig Aarts, Mike Malysewich, Caitlin Burgess, Heather Ricks, Stacey Brown, Matt Lindo, Hillary Peach, Amanda Crossley, Bekki Kam, Kristina Cote

**Agenda Review:** Motion to approve: Natalia Second: Nikol

**Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve: Natalia Second: Caitlin

### **President's Report:**

- Administration declined to attend
- Invitation was also extended to our Trustee, but she was also unable to attend
- Executive approved \$282.00 for bussing for an RBG trip
- Popcorn Pass-it-On Gift Card:
  - we were able to give 17 Food4Kids students a \$50 gift card
- Little Library will be ordered and installed in Spring
  - Free Little Library has book bundles that can be purchased
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Speaker Event

### **Spirit Wear:**

- was a bit rushed and people received items later than anticipated
- we are open to find a different supplier, although the low cost is appreciated

### **February 9th - Winterfest**

- Mac students are available to help
- Gym rental is in and insurance is applied for
- Plans
  - is it a fundraiser, or just a community event?
    - will have a table to discuss outdoor areas and take donations towards that
  - Natalia willing to lead
  - Cookies and hot chocolate?
  - Mac students can help run events (Scavenger hunt etc)
  - playground area is also useable
  - Start/end time? rental is 5-7
  - Activity ideas:
    - Colouring Station, Freeze dance, Maze or obstacle course
- Need volunteers
  - Cailin
  - Mike (can help with prep but not at event)
  - Krisitina
  - Stacey (offering to help in advance)

### **Skate & Bake**

- Kara has reached out to Wentworth about renting soccer field as well
- would like a Gr 5 volunteer to run it

### **School Outdoor Area Improvements (Nikol)**

- short-term and long-term goals
  - things like a play structure will take a long time, but maybe we can try to get commit to some smaller (lower cost) improvements that can be achieved this year
  - may also help us create some targeted fundraising
- Kara notes that the school board does have templates for things that can be painted on outdoor surfaces
- One of Nikol's kids had been asked about what they would want on the survey, so she is hopeful that we could coordinate with the school
- Once we are happy with the survey, we can share with school administration and ask that it be sent out to school community
- Things to include in survey?
  - Suggestion of mulch (with a plan for retaining it)
    - we should omit anything that is safety-related
  - A map to provide in the survey that defines the area
  - Can we include a question to get at what the most preferred activities of the kids are
  - Checkers/chess (on rocks, or giant ones)
- swings, monkey bars (longer term)
- could they create a "rain garden" to improve drainage?
  - Turf?
    - maybe in small areas, like in kindergarten area
- it would be useful to know what percentage of recesses are "walk and talk"
  - even when it is a walk and talk, can spaces be designated for specific activities
- When to send it out?
  - Nikol had arbitrarily put Jan 31
  - Should we keep it open beyond the Feb 9th event so we can promote it then

### **Popcorn Day**

- Had a good number of volunteers
- Going forward, thinking of doing it once/month
- Tuesday delivery day
  - 4 days prior hand out order form
  - 3 days prior collect forms
  - last time we had 30 extra bags and it was not enough
  - Can we offer paying cash online?
    - Perhaps offer it monthly so people don't have to pay all at once
  - Kara and Kristina can discuss about approaching admin to ask about School Cash online

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Popcorn was great - margins were better on Westdale bag and we were able to make a great donation for Food4Kids families

- Bank remains pretty stable

### **School Council Report (Matt Lindo)**

- wanting to get parent reps for classrooms
  - getting feedback from teachers
- Making an application for a Pro Grant
  - to help create a mental health and wellness action plan
- Putting together a Resources Fair Committee and Talent Show Committee
- Pushing admin for copy of school improvement and fundraising plan
- Next Meeting set for Feb 8 from 8-9
  - hoping to make it hybrid

### **Home & School into Next Year**

- if anyone wants to be involved in H&S executive for next year, there will be open positions

Please feel free to share agenda items for next meeting

Motion to Adjourn: Natalia

Second: Nikol