

Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on February 7th, 2017 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

ABBRACCIO, Maria	CRISTOFARO, Nadia	MORI, Gina
ALICANDRO, Lucia	FILLIPIN, Robert	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)
BRESCIA, Josie	GRECO, Gina	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)
BRUNET, Anick	IACONETTI, Sandra	PIVETTA, Sonia
CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	LIVORNETTI, Sabrina	ROSATO, Tina (President)
CIARLA, Sonya	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)	TAWIL, Lydia

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda for February 7th, 2017 with the following additions and changes:

- Add STEAM Program to New Business
- Add Covering Grade 1 books to New Business
- Change Buck-A-Book date to March 2nd.

Motioned By: Lucia Alicandro
Adopted

Seconded by: Anick Brunet

Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 8th, 2016.



Motioned by: Sabrina Livornetti
Adopted

Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta

Business Arising from Previous meeting:

- **Valentine's Day** – There will be a Lunch Time activity hosted by HandS on February 14th in the Multipurpose Room. Children will be invited to come and make Valentine Day Cards and Crafts after they eat. Volunteers are needed.
- **Winter Carnival** – Carnival activities will take place on the week of February 27th. The Staff has decided to have theme days for every day of the week. HandS Volunteers will be present for the outdoor Carnival activities on Wednesday, March 1, and will offer a treat to the students.
- **Buck-A-Book** – The Buck A Book sale will take place on March 2nd, on the evening of Parent's Night. More books are needed. The Principal was asked to send out a school wide e-mail asking parents for their gently used books. Volunteers are needed.

Question Period - none

Reports

a) Chairperson:

- On Monday, February 13, there will be a free workshop on Cyber Bullying offered at the Shertaon Hotel in Laval from 7:30-9:30pm. This is a SWLSB initiative. The speaker is very reputable.
- Tina Rosato encouraged members to start thinking about new goals for HandS fundraising. If anybody would like to present an idea, please feel free to bring it up for discussion with all members. Be ready to present it with the proper plans and research done in advance.
- The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has met and the proposed changes will be sent out to the Executive Team soon.

b) Treasurer:

- Funds available are \$7642.59

c) Principal:

- The missing GB+ books have been ordered and received. Volunteers will be needed to cover them.
- The school has received all the laptops and are integrating them into the classroom as the technician becomes available.
- The Laval Senior Academy Band came to perform for the students and they enjoyed it.
- Open House took place on the evening of January 26th. About 30 families attended. Thanks to the Volunteers who came, it went very well. There was tremendous school pride from the students and they did a fantastic job. It was simple and student-oriented.
- Kindergarten Registration has begun.
- I Love to Read Week took place last week. The kids enjoyed the activities and it all went very well. Ms. Neveu will post the Travelling Story online. At the end of the culminating activity, she spoke to the children about Staff Appreciation and encouraged them to find ways to thank their teachers.
- Ms. Neveu expressed thanks to the Decorating Committee once again for their hard work and fantastic décor.
- This week is Staff Appreciation Week. She thanks HandS and all the volunteers for their time and effort spent on showing the staff their gratitude.
- The children will be allowed to wear Red or Pink on Valentine's Day. There will be a lunchtime activity hosted by HandS.
- On Friday, the children will be permitted to wear their Super Hero t-shirts to honour their teachers.
- There are 2 days on the February Calendar where the children are encouraged to wear pink to stand up against bullying.

d) Governing Board Liaison – please refer to the Genesis website

e) Committees

- **Fundraising Committee (Anick Brunet and Tina Rosato)** – Tina Rosato brought up the possibility of having a Food Fundraiser (ex. Subways) to replace the Pizza Fundraiser that we have. The members did not show an interest.
 - **Dance (Rosanna Anobile)**– The tentative date for the Dance is on March 24th. The Committee is being formed and there will be more information to follow.
 - **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia & Pina Di Luca)** – The chairpersons ask that questions be directed to the TCBY e-mail. The issue of distributing plastic spoons came up, as it goes against our initiative to go green, but it was thought to leave it as status quo. There seem to be fewer orders than the past and maybe the profit margin needs to be re-evaluated. Further discussion will be tabled until the Chairpersons are present at a meeting.

- **Buck-A-Book (Patty Marinelli)** – This will take place on the evening of March 2nd. Some older student volunteers are needed,

- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach Committee (Tina Rosato)** - On February 26th, the committee will host a Snowshoeing and Skating event in the park behind the school. On March 19th , there will be a Curling event. It will cost \$10.00/family. Money was spent on the Curling Activity that took place at the school for all the children. More information on the times of the events will follow.

- **Holiday Decorating Committee (Sabrina Livornetti)** – The decorating is going well. Please keep sharing your ideas. They are much appreciated. .

- **Family Fun Night (Anita Catalani and Patty Marinelli)** – nothing to report

- **Graduation Committee (Carmie D’Agostino: liaison)** – There will probably be a Raffle Fundraiser in March. Hands asked that it not be close to the date of the Dance so that we are not asking for funds at the same time.

- **Fun Day Committee (Carolina Asquino and Lydia Tawil)** – Discussion will be tabled until the April meeting.

- **Garden Club Committee (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – The Gardening Club is going strong. The children are learning a lot. They are experimenting with how plants grow, recording their findings in journals, and doing research on the web. The first planting of vegetables and herbs has started. There is hope for the possibility of selling this produce as a fundraiser. The Committee has done a good job of getting material donated, but they need more help. Their main goal is to get cedar planters for the front of the school. They ask that anybody who has plastic pots and planters, please donate them. They also asked for the proper shelving for the numerous plants they have.

***Gina Mori motions to allocate \$150.00 for the purchase of proper shelving for the Gardening Club’s plants. Patty Marinelli seconds.
Adopted***

- **Choir Committee (Tina Rosato)** – nothing to Report

- **Staff Appreciation Week Committee (Patty Marinelli and Sandra Pisegna)** – Staff Appreciation Week is going really well and is being well received by the staff. All feedback has been positive. The Volunteers are stepping up and being of great help. The Recess Supervision and Lunches are much appreciated. Hoodies have been purchased for all the teachers and will be presented to them on Friday. Ms. Neveu has paid a portion of them as well. Daycare Staff will receive a smaller, personalized

gift. There will be a Friday afternoon surprise for all teachers. Please encourage your children to write thank you notes to their teachers.

- **HandS Newsletter and Publicity Committee (Lydia Tawil and Tina Rosato)** - The article featuring Genesis will appear in the February 22nd edition of the Federation's "Focus on the Locals" segment of the Newsletter.

New Business:

- **AGM** – The AGM will take place on April 29th, at the Novotel Hotel. Tina Rosato will attend. She asks that 3 other members attend. The price will be shared with members as it becomes available.
- **Covering Grade 1 Books** – Volunteers are needed to finish covering Grade 1 books. Any interested members are to see Patty Marinelli.
- **STEAM** – STEAM is a curricular program that stands for Science, Technology, and Math through the Arts that has been making its way into some Montreal schools. The premise is that every grade level works on a project incorporating the above disciplines. There is an interest among members that the school look into adopting this program. It would be a first for a school of the SWLSB and would set Genesis apart. Because it is part of the curriculum, teachers need to be completely on board with this project. Ms. Neveu will inquire what the program entails at the school board, as there needs to be lots of support for this type of project. HandS will be happy to help fund it.

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- A member inquired if there are any procedures in place for thanking sponsors. Tina Rosato stated that sponsors receive Thank You cards. It was suggested that a List of Sponsors be posted on the HandS Facebook page.

Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Anita Catalani. Sandra Pisegna seconds.
Adopted*

Next Meeting: March 21, 2017



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