

Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on October 9, 2018 MINUTES

ABBRACCIO, Maria	DI FRUSCIA, Cynthia	LIVORNETTI, Sabrina	PIVETTA, Sonia
ANOBILE, Rosanna	DI GIOVANNI, Alido	MARAK, Tracy	RIOUX, Melanie
ASQUINO, Carolina	FERRARO, Anne-Marie	MARIANI, Etta	ROSATO, Tina (President)
BRUNET, Anick	FILLIPIN, Robert	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)	SICONOLFI, Tania
CAMMISANO, Josie	FIORILLO, Joanne	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)	TAWIL, Lydia
CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	GAUDIO, Anna	NOBARIAN, Houry	GUESTS:
D'AGOSTINO, Carmie	IACONETTI, Sandra	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)	STUDHAM, Manny

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda for October 9th, 2018 with the following additions and corrections:

- Add Gardening Club under Committees
- Add Spreadsheet for Sub-Committees under Varia
- Add Buck-A-Book Fundraiser under New Business

***Motioned By: Maria Abbraccio
Adopted***

Seconded by: Lydia Tawil

Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on September 11th, 2018 with the following additions and corrections:

- Change Commitment Form to Commitment Pledge Form under Adoption of the Agenda
- Change Genesis Home and School website to e-mail under Chairperson's report
- Add the following under New Business: Commitment Form:
 - Members were asked to sign it. There was some discussion about what this meant. Rosanna Anobile raised the question of who the members were pledging to by signing the document, since they already paid an \$18.00 membership fee and are governed by By-Laws. Lina Aristeo suggested that if there were rules in the school that members needed to follow, Ms. Neveu should address them. She also stated that Genesis Home and School is governed by By-Laws. After some discussion, Patty Marinelli stated that using the word 'pledge' to describe the document was inappropriate and proceeded to tell members that they were under no obligation to sign it.
- Add Hourly Nobarian to Guests under Attendance

Motioned by: Sabrina Livornetti
Adopted

Seconded by: Anick Brunet

Business Arising from Previous meeting

- **Carnival Feedback** – The Welcome Back Carnival was a huge success this year. The Budget Report was submitted by the Treasurer, indicating a profit of \$7266.41. It has been the most profitable Carnival to date. The feedback from the community was very positive. The event was featured in The Suburban Newspaper. Members felt that the divisions of the stations and the whole use of the schoolyard were much better than last year. The Raffle was also very successful. Tina Rosato, the Chairperson of the event, felt that it was very difficult to stay within the budget of \$5000, even with all the sponsors' overwhelming generosity this year. She asked Alido DiGiovanni, the parent volunteer who DJs the dance, to consider the possibility of DJing the Carnival in future to save on some expenses. Tracy Marak suggested we use the Photo Booth company used at last year's Graduation to also save on expenses. Tina Rosato thanked all the volunteers who were present during the days leading up to the event, as well as all the volunteers who helped that evening, for their tremendous help and their part in making the Carnival a success. She also thanked Ms. Neveu for her support towards the Carnival Committee. There were some issues with the inflatables from Mira, mainly, not working properly. Anita Catalani addressed these issues with Mira and was able to get a huge discount from the company. Some suggestions for next year were:
 - Rent generators to solve the electrical issues
 - Make the guests aware that the Photo Booth is only there for 2 hours
 - Make sure all inflatables advertised are available to all students
 - Ensure that there is adequate lighting in all areas, especially where the children were playing
 - Reconsider using Ponies, as there were complaints made from the community about different issues regarding their use

- Reconsider the price of the Sausage sandwich
 - Try to set up earlier in the day
 - Rotate the Volunteers from their stations
 - Assign 1 parent Volunteer to the teenage volunteers to ensure they are doing their jobs
 - Hold a meeting with the teenage volunteers the night before Carnival so that they are aware of their roles
 - Put signs up indicating where the activities are being held in the yard
- **Corn Roast Follow-Up** – There was a budget of \$300 allocated to this event. Only \$100.00 was used. The remaining \$200.00 will be put back in the account.

Question Period (Guests) – none

Reports

a) Chairperson: nothing to report

b) Treasurer: Funds available are \$15 114.37

c) Principal:

- Ms. Neveu thanked the Carnival Committee for such a successful event.
- Ms. Neveu thanked all volunteers who came to the Terry Fox Run, as well as the Decorating Committee for their time and dedication.
- Last week, the Cross Country Run at Centre de la Nature was held for the Grade 5 and 6 students. Unfortunately, Ms Neveu had to make the difficult decision of cancelling the run for the Grade 5s because of the inclement weather. The Grade 6s were able to participate because the weather got better.
- Extra Curricular Activities started last week and are all running smoothly. She thanks Lydia Tawil for all her hard work in coordinating the Catechism classes. She also thanked the parent volunteers who stepped up to teach the classes.
- There will be a parent workshop titled Active Parenting Today on October 16th and on subsequent Tuesdays being held by Helen Morrison. More information will be sent out to the community.
- There will be a Graduation Committee meeting on October 18th.
- The Laval Junior Academy will host an Open House on October 25th.

d) Governing Board Liaison – Theresa Andrusko will be Chairing Governing Board. Anick Brunet is the Vice Chair, as well the representative at the school board for the Central Parent Committee. Please refer to the Genesis website for more information.

e) Committees

➤ **Fundraising Committee (Tina Rosato):**

- **Chocolates (Tina Rosato)** – The Chocolate Fundraiser is doing well to date. The comments about the quality and presentation of the chocolates have been mainly positive. Tina Rosato thanked all the volunteers who came to school to count the money. Suggestions for next year will be taken at the November meeting.
- **TCBY (Lydia Tawil and Sandra Iaconetti)** – The TCBY Fundraiser will be ready to begin on November 8th. A letter to the parents will be sent home by Wednesday, October 24th. The price of the units remain the same as last year at \$2.00, however, the strawberry ice cream will be switched to a mango sorbet.
- **Paint Nite (Robert Phillipin)** – Robert Phillipin proposed a Paint Nite Fundraiser. He looked into two different companies who provide this service and proposed different directions the fundraiser could take. With participation of between 50-60 people, there is a possibility of making between \$750-\$900. There was some discussion on the interest of having this Fundraiser.

Robert Phillipin proposes holding a Paint Night Fundraiser. Anick Brunet seconds.

Quorum was put into question and a vote could not be held at this time.

- **Healthy School Approach Committee** – Softball has been postponed to Friday, October 12th. Please e-mail Theresa Andrusko to confirm your presence.
- **Halloween Committee – (Sonya Ciarla and Carmie D’Agostino)** – This year, the Halloween activity will be a dance held on Friday, October 26th, after school hours. There will also be a Haunted House and a Karaoke activity planned for the children that evening. The Halloween Committee had previously voted to charge each child \$5.00. There was some discussion about if it was necessary to charge the students this fee.

Tina Rosato proposed to remove the \$5.00 entrance fee from the dance and make it a free event for the students. Patty Marinelli seconds.

Quorum was put into question and a vote could not be held at this time.

The Halloween Committee members proceeded to make a decision and remove the \$5.00 entrance fee and make it a free event for the children.

➤ **Holiday**

Decorating – (Sabrina Livornetti) – Sabrina thanked the Volunteers who came to help her decorate for Halloween. The next theme will be Remembrance Day.

- **Graduation Committee** – The Graduation Committee will be meeting on October 18th.
- **Garden Club Committee – (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – Tracy Marak reported that things were running smoothly. She asked the treasurer for a breakdown of the expenses. She also said that there were 2 announcements made to the children who showed an interest in joining the Garden Club and that those children were given a permission form to bring home.
- **Fun Day** – Some ideas were suggested. Lydia Tawil and Rosanna Anobile would like to Chair Fun Day this year. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

New Business:

- **Teacher Convention Allocation** – Every year, Hands allocates funds for teachers to use at the annual QPAT Convention. This year, there was some discussion about where the teachers could actually spend this money. The committee felt that the teachers should be allowed to spend their money outside of the Convention.

Lydia Tawil motions to allocate \$50.00/teacher to spend as they see fit for their classroom. Tracy Marak seconds.

*18 yes
Adopted.*

2 Abstain.

- **Breakfast with Santa Allocation (Tina Rosato & Anick Brunet)**– There will be a Breakfast with Santa hosted in the Church Basement on Friday, December 21st. The children will be served sausage, pancakes and juice.

Lydia Tawil motions that \$2250 be allocated to Breakfast with Santa. Tracy Marak seconds.

Quorum was put into question, however, after reviewing the By-Laws, it was stipulated that there was, in fact, Quorum. A vote was then held.

Adopted.

- **Flexible Seating Allocation** – There was a discussion held about how much money should be allocated towards our goal of flexible seating. Tina Rosato suggested we
- allocate \$300/class for 11 classrooms. Some members suggested we give more, seeing how expensive flexible seating is. Ms. Neveu also spoke about a plan she has

for buying climbing apparatuses that the children could use to play outdoors with. She may need help from HandS to purchase this equipment.

***Carolina Asquino motions to allocate \$5000.00 towards flexible seating. Anne Marie Ferraro seconds.
Adopted.***

- **QFHSA Fall Conference** – The Conference will be held on November 3rd at St. Thomas High School. You can check the QFHSA website for more information. Please contact the executive team if you are interested in attending.
- **Buck-A-Book Fundraiser (Patty Marinelli)**– In the past, a Buck-A-Book Sale was held on Parent’s night. It will take place on Thursday, November 22nd.

***Patty Marinelli motions to have a Buck-A-Book Sale on Thursday, November 22nd. Lydia Tawil seconds.
Adopted.***

Varia

- **Spreadsheet for Sub-Committees** – Tracy Marak asked if all Sub-Committees could submit a Spreadsheet of their Financial Reports. Tina Rosato clarified that the Treasurer has records of all the expenses and deposits of all the Sub-Committees. When available, Subcommittee reports have been circulated at meetings after an event.

Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lydia Tawil. Patty Marinelli seconds.
Adopted***

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018



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