

Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on December 13th, 2016 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

ABBRACCIO, Maria	CRISTOFARO, Nadia	IACONETTI, Sandra	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)
ALICANDRO, Lucia	DI FRUSCIA, Sandy	MARAK, Tracy	PIVETTA, Sonia
ARISTEO, Lina	DI LUCA, Pina	MARIANI, Etta	RICIUTTO, Antonella
BRUNET, Anick	FILLIPIN, Robert	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)	TAWIL, Lydia
CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	GRECO, Gina	MORI, Gina	
CIARLA, Sonya	GUERRERA, Maria	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)	

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda for December 13th, 2016 with the following additions and changes:

- Add Teacher Convention to Business Arising
- Add Christmas Cookies for Children under New Business
- Add Christmas Cookie Decorating Activity under New Business
- Remove GB+ Books from New Business
- Change Next Home and School Meeting date to January 10, 2017

Motioned By: Anick Brunet
Adopted

Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta

Adoption of the Minutes:

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

Motioned by: Anick Brunet
Adopted

Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta

Business Arising from Previous meeting:

- **E-Vote for Adhesive Plastic Wrap** – An E-Vote was held to allocate \$60.00 towards purchasing plastic wrap to cover Cycle 1 reader books, however there was some plastic wrap remaining from previous years and the school was able to provide some of their own, so the funds will be frozen and only used until needed. The E-Vote results were:

<i>Yes: 26</i>	<i>No: 3</i>	<i>Abstain :2</i>
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Adopted.
- **Holiday Festivities for Students** – At the last meeting, the idea of turning the Library into Santa's Workshop was discussed. Tina Rosato was spearheading this project, but she is no longer available to do so. None of the members present volunteered to take over. Instead, Lucia Alicandro will go to the classes and read the children a story. There will be other volunteers circulating the classrooms, handing out candy canes, and spreading Christmas Cheer!
- **Pizza Lunch on December 21st.** – The Grade 4 class will be receiving their Pizza Lunch on December 21st. Volunteers were asked if they were available to assist the Lunch Monitor that day. Nobody is available, but Ms. Neveu graciously offered to help.
- **Movie Night** - On Friday, December 16, HandS will be hosting a Holiday Movie Night. A Pizza supper will be available for purchase through a ticket system between 6:00pm and 7:15pm, as well as snacks, dessert, and drinks. There will also be some free play and coloring activities set-up for the children during this time. Maria Guerrera received cookies from Lafrenaie Bakery that we will be selling as well. Sandy Di Fruscia and Pina Di Luca have volunteered to wrap them. Thank you to these volunteers.
- **Teacher Convention** – Teachers were very grateful for the money that was allocated to them for the QPAT Convention. Not all funds were spent, so the remaining balance will come back to Home and School.

Question Period - none

Reports

a) Chairperson:

- Patty Marinelli chaired the meeting, as Tina Rosato could not be present.
- QFHSA is looking for members to join their Board of Directors. An information document was handed out for members to read. Anybody who is interested is asked to speak to Tina Rosato.
- The Holiday Social will take place on Thursday, December 15 at Tamashi. It's a Bring your Own Wine.

b) Treasurer:

- Buck A Book made a \$144.00 profit on Parent/Teacher Interview Night.
- Funds available are \$7609.00.
- There will be a blotter form in the locker for any time HandS has an event where we need to tally money. The Treasurer asked that two people be in charge of any final count, and that they fill out the form and sign it.

c) Principal:

- Ms. Neveu expressed gratitude on behalf of the teachers for our allocation of money for the QPAT Convention. She also mentioned that 3 teachers spent their weekend at a Google Summit Workshop where they learned how to use technology in ways to enhance the children's learning. They came back and presented the information to the rest of the staff so that they too could apply this in their classes.
- The IT department at the school board is still not ready to take orders for the lap tops. She apologizes but will persist until they are ready to purchase.
- Mme. Sarah began her Courier de Noel project, where all the children in the school are invited to make Christmas Cards for their friends. Her classes will be distributing the cards next week.
- There will be a first ever Open House on the evening of January 26, 2017. She asks that we help her share the information through word of mouth and social media once the information is made available.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews ran very smoothly.

- She thanks the Decorating Committee once again for a beautiful job with the Christmas Decorations.
- Genesis was nominated for the Knockout Leukemia Challenge to raise awareness for the Help Save Matthew Campaign. Miss Sonia and Miss Altieri are organizing this challenge with students and it will be presented at an Assembly for all the children.
- On December 21, the children will be asked to wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater or any red or green clothes. They will be asked to make a donation towards the Help Save Matthew Campaign.

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

e) Committees

- **Fundraising Committee (Anick Brunet and Tina Rosato)**
 - **Zumba (Lucia Alicandro)**– Unfortunately, because we don't have a night time caretaker anymore, we can no longer continue this fundraiser because we would have to pay the caretaker to open and close the school. It will be revisited in the next school year.
 - **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia & Pina Di Luca)** – The chairpersons ask volunteers helping with TCBY to ensure that the freezers are closed properly so that nothing thaws.
 - **Buck-A-Book (Patty Marinelli)** – The idea of having the children be able to purchase books during the day, as was done with the Scholastic Book Fair in the past, was discussed. Members seemed to agree with the idea.
- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach Committee** – Curling was approved at Governing Board as our first official activity. Like last year, there will be a curling activity done at school in the gym for the children, as well as a day planned for curling on the weekend.
- **Holiday Decorating Committee (Sabrina Livornetti)** – Sandra Pisegna was asked to speak on behalf of the committee. Sabrina will be sending out an email in January confirming a date to take down the Christmas decoration. The next events will be Valentine's Day and I Love to Read.
- **Family Fun Night (Anita Catalani and Patty Marinelli)** – nothing to report

- **Graduation Committee (Carmie D'Agostino: liaison)** – The Bake Sale held on Parent/Teacher Interview Night was a huge success. The Committee made approximately a \$800.00 profit. Hoodies were purchased for the entire class. There is the school logo and signatures of all graduates printed on them. They will be receiving them at the next Assembly.
- **Fun Day Committee (Carolina Asquino and Lydia Tawil)** – Nothing to report.
- **Garden Club Committee (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – Gina Mori and Tracy Marak agreed to chair this committee together. The Garden Club has been going well. The children have been painting pots and have begun some transplanting. Some ideas discussed for future projects were:
 - Having some pots in front of the school with herbs and/or vegetables
 - Creating a community garden with the help of neighbours and parents of the children in the committee to help with maintenance in the summer months
 - Growing seeds and selling them for fundraising purposes
 - Looking for help through the City of Laval and the CLSC
- **Choir Committee (Tina Rosato)** – Families are asked to bring non-perishable food items the night of the concert. Children also need to wear their slippers since the concert will be taking place on the altar.
- **Staff Appreciation Week Committee (Patty Marinelli and Sandra Pisegna)** – nothing to report
- **Hands Newsletter and Publicity Committee (Lydia Tawil and Tina Rosato)** - The Committee is working well

New Business:

- **Help Save Matthew Campaign** – Mme. Sarah would like to raffle off suitcases on Movie Night to raise funds to go towards this campaign. To do so, the committee would have to abolish the initial plan of having a raffle to profit Home and School. Also, the committee proposes to have a Donation Box for Matthew on Movie Night.

Lina Aristeo motions to abolish the HandS raffle in favour of one to support the Matthew campaign, as well as having a Donation Box set up on Movie Night where all proceeds go towards the campaign. Pina Di Luca seconds.

Adopted.



- All money raised for the campaign through Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, and Movie Night will be presented to Matthew's sister during an Assembly at school. She was once a teacher at Genesis.
- **Christmas Cookies for children/Christmas Cookie Decorating Activity** – Anick Brunet proposed purchasing Christmas Cookies for the children to be distributed on December 23. They cookies would cost \$2.00 each. The proposal was appreciated, however, Ms. Neveu informed members that the teacher's want to have a Cookie Decorating Activity with all the children in the school Gym on that day. They asked if HandS could support the cost of this activity.

Sandy Di Fruscia motions to allocate approximately \$250.00 for the purchase of cookies and all decorating supplies for the teacher's activity. Sandra Iaconetti seconds. Adopted.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lucia Alicandro. Maria Abbraccio seconds. Adopted

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017