

**Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on
March 21st, 2016
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

ABBRACCIO, Maria	CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	GRECO, Gina	MORI, Gina
ALBANESE, Maria	CRISTOFARO, Nadia	GUERRERA, Maria	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)
ANOBILE, Rosanna	DEL PAPA, Sonya	IACONETTI, Sandra	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)
ARISTEO, Lina	DI FRUSCIA, Sandy	LIVORNETTI, Sabrina	PIVETTA, Sonia
ASQUINO, Carolina	DI LUCA, Pina	MARAK, Tracy	ROSATO, Tina (President)
BEAULIEU, Julie	FILLIPIN, Robert	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)	TAWIL, Lydia

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda for March 21st, 2016 with the following additions:

- Buick Fundraiser under Fundraising Committee
- Updated By-Laws under Varia

***Motioned By: Sabrina Livornetti
Adopted***

Seconded by: Tracy Marak

Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on February 7th 2016.

Motioned by: Sandra Pisegna
Adopted

Seconded by: Tracy Marak

Business Arising from Previous meeting:

- **Teacher Appreciation Wish List Update** – As part of the Teacher Appreciation initiative, the Committee offered to help teachers with some of their tasks. Members are needed to help complete some of these tasks. Interested members were asked to send an email to HandS. Some of the tasks left to complete are:
 - Covering books (GB +)
 - Library Clean Up
 - Help Ms. Altieri decorate a wall
 - Help clean up Mme. Galina's classroom

- **Winter Carnival Week** – A discussion was held about Winter Carnival Week. . Unfortunately, because of inclement weather, the activities that the teachers had agreed upon were cancelled and the kids were treated to a movie and some treats offered by HandS. Some suggestions were made in order to avoid the same situation next year:
 - Change the date of Carnival Week to earlier in February, keeping in mind the teachers' schedules
 - Bring back a tubing outing with better organization
 - Ensuring a back-up plan in case of inclement weather

Question Period - none

Reports

a) Chairperson:

- The QFHSA's Annual General Meeting will take place on April 29th, at the Novotel in Ville St Laurent. There are Daytime Workshops from 10:00am – 5:00pm, as well as a Banquet at 6:30-9:30 pm. For those interested, there is more information on the Federation's website. Tina Rosato will be attending the Daytime Workshops. She is asking for 3 more volunteers to attend. Sandra Iaconetti graciously accepted to attend the Daytime Workshops. Gina Mori and Tracy Marak have tentatively volunteered to attend the Banquet.

Tina Rosato motions to allocate \$300.00 for the registration fees of the members going to the AGM. Maria Abbraccio seconds. All in favour.

Adopted.

b) Treasurer:

- Funds available are \$7269.88

c) Principal:

- The Grade 4 students will be participating in a Cosom Hockey tournament. Students attending were picked by a draw by Ms. Neveu.
- The Grade 6 students will be participating in a March Madness Basketball Tournament at Laval Junior Academy if it is approved by Governing Board.
- On April 6th and 7th, the students will be treated to a professional Storyteller, Stephanie Beniteau, who will visit all classrooms to tell stories, either in English or in French. This is paid through the Culture à L'École grant that Ms. Neveu applied for.
- The next Fitness Friday will be on Thursday, April 13, at the school. The activity is TBD.
- The teachers are organizing an Earth Day Movie at the theatre on April 21st. This has yet to be approved by Governing Board.
- Curling Club Laval-sur-le-Lac is organizing an open house for Juniors on April 15th, from 9-12am.

d) Governing Board Liaison – there will be a Governing Board Workshop held at the Board on March 29th about Finances. For more details, please refer to the Genesis website.

e) Committees

- **Fundraising Committee (Anick Brunet and Tina Rosato)**
 - **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia & Pina Di Luca)** – Everything is running smoothly. There were fewer orders in the second part of the year. Many parents were late with their orders. It was suggested that modifications be made to the order form to include only the most popular choices. It will be re-visited in June.
 - **Buck-A-Book (Patty Marinelli)** – The last sale made a profit of \$115.00. Some snacks were also sold, but most of the money came from books. Patty Marinelli would like to thank Sandy Di Fruscia and Pina Di Luca for helping close up the sale, as well as the student volunteers. The idea of having a sale open to students during the day was discussed, and/or the possibility of a give back to the students at the end of the year.
 - **Spring Dance (Rosanna Anobile)** – The Committee is looking for Volunteers to help decorate on Friday afternoon, as of 1:35pm, as well as volunteers to help

chaperone both the junior and senior dances. The committee is still in the process of collecting permission slips and the attendance seems to be as strong as last year thus far.

- ***Buick Test Drive Fundraiser (Tina Rosato)*** – Tina Rosato looked into the possibility of having a Buick or Ford Test Drive Fundraiser. Buick seemed to be the better option. In order to qualify for this fundraiser, the school would have to apply and introduce themselves to a Buick Dealer General Manager closest to the school. The Dealer would have to be willing to participate. Once both parties fill out all the paper work, the Head Office would need to accept the Dealer and School as participants. The Dealer takes care of the advertising for the Event. It can be in collaboration with another School Event. There is a possibility of raising up to \$10 000 as a maximum. They donate \$10.00/test drive. A maximum of 2 people can participate per household. The Fundraising Committee will meet and decide if this is something they want to pursue.
- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach Committee** – There will be a Softball Event in May.
- **Holiday Decorating Committee (Sabrina Livornetti)** – There were suggestions to decorate for Easter or Earth Day. The Chairperson will decide.
- **Family Fun Night (Anita Catalani and Patty Marinelli)** – nothing to report
- **Graduation Committee (Carmie D'Agostino: liaison)** – Today was the last chance to buy tickets for the Raffle Fundraiser.
- **Fun Day Committee (Carolina Asquino and Lydia Tawil)** – The Chairpersons will meet with the teachers on March 30th. The proposed dates for Fun Day are June 20th, with June 22nd as an alternate date. The Committee will meet on April 4th with only the people who signed up and want to help with the organization of the day. Ideas will be discussed and decided with the Committee.
- **Garden Club Committee (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** –The Garden Club has been busy planting and growing flowers, vegetables, and herbs. The children are working very hard and are very enthusiastic about their projects. A journal of their documented work was circulated to members present. The Committee brought in a member of the Ville de Laval and Helen from the CLSC to talk to the children about planting. He will continue to work with the children. The Committee asked for help to publicize their Club on the HandS Facebook Page. It was suggested to create a Bulletin Board near the Daycare so that many parents will see what the children have been doing. New members are still welcome to join. The Committee still needs pots and they will let us know what else they need. Their goal is to sell the plants to help with Fundraising. It was suggested that an event be held with parents and grandparents for the children to share their hard work with

- **Choir Committee (Tina Rosato)** – The Choir will be auditioning on Saturday, April 8th for the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Starfest which will be held on May 31st.
- **HandS Newsletter and Publicity Committee (Lydia Tawil and Tina Rosato)** - Nothing to report

New Business:

- **Dance E-Vote Results** – There was an on-line vote to allocate \$700.00 to the dance committee. The results were:
Yes:27 *No: 5* *Abstain :3*
Adopted.

Varia:

- **By-Laws Update** – The Committee was mandated to create By-Laws for the Genesis HandS Association. By-Laws are working rules that HandS should follow. The Committee worked with the template given to them by the Federation. The By-Laws will be e-mailed to Tina Rosato, who will then send the proposal to the Federation for consultation before our AGM. Comments or concerns should be emailed to the By-Laws Committee members (Lina Aristeo, Lydia Tawil, Rosanna Anobile, Carolina Asquino). Following is a brief summary of some of the proposed By-Laws. :
 1. There must be 1/3 of the members present at a meeting to have Quorum. If there is a vote on the amendment to a By-Law, then 2/3 of the members must be present.
 2. Votes concerning By-Laws, Amendments, and Elections should be automatically held by Secret Ballot. If any member asks for a Secret Ballot vote for any other issue, it must be respected.
 3. E-Votes should follow the same rules as regular votes.
 4. Roles of Executives – The President cannot vote unless it is to break a tie or if it is by secret ballot. The Treasurer must provide a Financial Report to all members, 2x/year.
 5. If a member is absent for a meeting more than 3x, without a valid reason, then they can no longer vote.
 6. The AGM should take place in September, rather than June.
 7. The Executives can hold their positions for a maximum of 2 terms. After that, they can still be an Executive member, but need to change their position.
 8. Sub-Committees should report back to HandS after they have discussed and made decisions about their respective committee. Ideas should be brought to HandS, ready to vote on. (It was suggested by Tina Rosato that the Sub-Committees should then have Minutes ready to report to HandS).



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- **Debate Club** – Lina Aristeo proposed a possible lunchtime Debate Club program, where parents would come in and work with the children. If anybody is interested in taking this on, please see Lina for her suggestions.

Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sandy Di Fruscia. Pina Di Luca seconds.
Adopted*

Next Meeting: April 11, 2017

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