

## Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on October 11th, 2016 MINUTES

### ATTENDANCE:

ASQUINO, Carolina	CRISTOFARO, Nadia	LIVORNETTI, Sabrina	RICCIUTTO, Antonella	<b><u>GUESTS</u></b>
BADOLATO, Virginia	D'AGOSTINO, Carmie	<b>MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)</b>	<b>ROSATO, Tina (President)</b>	ALBANESE, Maria
BEAULIEU, Julie	DEL PAPA, Sonya	MORI, Gina	RUZZA, Sonia	AUGELLO, Eleanor
BRUNET, Anick	DI FRUSCIA, Sandy	<b>NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)</b>	SANTAMARIA, Anna	
<b>CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)</b>	FIORILLO, Joanne	Occhionero, Anna-Maria	TAWIL, Lydia	
CHILELLI, Julie	GUERRERA, Maria	<b>PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)</b>	TIBERI, Angela	
CIARLA, Sonya	IACONETTI, Sandra	PIVETTA, Sonia		

### Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with the following additions:

- Add Upcoming Buck-A-Book Sale under Fundraising Committee
- Add Community Outreach Project under New Business
- Remove Tina Rosato as Fundraising Committee Chairperson

***Motioned By: Sonia Pivetta***

***Seconded by: Anick Brunet***

***Adopted***

### Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on June 14, 2016 with the following corrections:

- Change \$10 071 to \$10 000.71 under Treasurer Report
- Add Maria Abbraccio's complete name to the Attendance

***Motioned by: Sonia Pivetta***

***Seconded by: Carmie D'Agostino***

***Adopted***

## **Business Arising from Previous meeting:**

- **CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER REPORT** – there was a discussion about the Carnival Fundraiser held on September 23rd, highlighting all the positive and negative experiences of the night, with the intention to always improve for the upcoming year. There was a great consensus that the event was a tremendous success and very well received by the Genesis community. Points discussed were:
- Carnival made a net profit of \$2951.86
  - Food Sales were the most profitable
  - Having a DJ provided for a fun atmosphere
  - The idea of having a one time fee, all access bracelet for Inflatables was well received
  - Carnival Games were a big success

Some suggestions for next year were:

1. Provide more prizes, food, and carnival games
  2. Be more selective of the teenage Volunteers chosen and help them better organize their stations
  3. Rotate schedule for Volunteers depending on how many volunteers we have
  4. Consider changing location of activities such as Mini-Putt because soccer balls kept getting in the way
  5. Increase security in the building
  6. Add corn for food sales
  7. Advertise with bilingual posters in the Community
  8. Ensure DJ played appropriate music
  9. Shorten length of Raffle and be more selective of prizes
  10. Change the date to an earlier week in September
  11. Change Carnival title to Barbecue
- **Chocolate Bar Drive** – The Chocolate Bar Drive is going very well. Money is being counted twice a week by a team of volunteers. 231 boxes were ordered and there aren't any left so 10 more were ordered. The option to make a donation is also working very well. There was some discussion about a coupon being offered on the box that is not valid in Quebec. Tina Rosato will forward the information to the company. Further suggestions will be discussed at the next meeting, once the Fundraiser is complete.
- **Halloween Festivities** – The Halloween Committee has had an email discussion about some ideas for Halloween. The Halloween Committee will be meeting after the Home and School meeting to make further decisions. Home and School Halloween Committee volunteers will be informed about the activities through email. A Sign-Up Sheet for

Volunteers to help on October 31st between 12:00-4:00pm was circulated.  
Decorating of the Library will take place afterschool on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Kindergarten will be included in the activities.

## **Question Period** - none

## **Reports**

### **a) Chairperson:**

- Tina Rosato reminded members that there is a Fall Conference organized by the Quebec Federation of Home and Schools on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in Beaconsfield. Interested members should notify Tina through email so she can give them more information.
- Members were also told that a Chairperson needed to be assigned to every Committee at this meeting.

### **b) Treasurer:**

- Carnival made a net profit of \$2952.86 – it generated \$5319.25 in sales
- Total funds available are \$4,691.25

### **c) Principal:**

- Ms. Neveu thanks HandS Decorating Committee for a job well done at the school's entrance. She was also very pleased with the organization and turnout of the Welcome Back Carnival and thanks that respective Committee as well.
- Grade 4 Vaccines will take place on Wednesday, October 12 from 9:00-11:00am and she desperately needs one or two Volunteers to help.
- The Abraska Field Trip was a great success. The goal of the field trip was to team build as a school and class, together with teachers, students and parents. She felt that this goal was met. She thanks all Parent Volunteers who were able to help.
- The Terry Fox Run went very well. It was a great day for everyone. She again thanks all the Volunteers who came to run with the students.
- Ms. Neveu reported that the students will be allowed to dress up on Halloween this year, however they are not allowed to bring any accessories to school. Also, the children will not be allowed to bring any treats for their classmates.

- On Thursday, October 13, there will be a Grade 6 Graduation Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the Gym.
- Ms. Neveu is still waiting for the School Board to be able to purchase the laptops. She has a meeting with the School Board tomorrow to discuss this.

#### **d) Governing Board Liaison**

- There has been no meeting yet. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19.

#### **e) Committees**

- **Fundraising Committee** – Anick Brunet and Tina Rosato will chair this Committee together.
  - **Zumba (Lucia Alicandro)**– nothing to report
  - **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia & Pina Di Luca)** – going well
  - **Chocolate Fundraiser (Tina Rosato)** – going well
  - **Buck-A-Book (Patty Marinelli)** – There will be a sale on November 17<sup>th</sup>, on the evening of Parent/Teacher Interviews.
- **Halloween Committee** – Carmie D’Agostino will chair this committee.
- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach Committee** – There has not been a meeting yet. Chairperson election tabled.
- **Holiday Decorating Committee** – Sabrina Livornetti will chair this Committee.
- **Family Fun Night** – Anita Catalani and Patty Marinelli will chair this Committee.
- **Graduation Committee** – The Chairperson election will be tabled to the next meeting, once the Graduation Committee meets for the first time.
- **Fun Day Committee** – Carolina Asquino and Lydia Tawil will chair this Committee.
- **Garden Club Committee** – Nadia Cristofaro will chair this Committee.
- **Choir Committee** – Tina Rosato will chair this Committee.

- **Staff Appreciation Week Committee-** Patty Marinelli and Sandra Pisegna will chair this Committee.
- **HandS Newsletter and Publicity Committee** – Lydia Tawil, Tina Rosato, and Patty Marinelli will chair this Committee.
- Tina Rosato thanks everyone who committed to chairing a Committee!

### **New Business:**

- It was proposed that the meeting scheduled on February 14<sup>th</sup> be changed to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

***Julie Beaulieu motions to change the February 14<sup>th</sup> date to February 7<sup>th</sup>. Anick Brunet seconds.  
Adopted.***

- **Teacher's Convention** – Every year, QPAT holds a Teacher Convention in November where teachers can buy materials to use in their classrooms. The question was brought up to HandS members if they would like to allocate money for teachers to spend this year.

***Anick Brunet motions to allocate \$30.00/teacher. Anna Santamaria seconds.  
Adopted.***

### **Varia:**

- **Community Outreach Project** – Patty Marinelli asked if there was an interest from members to do some charitable work in collaboration with an organization in the spirit of giving back from the Genesis community. Members did show interest. Gina Mori, Carmie D'Agostino, Angela Tiberi, Sonia Pivetta, Eleanor Augello, Tina Rosato, and Sandra Pisegna all agreed to help Patty spearhead this project.

### **Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lydia Tawil. Sandra Pisegna seconds.  
Adopted***

**Next Meeting: November 8, 2016**



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