

Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on January 30, 2018 MINUTES

ALICANDRO, Lucia	DI LUCA, Pina	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)	TAWIL, Lydia
ASQUINO, Carolina	FERRARO, Anne-Marie	MISCIO-LOPEZ, Nella	
BRESCIA, Josie	FILLIPIN, Robert	MORI, Gina	
CAMMISANO, Josie	FIORILLO, Joanna	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)	
CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	GAUDIO, Anna	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)	
D'AGOSTINO, Carmie	IACONETTI, Sandra	PIVETTA, Sonia	
DI FRUSCIA, Sandy	MARIANI, Etta	ROSATO, Tina (President)	

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda of January 30, 2018 with the following additions and changes:

- Date change to the Agenda to January 30th
- Add Varia as point number 7 and change the following points accordingly
- Add February meeting date change under New Business
- Add February 21st field trip allocation under New Business
- Add Comedy Night under Fundraising Committee
- Add Garage Sale under Varia

Motioned By: Sonia Pivetta
Adopted

Seconded by: Lydia Tawil

Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 14th, 2017.

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Business Arising from Previous meeting

- **Halloween Report** – The Halloween feedback was re-visited with the chairperson of the committee present. The Committee spent \$451.27 for Halloween. They were able to purchase two items to be used for every Halloween event. The Chairperson reported that she would like the committee to meet earlier next year, as planning and preparing in two weeks did not allow her committee enough time. The idea of Thriller was discussed for next year, and she asked that volunteers start coming forward with ideas.
- **Teacher Convention Follow Up** – Ten teachers participated in the teacher convention allocation. \$299.42 was spent. The leftover funds went back to HandS.
- **Breakfast with Santa Report** – The general feedback for the Breakfast with Santa was overwhelmingly positive. Staff, students and parents all enjoyed the morning very much. There was fantastic parental involvement for the event. The class pictures with Santa were very much appreciated. The staff liked the idea of having a party with all the children in the same place on the last day before the holidays. Tina Rosato thanked all the parent volunteers who came to help, with a special mention to Robert Fillipin and Sabrina Livornetti for doing a fantastic job as Santa and Mrs. Claus. The chairperson reported that \$2236.53 was spent. We went slightly over budget because the plastic tablecloths were not calculated in the original cost. Some suggestions for next year were:
 - To limit the menu to pancakes and sausage and or/bacon
 - To provide water for the children
 - To organize the Kindergarten children in area where they would not have to move around too much
 - To better place the face painting tables so to create less congestion in the line-ups

Question Period (Guests) – Angelo Amicone from the Embassy Plaza came to extend his gratitude for having our Comedy Night at his Reception Hall. He graciously provided dessert for the members present and the committee thanked him for that. He also wanted some feedback so to improve future events at the Embassy. Some issues were brought up to him that he did address. He also asked that the committee follow some guidelines for future events such as:

- Ensuring that there is only one contact person from our committee to work with himself and the staff
- To hold the date well in advance so that he could leave us ample space
- To respect the number of guests he gives us as a maximum

Reports

a) Chairperson:

- Teacher Appreciation sign up sheets were passed around asking for help from the volunteers. Tina Rosato asked that if anybody was available to help next week, to please sign-up.
- On Thursday, February 1st, volunteers will be meeting at 11:00am to help decorate for Valentine's and Teacher Appreciation, as well as prepare for Teacher Appreciation.
- On Valentine's Day, Tina Rosato proposed that we provide a pizza lunch from Vincent Sous-Marin Pizza for all the children. They would be getting 2 slices of a cheese pizza each. The cost would be \$780 for 65 pizzas. She also found some Valentine Day cards with a Pizza pin for the children at the total cost for all the children at \$60.00. She proposed that HandsS set up 2 mailboxes where children could send Valentine Day cards to their friends, as well as parents to their children. After some discussion, the committee agreed to not go ahead with that plan, but to provide a Valentine's Day dessert instead.

***Patty Marinelli motioned to allocate \$1200 to Valentine's Day lunch, dessert and cards from HandsS to the children. Carolina Asquino seconds.
Adopted.***

- Tina Rosato gave an update on the Library Spruce Up Initiative. She is waiting for a painter, Phillip Mastrocola, who has painted murals at McCaig Elementary School to come back from Florida to get started on the project. He asked that we pay for the paint and to give a monetary donation as his fee. Tina was also looking into getting some flexible seating for the library. Tina Rosato and Sabrina Livornetti are spear heading this committee. A sign up sheet was handed out to interested members.

***Robert Fillipin motions to allocate \$5000.00 to the Library Spruce Up Initiative.
Lydia Tawil seconds.
Adopted.***

- The purchasing of sports jerseys for the grade 4, 5, and 6 students has been put on hold until a new school logo is chosen in April.

b) Treasurer:

- Comedy Night made a profit of \$16 340.
- Funds Available are \$32 028.44

- The Treasurer suggested that we start thinking of ways to allocate these funds, as the bulk of it must be spent within the year that it is made according to the QFHSA. Some suggestions were:

- Outdoor winter toys
- A shed to store the toys
- Sports equipment
- Basketball Net
- Outdoor classroom/Pergola
- More flexible seating

c) Principal:

- Ms. Neveu thanked all members of HandS who organized and volunteered for Holiday activities, especially the Breakfast with Santa.
- New blinds were installed in all the classrooms at Genesis.
- The PED Days that will be removed because of the 2 snow days in January are May 11th and June 8th.

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

e) Committees

➤ **Fundraising Committee**

- **Comedy Night (Anick Brunet)** – The Comedy Night Financial Report was handed out to all members present. The feedback from the community as well as those who attended was positive. It was mentioned that in order to continue to keep Comedy Night a success at Genesis, it should be held every 2-3 years.
- **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia and Pina Di Luca)** – Everything is running smoothly. The second order forms have been distributed to parents.
- **Buck-A-Book** – The Buck-A-Book sale made \$157.05 at the November Parent's Night.

- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach** – nothing to report
- **Holiday Decorating (Sabrina Livornetti)** – The committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 1st at 11:00am to decorate for Valentine's Day and Staff Appreciation Week.
- **Graduation Committee (Tracy Marak)** – Nothing to report
- **Staff Appreciation Week** - Staff Appreciation week starts on February 5th. The committee has planned for special treats on each day with a spring garden theme in mind. In order to execute the plan, volunteers are needed to help. Vincent Sous-

Marin Pizza and Pasta Romana are sponsoring two lunches for the staff. Last year, it was difficult to execute the plans we had made because of lack of participation from volunteers and a small budget. In order to purchase gifts and some additional food, the committee needs a bigger allocation of funds.

***Patty Marinelli motions to allocate \$600.00 towards Staff Appreciation week.
Joanne Fiorillo seconds.***

19 Yes

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Adopted.

- **Garden Club Committee (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – Everything is going well with the Garden Club. They are working on a budget with the funds available from the allocated money from HandS and their own fundraising effort. They have organized 4 workshops for the children related to gardening. They are looking into organizing a field trip to the Botanical Gardens on a PED day, in conjunction with a teacher. There might be a little break for the club in February, and they would get back to normal activities in March. They still have \$1175.57 available to use for this school year.

Gina Mori motions to allocate \$500.00 to the Garden Club for next year. Joanne Fiorillo seconds.

Adopted.

New Business:

- **QFHSА AGM** – The AGM will be held on April 28th and the Novotel Hotel in St. Laurent. Interested members should contact the Executive Team.
- **QFHSА Executive Dinner** – The Executive Dinner will be held on March 15th.
- **Purchase of a Portable Speaker** – A vote was held to see if the committee agreed to purchase a portable speaker that HandS could use at events such as Breakfast with Santa and Welcome Back. The committee showed interest and was in favour of it. Sandra Pisegna will do the research and come back with prices at the next meeting.
- **February 6th meeting Date Change** - The next meeting was originally scheduled for February 6th, which is next week. The committee agreed to change the date.

***Carloina Asquino motioned to change the February 6th meeting to February 20.
Lydia Tawil seconds.***

Adopted.

- **February 21st Field Trip** - On February 21st, Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be going to Centre de la Nature for the whole day. Activities being held are tubing, skating, snowshoeing, and visiting the mini-farm and the green house. The field trip costs \$10.00/child. Tina proposed that HandS cover the cost.

***Tina Rosato motions to allocate \$1910 to cover the cost of the Centre de la Nature Field Trip. Sandra Pisegna seconds.
Adopted.***

On this date, The Grade 6 students will be at their winter camp trip. Because they cannot benefit from the funds allocated, Tina Rosato suggested that HandS help pay for a seamstress to make the costumes for the annual Grade 6 play.

***Patty Marinelli motions that we allocate \$340.00 for the Grade 6 play. Lucia Alicandro seconds.
Adopted.***

Varia

- **Garage Sale** – Anne-Marie Ferraro and Tina Lanzon proposed that we have a Garage Sale on a weekend in June. HandS would sell tables that people could use to sell their stuff from. This could be held in conjunction with a barbecue of some sort. There was a suggestion made to do it with conjunction with St. Vincent Elementary for the first year. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the idea. Tina Rosato suggested that the members interested in organizing it send out a survey to the members to see if there is enough interest.

Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sandra Iaconetti. Sandy DiFruscia seconds.
Adopted***

Next Meeting: February 20, 2018



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