

Genesis Home & School Association Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:15 pm

Minutes

Present:

Rosanna Anobile
Carolina Asquino
Julie Beaulieu
Josie Brescia
Anick Brunet
Anita Catalani
(treasurer)
Nadia Cristofaro
Cynthia Di Fruscia
Alido Di Giovanni
Anne-Marie Ferraro
Anna Gaudio

Sandra Iaconetti
Houry Nobarian
Josie LaPara
Lynn Neveu (principal)
Tracy Marak
Patty Marinelli (vice-
chair and acting
secretary)
Gina Mori
Sonia Pivetta
Tina Rosato (chair)
Manny Studham
Lydia Tawil

Guests:

Kevin Doyle (De
Lamontagne
Chocolates)
Adam Gordon (Lake of
Two Mountains H.S.)
George Karaglanis (La
Diperie)
Tony Rozza
(Mountainview
Elementary)

1. Additions, corrections, and adoption of agenda
Add under Varia: End of the year Field Trip Allocation

Motioned by Tracy Marak
Seconded by: Carolina Asquino

Adopted

2. Additions, corrections, and adoption of the January 15th, 2019 minutes
Under Principal's Report : Replace the word undressed with underdressed

Motioned by : Tracy Marak
Seconded by: Anne-Marie Ferraro

Adopted

3. Business Arising from Previous meetings

➤ **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week Feedback**

Thank you to volunteers, who baked, cooked, were present at school, and all the families that sent in postcards to the teachers and staff. Thank you to Restaurant

Gualdieri and Les Aliments Pasta Romana for sponsoring a lunch. Total expenses were approximately 640\$ of the allocated 700\$.

➤ **Valentine's Day Pizza Lunch Feedback**

Students and staff really enjoyed the pizza, it was ordered from Pizzeria Belanger. Thank you to Summit Tech for sponsoring a part of the purchase. The total spent on pizza \$551.88\$ of the allocated \$1200. For future events, perhaps consider ordering more as there were no leftovers

4. Question Period (Guests)

George Karaglanis from La Diperie presented a fundraising program. They offer various sorbets and ice cream flavors. The costs are : \$1.15 for a 2.5 oz cup and \$1.50 for a 4.5 oz cup.

Different schools sell the products between 2\$ and 3\$. The company will provide spoons, and a freezer if needed. There is a delivery fee of 5\$ per shipment. They are willing to offer discounts on pops to be sold at fundraising events. They are willing to offer a free treat to the graduating class and the members of the organizing committee if we participate in their fundraiser.

Kevin Doyle from La Montagne Chocolates presented different options for box varieties; the profit margin is 53%. Unsold chocolates may be returned with no penalty. The company will offer prizes, including a tablet and 150\$ worth of gift cards (3x50\$ is possible) . They also offer Laura Secord brand, exclusive for fundraisers and a jam fundraiser (50% profit margin from direct sale and 45% from pre-sale).

Tony Rozza from Mountainview Elementary and Adam Gordon from Lake of Two Mountains were present to learn more about how our H&S meetings are run.

5. Reports:

a) Chairperson

The QFHSA Annual General Meeting will take place on May 4 at the Novotel hotel in Ville Saint Laurent. Looking for volunteers to attend the event, daytime or evening. Our H&S will cover the costs.

You can nominate volunteers for the Unsung Hero Award (to recognize volunteers who are actively involved in everyday school life) and the Golden Torch Award (to recognize a member of the executive team). Mrs Neveu will cover the 10\$ cost per recipient.

Lydia Tawil motions to allocate \$200 to cover the AGM participation costs
Anick Brunet seconds

Adopted.

A survey on the proposed ban on religious symbols and abolishment of school boards was distributed to members. This survey was prepared by the QFHSA and is to be completed on a voluntary basis. A discussion about the validity and the anonymity of the questionnaire ensued.

There will be vacancies on the executive team for 2019-2020. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please contact us by email before May 15, 2019. It was suggested that the bylaws be sent to committee members so everyone can have a better understanding of the matter at hand and discussion will follow at the next meeting.

b) Treasurer

13 378.44\$ available funds

c) Principal

Thank you for teacher appreciation week

Playground structure will be installed before the end of the year

Thank you to volunteers who came to help with grade 4 vaccinations

Two water fountains to be installed shortly

Thank you to volunteers who sorted the items in the Lost and Found

Survey about educational project was sent to parents, thank you for completing it

In-Zone registration for Kindergarten is at 17 students so far

The remaining funds for library spruce-up has been used to purchase seats and tables

d) Governing Board Liaison

Meets on Thursday March 28, 2019

Please refer to Genesis website for complete minutes

e) Committees:

➤ **Fundraising Committee**

Awaiting feedback from teachers to have a better sense of what the needs are and what our fundraisings goals will be for the new school year

Proposed subcommittee date: April 9, 2019

- TCBY: (Lydia Tawil & Sandra Iaconetti)

2156 units sold so far, profit of 1617\$ for the second part of the year

The estimated profit for this school year is 2920\$

- **Holiday Decorating Committee** (Sabrina Livornetti)
Nothing to report

- **Fun Day Committee** (Rosanna Anobile & Lydia Tawil)

The event will take place rain or shine on Monday June 17. Some activities are already booked including rock climbing, go-kart and a giant water slide. Some stations will be homemade. A letter with all the details will be sent to the parents closer to the event date. The committee is requesting an additional 500\$.

Motioned by Gina Mori
Seconded by Sonia Pivetta

16 yes
1 no
1 abstention

Adopted.

- **Graduation Committee**
Picture day will be Wednesday March 27
Students are working on their biography for the yearbook

- **Gardening Club** (Tracy Marak & Gina Mori)
Club members have started planting seeds for herbs and flowers

6. New Business

- **Secretary/Principal Appreciation Day Allocation**
(April 24th/May 1st)

Sonia Pivetta proposes an allocation of 200\$ for Secretary's and Principal's Day
Seconded by Julie Beaulieu

17 yes
1 no
1 abstention

Adopted.

- **End of Year Barbecue – June 14th**

Anita Catalani proposes an idea to host an event for students and families to celebrate the end of the school year. The date of the event will be on Friday, June

14th, 2019 during the evening. Anita collected names of those interested in planning the event. More details to follow as the sub-committee meets.

Anita Catalani proposes a Family BBQ Event
Anick Brunet seconds

17 in favor
1 abstain
Adopted

➤ **QFHSA AGM – Saturday, May 4th, 2019**

See chairperson report

➤ **Maple Taffy Treat – 1st week of April**

Teachers are not in favor of this idea

➤ **April Meeting Date change from April 9th to April 16th**

Anita Catalani motions to change the upcoming meeting date
Lydia Tawil seconds
Adopted.

➤ **Staircase Decor Proposal**

Nadia Cristofaro shared a proposal to get inspirational quotes printed on the steps of the staircases around the school. Three companies have been contacted and she is awaiting the quotes. The sayings are customizable. There was a discussion about the relevance of this project (will kids read the quotes?) and durability (will they last?)

Nadia Cristofaro proposes to prepare a plan for the beautification of the school's stairwells and hallways.
Lydia Tawil seconds
Adopted.

7. Varia

➤ **End of the year Field Trip Allocation**

Every class will have an outing towards the end of the school year. It is proposed that we allocate funds to each student to help defray the cost of the outing. In the past, the parents appreciated this allocation.

Carolina Asquino motions to allocate 15\$ per student (total 3465\$)
Seconded by Sonia Pivetta
Adopted.

➤ **Feedback from La Diperie and La Montagne Chocolates**

- For next year, include dark chocolates in the box
- It would be great to have a comparison of nutritional values and profit margins of TCBY and La Diperie
- Given that we have a good relationship with TCBY, maybe test out La Diperie at different events before committing to a long term fundraiser
- Present the nutritional values to the Governing Board before making any changes
- La Diperie is not a certified nut-free facility

Adjournment: Motioned by Lydia Tawil and seconded by Anick Brunet

Next Home & School Meeting on: April 16th, 2019