

Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on November 14, 2017 MINUTES

ARISTEO, Lina	FILLIPIN, Robert	MARINELLI, Patty (Vice-President)
AUGELLO, Eleanor	GAUDIO, Anna	NEVEU, Lynn (Principal)
BRESCIA, Josie	IACONETTI, Sandra	PISEGNA, Sandra (Secretary)
CATALANI, Anita (Treasurer)	LANZON, Tina	PIVETTA, Sonia
CRISTOFARO, Nadia	LIVORNETTI, Sabrina	ROSATO, Tina (President)
DI FRUSCIA, Sandy	MARAK, Tracy	RUZZA, Sonia
DI LUCA, Pina	MARIANI, Etta	TAWIL, Lydia

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda of November 14, 2017 with the following additions and changes:

- The Agenda should be dated November 14th.
- Add Breakfast with Santa under New Business
- Add Recettes en Pots Fundraiser under Varia
- Add January meeting date change under Varia

***Motioned By: Lydia Tawil
Adopted***

Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta

Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on October 17th, 2017.

***Motioned by: Sandra Pisegna
Adopted***

Seconded by: Tracy Marak

Business Arising from Previous meeting

- **Halloween Feedback** –The chairpersons were not present, so their report was tabled until the next meeting, however members had a small discussion and shared their feedback. As always, Halloween was a huge success. The committee spent approximately \$450.00 of the \$700.00 allocated. Many of the activities such as the haunted house, the riddle room, Bingo, manicures, and the juice station were a hit. Some suggestions for next year:
 - Do away with the moon sand activity. It didn't work for many reasons.
 - Use sprinkles in any type of slime or potion activity.
 - Use a stamp system to control who already received juice and make sure the children don't roam the school with their glass of juice.
 - Have a more structured schedule for the bouncy house to ensure everyone gets a turn.
 - Eliminate the Treasure Hunt Room.

Question Period (Guests) – None

Reports

a) Chairperson:

- Tina Rosato reminded all members who volunteer at school to be respectful and mindful of the school environment. Although they are very grateful and accommodating, students and teachers should not be disrupted by your presence.
- The Executive Committee asks that if you cannot be present at a meeting, to please e-mail HandS rather than text message us personally, unless you have a special arrangement with an executive member.
- Tina Rosato reminded all members that if they are having difficulty receiving correspondence from HandS or if there is something they need to bring up to them, to please email HandS for clarification. Also, she asked members to allow the Executive Team up to 48 hours to reply to emails.
- Patty Marinelli is collaborating with Pro Vision Laval once again this year for the holiday season. She asked members who have gently used toys to either bring them to her or leave them at school and she will collect them.
- So far, this year, we are doing very well in reaching our projected goals. With this in mind, we need to start allocating funds. The first goal we'd like to meet is purchasing sports jerseys for the students to wear at sporting events. Tracy Marak said she could look into contacting banks in the area for sponsorships to defray the cost. We are also waiting on the administration for the new school logo.

***Tina Rosato motions to allocate \$1000 for sports jerseys for students to wear at their respective sporting events. Lydia Tawil Seconds.
Adopted***

- The week before the Christmas break, the teachers will be showing movies in their classrooms. They asked that HandS provide popcorn for the students.

***Tina Rosato motions to allocate \$200 for the purchase of popcorn. Sandy Di Fruscia seconds.
Adopted***

b) Treasurer: Funds available are \$19 786.58

c) Principal:

- Ms. Neveu thanked all members of HandS who volunteered for the Grade 4 vaccines, as well as those who helped organize and execute the Halloween activities.
- The Remembrance Day assembly went well. Ms. Neveu spoke to the children about Remembrance Day. All the children wore poppies.
- There will be no fee for the next Dress Down Day since the children were asked to bring money for poppies.
- Ms. Neveu gave the members a preview of what the week before the Christmas Break looks like:
Monday – Geordie Productions Play offered by HandS
Tuesday – Basketball Game –Grade 6 vs Teachers
Wednesday - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day or Christmas colour clothes
Thursday – Christmas Movies shown in different classes with popcorn offered by HandS
Friday – Pyjama Day and Breakfast

d) Governing Board Liaison – No meeting was held.

e) Committees

- **Fundraising Committee**
 - **Chocolates (Tina Rosato)** – The Chocolate Bar Drive Fundraiser has come to end and all monies have been collected. Tina Rosato provided the members present with a written report. \$10 911.50 worth of chocolates were sold. Rico Feola was the top seller. The top selling class was the Grade 5/6 split. Sienna Cardoso won the raffle prize for participating in the fundraiser. There was a suggestion that parents should not be allowed to return boxes that were opened for next year. Tina Rosato will organize the class Pizza Party for the 5/6 split the week before the holidays.
 - **Comedy Night (Anick Brunet)** – Anick could not be present so Tina Rosato spoke on her behalf. Tina was happy to report that the event is sold out! It is important for those coming to be on time. There will be many amazing raffle prizes thanks to the generous support of our community.

- **TCBY (Sandy Di Fruscia and Pina Di Luca)** – TCBY has sold for a profit of \$1313.60 up until the month of February. It remains a very popular fundraiser. The chairpersons are looking for volunteers. Please contact them if you are willing to help.
- **Buck-A-Book** – Parents are asked to donate any books they don't use anymore. Volunteers who are participating for the Grade 6 Bake Sale on November 22nd will do so in conjunction with the Buck-A-Book Sale.
- **École en Santé/Healthy School Approach** – nothing to report
- **Halloween Committee (Carmie D'Agostino & Sonya Ciarla)** – please refer to Business Arising
- **Holiday Decorating (Sabrina Livornetti)** – Sabrina will organize a day on the first week of December to decorate for the Holidays. She asks if anybody has any ideas, to please share them with her.
- **Graduation Committee (Tracy Marak)** – The committee has met and parents are looking at different restaurants for price quotes. Their first fundraiser will be the Bake Sale on November 22nd. Traditionally, Hands supports the Grade 6 graduating class by allocating funds. There are 34 graduates this year.

*Tracy Marak motions to allocate \$75.00/child to go towards the Grade 6 Graduation. Sabrina Livornetti seconds.
Adopted.*
- **Staff Appreciation Week** - nothing to report
- **Garden Club Committee (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – Everything is going well with the Garden Club. They have been busy cleaning up and closing the Garden for the winter, planting bulbs, and making bird feeders. Some children need to be reminded to participate at times. The chairpersons are looking for volunteers to help them on Mondays and Fridays during lunchtime.

New Business:

- **Breakfast with Santa** – Tina Rosato proposed to have a Breakfast with Santa in the church basement on the morning of December 22nd as a give back to the student body. Le Doral would provide each child and teacher with a breakfast to replace the community breakfast organized by teachers in the past. Money allocated would go

towards the breakfast, decor, a craft for each child, a Santa suit, cleaning of the church basement, and a donation for the church. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet for volunteers was circulated and an email with more information will follow.

***Tina Rosato motions to allocate \$2200 for the Breakfast with Santa. Tracy Marak seconds.
Adopted.***

Varia

- The HandS meeting on January 16 needs to be rescheduled because the School Board will be holding an education fair for all elementary and high schools. It was suggested to move it to January 23rd, 2018.
- **Recette en Pots** – Pina DiLuca suggested a new fundraiser for the 2018/2019 school year. Recette en Pots sells little mason jars filled with different ingredients for various recipes. Each jar makes a profit of \$5.00. The Fundraising Committee will discuss it for next year.

***Sonia Pivetta motions to move the January 16th, 2018 meeting to January 23rd, 2018. Sandra Iaconetti seconds.
Adopted***

Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lydia Tawil. Sonia Pivetta seconds.
Adopted***

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017



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