

## Genesis Home & School Meeting Held on September 11, 2018 MINUTES

ABBRACCIO, Maria	CAMMISANO, Josie	GAUDIO, Anna	<b>NEVEU, Lynn</b>  <b>(Principal)</b>	TAWIL, Lydia	SICONOLFI, Tania
ALICANDRO, Lucia	<b>CATALANI, Anita</b> <b>(Treasurer)</b>	GUERRERA, Maria	OCCHIONERO, Anna-Maria	<b>GUESTS:</b>	NOBARIAN, Houry
ANOBILE, Rosanna	CRISTOFARO, Nadia	IACONETTI, Sandra	<b>PISEGNA, Sandra</b> <b>(Secretary)</b>	BALDOLATO, Virginia	
ARISTEO, Lina	D'AGOSTINO, Carmie	MANDATO, Erica	PIVETTA, Sonia	LA PARA, Josie	
BEAULIEU, Julie	FERRARO, Anne-Marie	MARIANI, Etta	RICCIUTTO, Antonella	MARINELLI, Rachel	
BRESCIA, Josie	FILLIPIN, Robert	<b>MARINELLI, Patty</b> <b>(Vice-President)</b>	<b>ROSATO, Tina</b> <b>(President)</b>	QUEZON, Marcela	
BRUNET, Anick	FIORILLO, Joanne	MORI, Gina	SANTAMARIA, Anna	RIOUX, Melanie	

### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion to adopt the agenda for September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with the following additions and corrections:

- Add Paint Nite, Laval Walk LLSC, Buddy Bench, and Catechism Volunteers under Varia
- Add Kattam et ses TamTams and Fans Purchased under New Business
- Add TCBY under Fundraising Committees
- Add Fun Day under Committees
- Correct June 17 to June 7<sup>th</sup> to the Additions, corrections, and adoption of the minutes
- Amend Commitment Pledge Form instead of Code of Conduct under New Business

*Motioned By: Anick Brunet*  
*Adopted*

*Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta*

### **Adoption of the Minutes:**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*Motioned by: Anick Brunet*  
*Adopted*

*Seconded by: Sonia Pivetta*

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

- **Fun Day Feedback** – Fun Day was held at the end of the last school year in June. It is typically held outdoors, but because of the inclement weather, the committee had 48 hours to change their plan to an indoor one and did it with much success and under budget. The feedback was very positive by parents, staff, and students. The children appreciated that it was geared towards all levels, regardless of age. Items to consider for next year:
  - Bring Back Fortnite room, Dynamix Ponies, Hockey, Arcade Games – specifically, the Cat and Mouse and the Basketball Game
  - Laser Tag had mixed reviews because it wasn't working properly
  - Hiring Animators was extremely helpful and successful
  - No slime, as it was difficult for the volunteers in that room
  - Asking ALL volunteers to help clean up, so to make the task easier and quicker
- **Fitness Day Feedback** – During the last week of school, the children were treated to an afternoon filled with different Physical Fitness activities. This was a free event. There were 4 stations: Soccer (Sandro Grande), Crossfit (Pasqualino Galucci), Tennis (Eco Tennis) and Slack Lines. The kids really loved these activities and the event was very popular.
- **Welcome Back Activity/Terry Fox - TCBY** – This year, the event will be held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with St. Vincent Elementary. There will be a corn roast after the walk. \$300.00 has already been allocated to this event. Volunteers are needed to shuck corn in the morning, and to help with the run in the afternoon.
- **KATTAM et ses Tam Tams** – During the last week of school, the students were treated to a percussion show from Kattam. The kids enjoyed it. It was suggested that in the future, it not be done on the same day as Kindergarten graduation.
- **Purchased Fans** – Last school year, \$1000 was allocated towards the purchase of fans for the classrooms. Some of the money still needs to be spent, as not all fans were purchased.

## Question Period (Guests) – none

### Reports

#### **a) Chairperson:**

- Tina Rosato spoke about the Genesis Home and School Mission Statement, emphasizing the partnership built between Governing Board, the principal and the teachers with the common goal of enriching student life.
- Tina Rosato reminded members that we are governed by a Constitution and By-Laws. She gave a brief summary of this.
- QFHSA will be holding their annual AGM in April. Dates have not been released. As soon as Tina has more information, she will let the committee know.
- Tina reminded members to Like the Genesis Home and School Facebook page to stay current with all activities. She also asked that all communication go through the Genesis Home and School e-mail.
- An explanation was given about the difference between a PPO and a Home and School Committee.

**b) Treasurer:** Funds available are \$2777.00 to start the year.

#### **c) Principal:**

- Ms. Neveu thanked the Fun Day Committee on their quick response to the poor weather and commended them on their success.
- Ms. Neveu thanks all volunteers who went to help with Picture Day.
- This year, the Terry Fox run will be held in conjunction with St Vincent Elementary School. Both Home and Schools will host a corn roast for the students. The staff is working on the safest route to get to St Vincent without running into construction.
- Ms. Neveu reminded all volunteers to respect the teacher's privacy and their prep time during a school day, and especially, not to enter the staffroom during their lunchtime.

**d) Governing Board Liaison** – Anick Brunet volunteered to be the liaison between Governing Board and Home and School.

#### **e) Committees**

- **Fundraising Committee (Tina Rosato):** This year's goal is to raise money for flexible seating in the classrooms, as well as to sustain all past activities ran by Home and School at Genesis.
  - **Carnival (Tina Rosato)** – Our Welcome Back BBQ Carnival will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 from 6:00-8:30pm. Bracelets sold will cost \$20 and will give children access to unlimited turns on the 3 inflatables, Mini Putt, Ponies and Photo Booth. There will be a lot of food for sale, as well as an

ice cream truck on site. The committee has reached their budget of \$5000 and have received much help with many sponsors from our community. This year, there will be a big effort made to go green with composting and recycling. We ask that as many members as possible stay to help clean up at the end of the event, as it takes a huge amount of work to get it done. Many volunteers are needed in the next 3 days. Muscle power is needed on Friday afternoon to help lift and carry heavy items. Coolers are needed as well. Tina Rosato asked members to share the event on Facebook and invite as many people as they wish.

- **Chocolates (Tina Rosato)** – The Chocolate Fundraiser will begin on September 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue for 3 weeks. A letter will be sent home to parents a week before the chocolates are distributed. There will be the option of donating \$50.00 (the profit of each box) in lieu of selling chocolates. All boxes sold must be done so in their entirety. Also, no cash will be accepted. There will be a draw for prizes for anybody who participates, either by donation or selling chocolates, as well as one for the top seller, and a Pizza Party for the top selling class. Volunteers are needed to help count money.
- **TCBY (Lydia Tawil and Sandra Iaconetti)** – The new Chairpersons are at the beginning stages of organizing this Fundraiser. More information will follow.
- **FUND YOUR FUTURE FRIDAY** – Every Pizza lunch ordered from Le Doral will bring in a profit to Home and School.
- **Halloween Committee – (Sonya Ciarla and Carmie D’Agostino)** – The chairpersons are exploring some new options for Halloween. They want to have a dance after school and in the evening and set up some activities for the children at that time, instead of doing it during school hours. The Chairperson is willing to collaborate with the last year’s Dance Chairperson for this event. More details to follow.
- **Holiday Decorating – (Sabrina Livornetti)** – Sabrina could not be there so Sandra Pisegna spoke on her behalf. Sabrina wanted to let the members know that her committee decorates the school’s entrance for all major events or holidays. She needs volunteers who are available to come to school during the day.
- **Graduation Committee** – tabled.
- **Garden Club Committee – (Gina Mori and Tracy Marak)** – The Garden Club will begin their activities on Monday. This year, they are running the club from September 17<sup>th</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup> and then again on March 11<sup>th</sup> to the end of the year. They will focus all their efforts on the Garden. The club will be open to all children

from Grade 1 to Grade 6. Forms will be sent home soon. They are looking for volunteers to help them at school on Mondays and Fridays. There was some discussion about funds allocated and available to the Garden Club. The discussion was tabled until both chairpersons were present and it'd be put on the agenda.

- **Fun Day** – Tabled.

### **New Business:**

- **Commitment Form** – The Executive Committee, together with Ms. Neveu, prepared a document containing guidelines for all Home and School members. Members were asked to sign it. There was some discussion about what this meant. Rosanna Anobile raised the question of who the members were pledging to by signing the document, since they already paid an \$18.00 membership fee and are governed by By-Laws. Lina Aristeo suggested that if there were rules in the school that members needed to follow, Ms. Neveu should address them. She also stated that Genesis Home and School was governed by By-Laws. After some discussion, Patty Marinelli stated that using the word 'pledge' to describe the document was inappropriate and proceeded to tell members that they were under no obligation to sign it.
- **Executive Administration Fund** – This fund is used for all administration costs incurred on the Executive Team.

***Anick Brunet motions that \$300 be allocated to the Executive Administration Fund. Anne Marie Ferraro seconds.  
Adopted.***

### **Varia**

- **Paint Nite** – Robert Fillipin is looking into the possibility of holding a Paint Nite Fundraiser in November. He is exploring options. More information to follow.
- **Laval LLSC Walk** – For the first time ever, the Val des Brises Community will be having a walk for the Society of Leukemia and Lymphoma in Laval. Members of the community are encouraged to register and attend. No money needs to be raised in order to participate.
- **Buddy Bench** – Ms. Neveu purchased a Buddy Bench last year but it has yet to be installed. It is a bench that students can use to encourage friendship.
- **Catechism** – Genesis needs Catechists for the pre-confirmation group, otherwise it will be held at Church and not in school for the year.

### **Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Anick Brunet. Anita Catalani seconds.***



*Adopted*

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**Next Meeting: October 9, 2018**

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