

Millwood Home and School Association – Minutes - General Meeting 3 - Date: November 27, 2017

1. Welcome and Call to Order: The 3rd General Meeting of the Millwood Home & School Association was held at Millwood Junior School (222 Mill Rd) in Etobicoke, ONT, on the above date and was called to order at 6:35pm. Julia (President) acted as Chair, Tom as Secretary.

Members Attending: Julia (President), Stephanie (VP), Tom (Secretary), Kira (Volunteer co-ordinator). Elsa (Events), Steph (Volunteer co-ordinator), Graham (Treasurer)

Members Absent: -none-

Others Present: Verica S., Joanne A., Karolyn M, Tatiana R., Tanya K., Mona B., Trisha O.
Administration Representatives: Mr. Pinkney (Principal), Mrs. Cheung (VP), Mrs Kribs (Teacher).

Approval of minutes: Motion moved by Kira and seconded by Elsa to approve the minutes of the October 30th, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried.**

2. Reports: (6:35-7:05)

President: Julia said Thanks to Katie & Grandparent Tea Volunteers (the risers worked well!), all the Pizza Day Volunteers, Elsa for rolling out the online Sagoto program, all the Parents & Staff who helped with Book Fair. Also thanks to the parents who emailed words of support from the email sent out to address issues raised by the Serbian Parents of Ontario and that we continue to have a mandate from Millwood parents to provide our services to students.

Principal's Update: Argos 'double blue' day is tomorrow, Green Elephant sale by the eco-club will be next monday and still needs volunteers. Remembrance Day and anti-bullying day went great, staff spent time engaging & implementing those themes. Held a Directors Cut 'movie' watching assembly which the kids loved being able to share their creations with peers on the 'big screen' in the gym, Groove Edgeucation by Amy Tepperman will be here in December 14-15 for all kids. Mrs Cheung added that they have a 'calendar' tab on the school website that is getting more and more info added. A hearing/vision clinic was held and 106 children attended. A new water fountain is being looked into that will also serve as a 'refill station' for bottles, but it must meet certain tdsb criteria; ecoteam is on it.

Treasurer: Financial Report - Graham distributed an updated financial statement with the following: As of November 27th we have a bank balance of \$18,047.64 with \$4,136.72 in cheques written but not cleared. For Revenues it would appear that we are significantly short of our Budget by 8,560, due to shortfall in the main Fundraising initiative (Investment in Education) and QSP numbers. On the expenses side, the QSP cookie dough program in February may bring back this revenue, and the addition of the Sagoto online fundraising means I-in-E donations are still coming in, but the intention is to balance the budget by dropping the 'school wide field trip' item (\$8,500) as discussed last month.

-New Funding Requests (Clubs/Robots): Joanne said that the School Council has again received a \$1000 grant and will use \$500 to fund the Math Night Parent Workshop, so a motion was presented to re-allocate \$100 to the Wellian Club and up to \$400 to a new Primary Robotics club to buy a dash-and-dot robot set and accessories. The Wellian club would like a sturdy, movable 'Buddy Bench' and related toys, Trish said her husband can build the bench and Colin said he would look into the relevant tdsb regulations. Tom put forward this motion, seconded by Elsa. **Motion carried.**
Note: given the specific values weren't known, this motion will be posted to the website & re-voted on at next meeting.

Secretary: – Tom added 'fun fair' and 'fundraising' main tabs to website, the sagoto link for online payments, along with photos from directors cut & tea. Will incorporate new school calendar into H&S

calendar. Kira will update with H&S Meetings and all event dates now that they are firmed up. Tom will add these dates for events, highlight need for Pizza volunteers, new Grad page with contact info.
- **OFHSA:** Tom said cheque for tax receipts & spreadsheet were mailed/e-mailed and he'll follow up.

3. Unfinished Business (7:05 - 7:15)

MEAL PROGRAMS:

- Pizza / Sagoto - Katie forwarded that flyers go home reminding for pizza sign ups in January. Fall pizza dates are going well but there is an urgent need for more parent volunteers in grade 4&5 classes as their behaviour has not been good enough without direct supervision. Kira said they have started giving out apples as the 'treat', some push back from the kids LOL!
- **FUNDRAISING: Investment in Education (Sagoto):** Since adding to the website and advertising, we have had 6 additional online payments.
- **QSP / Product distribution:** still ongoing...problems w/distribution mean we shouldn't do next year.
- **QSP Cookie Dough:** Will be February, 2 weeks to do, 2 weeks to get delivered. Stephanie says to try and do it earlier next year in time for xmas delivery.

EVENTS:

- **Halloween/Grandparents Tea - Oct 31** - Colin said this was successful, may re-address doing the parade outside the school as it was enjoyed by the neighbourhood. New risers & signs excellent.
- **Scholastic Book Fair #1:** \$6500 gross. Doing a preview, and then coming back to buy worked well.

4. New Business:

- EVENTS:

- December Concert - Dec 20 - Steph volunteered to organize Hot Chocolate, Kira the food donations.
- Family Skate Day - is booked for Jan 27 12-1:30pm at usual West Deane outdoor rink (martingrove)
- Staff Appreciation Day (January 17/18) - Karen A. will assist Julia, needs a job shadow for next year.
- FUN Fair - Tatiana said she has an executive committee formed, will be meeting Dec 6@7pm at school. Seeking tdsb approval for the food truck, and will send out email reminder before xmas of date.
- **Grad:** will be June 21, 2018. Committee is formed, have a gmail, starting to contact parents for help.

Announcements:

The next Home and School General Meeting will be on Monday January 29th, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion moved by Elsa and seconded by Kira to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Motion Carried.

Thomas B.
Secretary, Home and School

Date of approval: