

Home and School Meeting

November 24, 2014

In attendance: Patti Doyle, Shelley McLean, Haley Green, Beth Keyes, Natacha Gillis, Nancy Hossack, Krista Pastrik

Updates:

Hot Lunch: *Nancy*

Nancy reported that all is going well with hot lunch, although a few forms are still coming in with no names included or no specific food item chosen on the form. This makes distributing orders a bit tricky. Nancy also noted that she will need two weeks' notice indicated to parents re: hot lunch orders for the last week of school in December, in order to process everything on time.

Library: *Shelley and Natacha*

Shelley & Natacha reported that volunteers are still needed for some class visits to the library, as one or two parents are doing long shifts as no other volunteers are available. Patti will mention to staff that more parent volunteers from their classes would be very helpful for class library visits. She will encourage them to ask their classroom parents to sign up for a shift if they are free.

Beth noted that a large collection of used books were donated to Hestia House from Lakefield (Angela Sanford gathered up the used books and dropped them off). They were very grateful to receive these and will ensure children in need receive them.

Scholastic credits were spent by several teachers on staff (approximately \$9000 in scholastic items was ordered!). Thank you cards from several teachers for these items were shared with the committee by Patti. Most of these *orders have already arrived.*

Finances: *Haley and Beth*

Beth reported that the balance in the home and school account is approximately \$12000, with only a few outstanding expenses yet to be deducted (\$608 for float costs, Tutoring payments in the amount of approximately \$1000, Santa's Workshop final purchases of \$62.40, and the upcoming Christmas breakfast contributions of approximately \$350). Haley reported that she is still looking for someone to take over as Treasurer.

Other Updates:

Santa's Workshop: Krista updated that \$4142 in total was spent on purchases for the workshop this year. We do not expect to make any profit on this, but hope to break even. Each class will have an assigned time to visit the workshop (a reminder will be sent home to parents on this, to remind them that children will be able to purchase small items for immediately family members, with prices between \$1-\$3. Krista will get a float from Hot lunch (approximately \$150). Volunteers are all set up and ready to go.

Beth reported that there are still no volunteers to oversee Family Fun Day or Teacher Appreciation week. Patti asked if there could be a change in the format for FFD so that someone may be more willing to oversee it. She feels there is a need to run it but perhaps differently, such as having a high school leadership class become involved? Or perhaps have only 4 or 5 stations set up. After much discussion, Shelley indicated she may be able to oversee the event, and volunteered to coordinate it and pull in others to help....she will touch base with Michele and keep us in the loop. (Thank you Shelley!)

Tutoring going very well – 8 tutors working hard with several students from Grades 1-5! The UNBSJ tutors are extremely impressed with the school, students and staff they have encountered. This tutoring will continue again in the Winter, with another set of students being eligible to access some tutoring time.

There was plenty of discussion on the new school and the boundary changes and how all this will impact Lakefield as well as Home & School/Volunteer activities. It was suggested that new parents coming to Lakefield may want to get involved especially if they are volunteering now at their existing school (i.e.: QES).

Patti asked if H&S would help support a local family in need, and the committee agreed to do so and asked for details (i.e.: Identify a needy family and let us know their needs or a list of items and committee members can help out). Patti also asked about the Harbor Lights campaign and if we would like to support a donation. The group in attendance indicated an interest to support this initiative, and Patti agreed to provide details once she had them.

General School Activities: The following notes are from David, *shared by Patti*

Tracey Meahan was awarded a Minter's Excellence in Teaching Award in Fredericton last weekend. A number of the staff went to the 'award show & dinner'. Tracey was one of 12 people who were recognized by the Minister of Education for outstanding work in education. You can see her video on our school website. Well worth the watch.

Christmas Concert season is fast approaching. All dates and times have been updated on the website. Choir, Strings & Gr. 3 will be featured at 7pm on Tuesday, Dec. 9th. Kindergarten will be highlighted at noon on the 10th with Gr. 1s at 6:30pm. Finally on the 11th, our Grade 2 students will shine at 6:30pm. *You might notice the evening performances; we are trying to help parents who can't attend during the day. We hope this will ease some of the stress of the Christmas Season.* No performances for the grade 4s & 5s specifically.

Scholastic Credits have been used – THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU. We have gone through the order and have distributed the items. A few things on back order. *Thank you to Emily Anderson who ordered everything – what a job!!!!*

Citrus has been ordered and should be here for **Saturday, Dec. 6th** pickup. Not a huge profit but we ordered roughly 38 full cases along with 55 half cases.

Tutoring – we are coming to the end of this first block of tutoring time. We have had a number of students benefiting from this project. Thanks to H&S for organizing and paying for this.

Santa Claus Parade – thank you to Andrea & her team for looking after this project. It was awesome and you did the school proud and create great memories for the students involved. Lakefield won the best large float!!!

Coming up items;

House Team tomorrow (Tuesday)

Tell Them from Me Survey for Gr. 4 & 5 on Dec 3rd & 4th in the theatre. Surveys take about 50 – 60 minutes per class and are done on line. This gives the school feedback from the Gr. 4 & 5 students' perspective.

Santa's Workshop in the library on **Dec. 3rd & 4th** . Lots of fun for students to shop for their loved ones!

Food Bank Challenge this year will have Ms. Beaudet, Mr. O'Neill, Mrs. Hughes & Mr. Ripley spending time on our school roof. Who ends up on the roof will depend on the amount of food donations that are brought in. The more items the more people on the roof. If there is an incredible amount maybe we will have to camp out overnight. YIKES!

School Wide Breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 18th - looking for help with the cooking and if possible with covering some of the cost (like in the past, approximately \$500 donated from home and school)

Friday, December 19th is a full day, last day before Holidays

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by B. Keyes