

**Monday February 6th @ 7:00pm**

**Location: Zoom**

**Present:**

Melissa Rioux, Lucy Pereira, Anna Bocchino, Karine Lasanté, Lina D'Onofrio, Tanya Minchella, Anna Batista, Nicole Rinaldi, Sabrina Barillaro, Veronica Lemme, Sonia Matteo, Kelly Nolan, Lina Bocchicchio, Daniela Ferreira, Ben Verducci, Gabrielle D'Elia, Jennifer Pizzoli, Jessica Budd, Lidia Cuculo, Tania Frenza, Sandra Mencaroni

**1. Welcome at 7:02pm – Lucy Pereira (President)**

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Motion by: Lina Bocchicchio

Seconded by: Anna Bocchino

**Adoption of the minutes**

Motion by: Gabrielle D'Elia

Seconded by: Tanya Minchella

**3. Reports**

**-QFHSA Updates:**

-Newsletter was sent out to members. There is a subcommittee formed which meets monthly on zoom at 7pm. If interested in being part of the committee, please reach out to them.

- 2 schools in the west of Montreal applied for a program that consists of raising funds for a specific goal and having the amounts matched by the school board and government. Both schools created subcommittees so members can do necessary research, applications for grants, etc. This can be something interesting for us as well, Lucy is looking into it.

**i. Chairperson Report – Lucy Pereira**

**a. Breakfast with Santa**

- The winter wonderland theme was a huge hit, and the kids had a lot of fun! Thank you to the organizing committee and parent volunteers.

**b. Christmas baskets**

- Ms Rioux delivered the baskets and said the families were so grateful for everything.

- The QFHSA sent new books to put in the baskets for all the children

- Parents donated so many things for the baskets, only 6 gifts had to be purchased.

**c. Open House**

- More people attended the evening than we expected. It was a busy evening from 6-8pm. Appointments were made for registration and francophone parents came to visit as well.

**ii. Treasury Report – Lina D’Onofrio**

- The current bank balance is \$25,226
- After all promised funds (there are no cheques in circulation), we are left with \$10,755.00

**iii. Fundraising Report**

- Hoodies – Sonia Matteo
  - So far, 92 hoodies have been ordered (Over \$2,400 in sales). The order deadline is February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

**4. Business Planning**

**i. Upcoming/ongoing activities/fundraisers – Short term:**

**a. Staff Appreciation** (Project managers: Tania Frenza & Anna Batista)

- The week will be filled with wonderful donations by parents.
- The theme for the week is “Games”!
- Tuesday – Candyland (cookies, candies and other sweets)
- Wednesday - Breakfast, Assembly, Guess Who game and spin the wheel
- Thursday – Tillemont zeppole and coffee from Cups and Cuts
- Friday – Lunch

**b. Easter** (Project manager: Gabrielle D’Elia)

- Treats will be distributed on Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> to all the children (290 students)
- Gabrielle D’Elia volunteered to dress up to distribute the treats (all in favor of putting a reasonable budget towards purchasing a new bunny costume)

**c. Eat – Laugh – Dance!** (Project managers: Daniela Ferreira & Tanya Minchella)

- The event will take place on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Although the church is available, all in favor of doing the event in the school gym to cut costs (approved by Ms. Rioux)
- Pino Pirillo will be our comedian for the night, and DJ Unik will be the DJ once again this year!
- Permit for alcohol will be applied for, and we need to set up a plan for cleaning after the event and assigning parents to do security for the evening)
- Prices – Early bird - \$40.00  
At the door - \$45.00

**ii. Upcoming approved activities/fundraisers – Long Term**

- a. **Funday** – (Project manager – Sonia Matteo)
  - Funday will take place in June (exact date TBD)
  - Ideas – Magician? Entertainer? More information to come
- b. **Matilda the Musical** – (Project manager – Jennifer Pizzoli)
  - Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Concession stands, volunteers will be needed
  - More info to come at next meeting

**iii. Fundraising goals**

- a. **Chrome Books** – All in favor to announce this as our fundraising goal at the Eat-Laugh-Dance event. Ms. Rioux got a quote from the school board for \$15,000. She will look into the possibility of grants or contribution from the SB.
- b. **Schoolyard** – In order to be able to put in a soccer field, the drainage issue must be fixed as soon as possible. The school board mentioned it is in the pipeline and will be next in the next 2 years. A subcommittee will be formed when the time comes to look into pricing etc.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT – Ms. Rioux**

**DECEMBER**

- 1. Playground leadership began, with the guidance of madame Marie-Claire.
- 2. The Arthur Murray dance school came to teach our cycle 2 students, and they loved it!
- 3. Thank you to all the parents who donated and volunteered their time for the Christmas baskets.
- 4. The JV superstars, Gotcha Being Cool tickets and Kidness tickets are well received and the kids are very proud!
- 5. The cycle 3 students participated in a hockey tournament
- 6. Student council wrote cards to soldiers
- 7. The prek & K students had a guest who did “Des comptes animées”)
- 8. The holiday week went really well, the students had so much fun!

**JANUARY**

- 9. The first ped day was on January 9<sup>th</sup>. A committee was formed for the Education Project (the committee will work on challenges, mentoring, academics etc...)
- 10. The open house was a true success! Thank you to all parent volunteers!
- 11. The townhall meeting was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 250 people were in attendance. The main subjects spoken about were bilingual programs, French immersion, and more.
- 12. 41% of our school population is currently out of zone

**FEBRUARY**

- 13. An open house will take place on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 (Registration period for our school board is January 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>) – Volunteers will be needed
- 14. Teacher and staff appreciation week will be this week, thank you Tania Frenza and Anna Batista for organizing it!
- 15. Grad parent committee meeting to be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>

16. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – The artist Marisol Sarazin will be visiting the cycle 1 students
17. The SWLSB Valentines Gala will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>
18. Report cards will be available to parents on Mozaik as of February 17<sup>th</sup>
19. The Festival du Livre (French book fair) will take place at school from the 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of February
20. Anti-bullying day is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be having an assembly and different guest speakers per cycle.
21. Parent teacher interviews will be on Zoom on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
22. There will be a schoolwide field trip to Cabane à Sucre Constantin on February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Question Period/ Suggestions (15 mins)**

- Ms Rioux suggested doing a cookie dough fundraiser. Sabrina Barillaro mentioned selling frozen dough pucks, as it is easier to make the cookies rather than using a tub. All in favor to do the fundraiser for Mothers Day.
- Tania Frenza will look into the possibility of doing another DQ fundraiser.

**5. Upcoming Home & School meetings**

- Monday **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2023
- Monday **May 1<sup>st</sup>** 2023 (AGM)
- June** – TBD – end of year dinner

**6. Meeting adjourned – 8:18pm**