

*Jules Verne Home & School Association Inc. Meeting*

**Monday February 12 @ 7:00pm**

**Location: School Staff Room**

**Present:**

Melissa Rioux, Lucy Pereira, Lina D'Onofrio, Clementina Fraga, Sabrina Barillaro, Tina Vincelli, Anita D'Argenio, Sara Luciano, Gabrielle D'Elia, Nicole Rinaldi, Gessica DiStefano, Ben Verducci, Karen A. Baquiran, Tania Frenza, Tania Gianfrancesco, Jennifer Pizzoli, Lina Bocchicchio, Paloma Nadeau, Paola Carvajal

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

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Motion by: Clementina Fraga

Seconded by: Tina Vincelli

**3. Adoption of the minutes**

Motion by: Ben Verducci

Seconded by: Sabrina Barillaro

**4. Reports:**

**i. Chairperson Report – Lucy Pereira**

- a) The QFHSA is looking for individuals to join their board of directors. There are approximately 10 meetings/year which take place on Zoom. Topics discussed relate to the Quebec education system and currently there are no members from the Laval school board. Parents are invited to communicate their interest.
- b) The hockey raffle is ongoing, and all parents are invited to spread the word
- c) Staff appreciation week was well received. This year we had over \$600 in monetary donations along with food donations. Thank you to Anna Batista and Tania Frenza for all their hard work.
- d) Cookie Fundraiser: 950 bags sold with \$5196 in profits
- e) Recent purchases by home and school:
  - shovels for preschool yard
  - Lego blocks for Lego club

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

- The bank balance is currently at \$49,774.00
- After promised funds and cheques in circulation, we are left with \$20,528.00.

**5. Business Planning – events & fundraisers (short term):**

**i. Reading weeks (weeks of February 19 & 26)**

- a) Launch date is on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Three parents are needed to help distribute treats to all the students. Volunteers need to be present from 9:00-10:00.
- a) Ms. Rioux requests home and school help for the purchase of treats. Clementina Fraga will look into fruits. Paloma Nadeau will look into chocolate milk. Lucy Pereira will purchase cookies. The school needs 310 of each for Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Six parents will be needed to help out on February 26<sup>th</sup> during the book exchange from 9:00-11:00.

**ii. Parent-teacher night (Thursday, February 29)**

There will be 2 time slots during parent teacher night: 4:00-5:00 and 6:00-9:00. The library will also be open on this night to support the reading weeks. As well, home and school will be hosting a bake sale, hockey raffle tickets and potentially the sale of JV merchandise.

**iii. Tubing trip (Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

The school is missing some parent volunteers for some of the grades. In order to encourage that parents get placed with their childrens' classroom, the principal may place specialists with the classes that don't have parent volunteers.

**Business planning – events & fundraisers (long term)**

**ii. Havana Nights** (Daniela Ferreira, Lina D'Onofrio, Tanya Minchella)

- Modifications to the menu are in process
- Poster will be ready this week and will be circulated on social media
- Sponsorship letter to be prepared and sent to Ms. Rioux to circulate within parent community

**6. Principal Report**

- Staff Appreciation Week was so amazing and the principal is grateful to the parents.
- Registration Period is ongoing, and numbers are growing. New out-of-zone requests are being refused.
- Term 2 is coming to an end this week.
- Ms. Rioux gave all home and school members a Valentine's gift. An email will be sent out to the members that were not present today to come and pick up their gift.
- Ms. Rioux submitted the project "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds for a Memorable Learning Experience" to get a grant to remodel the school yard.
- I Love to Read Week is starting on February 19. Eight teachers are involved in this committee.
- Holocaust Museum - Cycle 3 – March 1
- "Plan de Rattrapage". The school received \$23,000 of funding for tutoring. Eight teachers have expressed their interest. This equates to 25 hours/week of tutoring time from March to June for students who have been identified.
- Children may wear pink or red on Valentine's day.
- Preschool-grade 1: Workshop Little kids kind kids on February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Grades 2-6: "The Perfect Storm" on February 16th

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- i. Motion to allocate all profits from the cookie fundraiser to the teacher wish list - all in favor. A subcommittee has been created to look through all the wishes. The subcommittee consists of Lucy Pereira, Lina D'Onofrio and Karen Baquiran.
- ii. Tania Frenza inquires whether a fashion show has ever been done in the past as a fundraiser. It is confirmed that it indeed has been done in the past.
- iii. If people wish to donate previously-used uniforms, they may do so.
- iv. Due to ministry exams, the dates of the cheer show and musical need to be changed.

## **8. Upcoming meetings**

- Monday March 11
- Monday April 8
- Monday May 13 (Annual General Meeting)
- June (TBD) – End of year dinner

## **8. Meeting adjourned – 8:15 pm**