

WILLINGDON HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

November 26, 2019

Present

Kristy Cuevas, Luisa Carpio Mak, Julie Trudel, Sally Burnett, Kristin McNeil, Kim Tulloch, Miss Daniella, Tania Savickey, Maya Doughan

Welcome and introductions

The meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Trinity; second Luisa

Approval of Minutes

Sally; second Luisa

President's Report (Sally- Julie)

Halloween was a very big spooky event this year. Huge thanks to Eva for all the hard work that went into coordinating the crafts and games stations. I think overall consensus was that we needed more volunteers almost everywhere. Some suggestions we have would be to match up the very helpful grade 6ers with grades K-2, rather than with the older grades. Grade 5 kids were not as helpful as the morning was way too chaotic.

Recettes en Pot orders closed out last week and we had a record-breaking \$5004 in sales which raises \$2502 for the family emergency fund and 457 meals for Le Depot. Luisa, hats off to you for your organization of this super successful fundraiser.

Our second TSAW event: a wine and cheese spread post-parent-teacher interviews last Wednesday was a great success thanks to Kim Tulloch and Luisa. The teachers definitely felt the love after a long day.

Carolyn's Toy Drive is underway with drop-offs happening up until Dec 2. There are already more than 95 donation slots filled as of last week, which is surpassing last year's 80 donations. I think this is a sign that this initiative is being warmly welcomed by our community.

We hosted another successful book fair last week thanks to the expert planning of Eva, Sharon and Michelle. These ladies took on a huge task and did a phenomenal job of organizing this marathon of an event. Thank you.

Some of you may have noticed our new set of reusable tablecloths at the book fair, thanks to Kristy for organizing the fabric ordering and sewists.

Earlier this month, Sarah, Genevieve, Ms Carmen, Ms Maya and myself went to the QFHSA 75th anniversary banquet. Willingdon was honoured as being one of the four oldest Home and School associations in Quebec! We received a plaque and a really special yearbook commemorating 75 years of Home and School at Willingdon. It was an inspiring evening hearing from some Home and School parent members that have been involved for literally decades in the association.

It's hard to believe, but Julie and I are coming to the end of our term as co-chairs so we wanted to plant the seed for any of you that may be thinking about taking a leadership role in HS. We will not be returning as co-chairs, but you will have our full support- even from afar! Julie plans to stay on board the same way Luisa has done for us. We highly recommend doing this job as a pair to spread out the responsibilities and have a chance to take a break. If there are no co-chairs, there is no home and school. We've somehow figured out how to keep it going for the past 75 years, so I know we will find some people to step into the role for the next year.

Principal's Report (Maya)

Halloween was great; Photo day re-takes kids will be walking back with staff; TSAW after parent interviews was greatly appreciated! Toy drive/sock drive is going well, Dec 5th deadline for cards and sock drive. More sock donations at the concert. Carolling Tuesday Dec 17th; Green Committee getting on board to make posters.

Teacher's Report (Miss Daniella)

Nov 4th: Remembrance Day Assembly for cycle 2

Nov 13: Friday Schedule

Nov 14: Thoughtful Thursday

Nov 15: QPAT - no school

Nov 18: Term 1 Report card publication on Mozaik

Nov 20: Parent-Teaches interviews, bake & honey sale and book fair

Nov 21: Ped-Day no school, parent teacher interviews, honey sale

Nov 22: Ped Day, no school

Nov 29: Pizza Lunch

Communication/Membership Report

Rationing of the mail chimp going well will make use of the admin offer to send some emails for specific grades for us. Fundraising summary will be sent out as the holiday greeting with an update in the spring.

Treasurer's Report (Geneviève Trudeau)

\$66,108 BALANCE

\$10,000 uncashed checks
\$5,053 in the emergency fund
\$4500 in grad funds
\$10,500 pizza outstanding
\$4,739 Froyo outstanding
\$9,700 budgeted for scheduled events
\$21,000 remaining balance

Grad Committee Report

Meeting tomorrow, coordinators for all major positions- bake sale \$1,780

EDP Report

Christmas pizza - 20th. (Magic the Gathering will piggyback on that event) Finished PED days until Jan, all sold out and went well.

Membership Chair

Change the Sogoto system? Research other companies to build something.

*contact QFHSA to see if they will be taking over

Green Committee Update

Waiting for GB approval- for Terra Cycle

World Cafe Meeting (Jan) opened up to the broader community to be more involved.

Upcoming Events

1. Pancake Breakfast (and Recettes en Pot pick up)
 - a. Kim Tulloch & Matt (low waste event)
2. Food Drive for Holiday Baskets & Depot
 - a. Sharon & Marlo benefitting the emergency family fund, PJ drive as well.

- b. Tuesday, Dec 17th - carolling (potato latkas and lentil soup)
 - c. Pancake breakfast will kick off the Food Drive
- 3. Carolling
- 4. Holiday Cards (for socks)
 - a. Teachers are making them with students, with every grade.
- 5. Kindergarten Breakfast
 - a. Magician: balloon animals; Santa will distribute snowman kit
 - b. Santa is booked, same as last year

New Initiatives (to discuss)

- 1. Request for a parent to take on the city to implement a Stop Sign on the corner of Royal/Terrebonne. - E-mail Peter McQueen - how to get his going?

Budget

- 1. Emergency Float for Emergency Food Situations (\$100/Month when required)
 - a. Trinity; Luisa Second APPROVED
- 2. Gear - 40 Tuques (10 for gift baskets) and special order sweatshirts \$500
 - a. Kristin; Kim Second APPROVED

Varia

Health Room: shifts, parent staffed (like library coordinators)

Next Meeting: Jan 28, 2020

Adjourned 8:35 PM