

**Willingdon Home & School
Association Meeting Minutes
November 3rd, 2021 at 7:00pm (Zoom)**

Participants: Karen Negrete, Margo Stewart, Anna Calvert, Ania Muller, Mike Creamer, Isabelle, Laura Chabannel, Amelie Belanger, Veronica Santaguida, April, Julie Trudel, Kristy Cuevas, Andrea Archibald

1. Welcome - Margo
2. Approval of Agenda – approved by Anna, second by Ania
3. Principal's Report – Mike Creamer
 - Photo day went smooth
 - Family Emergency Fund is very appreciated, hot lunches and pizzas are a big help
 - Halloween went well, students liked the decorations and the costumes parade a lot
 - MTL resilience was brought to attention of staff council and teachers are ready to promote it, not as competition, just as a general collection
4. Teacher's Report - Mme Laura
 - Nous souhaitons remercier le comité pour les décorations d'Halloween. Les enfants ont beaucoup aimé. Merci également pour le montage des costumes.
 - Ce mois-ci les élèves de 1ere année vont se rendre à la bibliothèque Benny (la semaine du 15 novembre) pour le thème du livre. Ils vont également avoir une journée pyjama et faire la présentation d'un livre.
 - Les maternelles vont accueillir Nicolas Doyon le vendredi 19 novembre pour présenter un atelier sur les arts dramatiques.
 - Nous souhaitons également rappeler aux parents que lors de la réunion des parents/profs (24-25 novembre) il est important de respecter l'heure du rendez-vous.
 - Date of K holiday event on Dec 20th has just been approved by the teachers
5. Communications report - Amelie & Andrea
 - Stats are as usual, doing as much as we can to reach the people and we have a good response.
 - All events now are also mentioned by Carmen in the school emails so it is also an additional opportunity to reach out.
6. Treasurer's report - Anna
 - Current bank balance: \$46,154.01
 - Total uncashed cheques \$2,586.85 + Family Support Fund balance \$5,968.15 + Grad 2022 starting budget \$500 + Teachers Support starting budget \$1000
 - Remaining budget \$36,099.01 as of Oct 27
7. Membership Report - We received 29 so far. We need 45-50 to qualify for QFHSA so we will email next week. Suggestion to include a brief information on what QFHSA & membership is.
8. Family Emergency Fund Report
 - Direct Donation fundraiser has currently raised \$5367

- Mini bistro lunches are ordered each Wednesday (\$320/week)
- Providing grocery cards on a need basis and preparing for holiday gift baskets
- Pizza & Froyo sponsorships: \$4687 so far (64 froyo and 83 pizza lunches donated)
- School is also providing hot lunches on Fridays

9. Grad Committee - Kristy

- Starting budget approved for \$500
- Second meeting was held with a much better turnout (THANK YOU PARENTS!!)
 - We had 25 parents sign up through the [link to volunteer](#) or coordinate in various capacities.
 - [Willingdon Grad Committee FB Group](#) has 34 members
- Subcommittees have begun to be formed and break-off meetings start later this week:
 - [Grad Hoodie Session](#): November 5th; 8-9PM
 - [Party Committee](#): November 7th: 7:30-8:30PM
 - [Fundraising Brainstorm Session](#): November 14th; 1-2 PM
- Froyo
 - Tara MacRae and Michelle Robitaille can coordinate and multiple volunteers have stepped up for various dates for the hands-on help.
- Next grad meeting TBD hopefully between Nov 28- Dec 4th for all subcommittees to check in and update
- Parents at our second meeting and in the FB group agreed that a direct ask should be our first step before planning fundraising activities
 - Donate button on the webpage is LIVE (thank you Karen!) e-mail is drafted and will be going out to Grad 6 parents this week
- Next major step: running Spiritwear school-wide to fund the purchase of the hoodies. Dates TBD @ Nov 5th meeting.

10. Other Business

- School photos - Make up photo date Nov 12. Proofs distributed Nov 2. Feedback so far is good.
- Book Fair - in person for kids only on November 24th. Online will run simultaneously.
- Froyo - first Froyo on Nov 18 - grad team working on logistics. Lists are ready.
- Pizza lunches - first Pizza lunch on Nov 5th. Isabelle helping with pizzas. Pizza also offered to teachers and staff.
- Santa's Bus is booked for December 16 for cycle 1 students (k,1,2). Show is 30mins. Working on other events for other grades in the New Year.
- Kindergarten Holiday Event - festive culture neutral magic show proposed for Dec 20th (45 mins) with Danys Hamel. Hot chocolate stand was offered as well, also for the teachers (budget \$750-\$850)
- H&S general fundraisers:
 - Pizza lunches - so far \$15,349 (457 orders/kids) (cost ~\$9000, so \$6349 profit general fund)
 - Froyo (split with grad) so far \$12180 (453 orders/kids) (cost ~\$6099.60, so ~\$6081 split between H&S and Grad).

11. Votes & Budget approval:

- TSAW amount – Last year spent \$1682 (\$370 in donations). This year: \$2000 motion to approve Amelie, Andrea second

- Coffee Bar – Nov 24 parent teacher interview for 2hrs. ok \$1200. Looking for few suppliers for coffee and maybe treats? Then it will be approved by HS members. Maybe also ask David's Teas to sponsor teas (they sponsored teas for K welcome back to school on year).
- Socks – idea from admin to have a crazy socks day with customized Willingdon socks for the teachers. For 95teachers and staff ok\$1100, preference to organize a Coffee Bar instead.

12. Varia

- Carolyn's Toy Drive - Kidlink drop off location, same as last year with a discount to buy gifts from there
- TSAW – initiatives to have grade level initiatives, fund raiser-competition. Month per grade – January is gr 1, February gr 2 etc. TBD
- Welcome Collective – collects winter goods for newcomers to MTL. Or organize another collection at school and use it for the Families Fund first?
- Desserts on pizza day – individually wrapped, but a lot of waste. We probably will go for a bulk dessert with less wrapping? TBD

Adjournment – 7.59pm moves to approve Amelie, Julie second

Next Home & School meeting will be December 8th @ 7pm Zoom