



ST. JOHN FISHER
HOME AND SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION



**SJF Home & School Meeting
Draft Minutes of April 20th, 2016
7:00pm at Senior School, Library**

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2015-16-35 *It was moved by Sara B. to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.2: FundScrip. The motion was seconded by Nadia J., and was carried unanimously.*

2.0 Approval of Minutes of March 16th, 2016 Meeting

2015-16-36 *It was moved by Cindy N. to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Sara B., and was carried unanimously.*

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Adopt - A - Book Program

This is cancelled for this year. Barbara has spoken with the Librarian. There is not enough time this year to get organized as the Librarian is also only at our school for 2 hours each week.

3.2 Parent Workshop in April - Self Defence

The workshop is being held next Thursday. There are 12 people attending so far. Lindsay Place, Clearpoint and Dorval were contacted to take part. 28 People is the goal.

3.3 Mother's Day Flower fundraiser

There will be a letter with instructions going out shortly; different options to choose from. They will be picked up at the florist by the parents from 9-12 on Sat. May 7th, 2016. Angela has volunteered to be there. The return for H&S will be about 10%. It will cost us some money for the color flyers. This is a trial and we will see if it's worth our efforts for next year.

3.4 Family BBQ (June 1st Rain date June 2nd)

- Caterer from last year has agreed to do it again this year.
- Sandra has sent a letter to IGA to see if we can get a donation for Hot Dogs and Buns, we are waiting to hear back.
- Volunteers will be needed in the afternoon to set up, serve and clean up.
- Flyers will need to be sent out.
- It will be a cash and carry BBQ and if it rains, it will be take out dinner.
- TCBY will be available as well. 600 kiddy cups
- Bring plates and a dessert for the dessert table.

3.5 Kindergarten Orientation - H&S package to new parents

All new parents will receive a package from the school. H&S will add each of the following flyers to this package: H&S info, Oliver Labels, Edition Vaudreuil, FundScrip card and SJF Apparel Sale Flyer. 77 Kindergarten students are expected; estimate 85.

3.6 Community Walk - Friday May 27th

- Plans are well on their way.
- The city has been contacted to set the security in place for our youngsters.
- A new banner has been made for Junior campus, Thank you H&S.
- Pledge forms will be going out with a brief description of the community groups.
- 600 peanut free freezes will be purchased and frozen.
- Volunteers will be needed to cheer on children as they make their way through the streets of Valois. This will help to ensure that the children are safe and also they love to be cheered on and getting high fives for encouragement!

3.7 Newsletter: the year in review

If you have something to add to the next newsletter please feel free to contact H&S. Adding photos was talked about but we need parent approval for that

4.0 School Reports

4.1 Junior School Report – Principal Martin

4.2 Senior School Report - Principal Di Vittori

- McGill students presented Brain Awareness workshops to the Grade 6 classes. Was well received by students and staff.
- Public speaking competition will be held again this year. Cycle two at the end of April and Cycle 3 in June.
- Grade 6 students attended the Station 5 Substance Abuse Prevention workshops on March 23rd. Our community officers did a great job in organizing the event. Very informative kiosks and presentations.
- Social Action Team news
 - This year the Social Action Team (SAT) will have their 5th annual raffle in June.
 - Theme: Help people with cancer.
 - Fundraising for two organizations:
 - The oncology department of the Montreal Children's Hospital and
 - VOBOC - Venturing Out Beyond our Cancer.
 - Guest speaker, Doreen Edwards, will speak to the SAT
 - Mission is" to help empower newly diagnosed adolescent and young adult cancer patients by providing them with tools, resources and free diversions and help them to connect them to essential support services."
 - More info at www.voboc.org.

- The SAT is meeting on a weekly basis now. They will be making posters, visiting classes and will be making cards which will go to VOBOC and will be placed in the backpacks that they distribute to patients.
 - We would also like to have a Lemon-Ade type stand at each level, in June to raise money for Free the Children. We like to make a small donation to this organization as the children have benefitted greatly from “We Day”.
- Portfolio Evening tomorrow (April 21st). No appointments necessary. Will be on a drop-in basis.
 - 3:15 – 5:15 PM Session
 - Supper: 5:15 – 6:00 PM
 - 6:00 – 7:30 PM Session
- Grade 2 Parent Info evening will be held next Tuesday, April 26th
- Staffing process for next year has begun
 - 16 homerooms
 - Phys ed., music, media tech and resource are status quo
- We are reviewing the 2016-17 school calendar and placing the local ped days. Will present at the next GB meeting.
- Ped Day: April 22nd
 - All Cycle 2 teachers – the Board will be presenting workshops at Dorset Elementary (8:30AM – 12:00PM)
 - Similar sessions will be held for Cycles 1 and 3 at a future date
 - LBPSB Basketball Tournament will be held at our school on this day.
- Gr. 6 HS Mini-Day Visit: April 25th. Lunch will be served at the high schools by Chartwells.
- Jr Leadership Day at St. Patrick’s Elementary
 - May 6th (Ped Day)
 - 10 students will be attending with Ms. Kate
- Volunteer Tea
 - May 25th (tentative date)
 - Junior school
- Fire drill will be held between now and end of May
- Grade 6 teachers have met to discuss and organize the graduation field trip, pool party/bbq, and ceremony.
- May Calendar:
 - Ped Day: May 6th
 - Gr. 4 Vaccinations: May 10th
 - GB meeting: May 11th
 - H&S meeting: May 18th
 - Ped Day: May 20th
 - Volunteer Tea: May 25th
 - Community Walk (H&S): May 27th
 - H&S BBQ: June 1st

5.0 Event Reports

5.1 Book Fair (April 21st) & HandS Hub

Book Fair and HandS Hub took place at the Junior school. Scholastic's credit will be given to the Junior school. The set up this year, worked very well. At the Sr. school, Ms. Debbie organized the Sr. Book Fair. A cash profit will be given to the Senior school (to H&S). These funds will be used to host authors, illustrators and storytellers.

5.2 Appreciation Week (April 18 – 21)

Bus Driver's Day: Hot Chocolate with whip cream and treat were very much appreciated; this was done at the end of the day.

Caretaker's Day: The men were very grateful for the meal being brought to them on a tray.

Secretary's Day: Handmade cards, a \$25 Chapters gift card and a bouquet of flowers were given to each secretary.

Daycare Day: An amazing lunch was provided, a lot of food was donated and the use of Doodle made it a lot less time consuming to organize. The theme was a picnic lunch.

2015-16-37 It was moved by Sara B. to include the Librarians in Appreciation Week. Approval of gift cards from SAQ (\$10) and Chapters (\$10) for each librarian was voted upon. Cindy F. seconded the motion, and was carried unanimously.

6.0 Treasurer Report

6.1 Monthly Budget

The monthly budget report was handed out. The Association is in good standing.

6.2 FundScrip

Profits are lower than last year partly due to not have Subway lunches (monthly lunches) purchased with FundScrip cards. The FundScrip Spring Challenge will continue until Mother's Day.

7.0 School Wish List

Discussion about possible future purchases ensued.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Graduation Reception and Grad Pool Party & BBQ:

It's a tradition that the Grade 5 parents help coordinate this event for the grads and their families. Volunteers will be needed. Sandra G. will coordinate the reception. The Grad BBQ will be coordinated by the Grade 6 parents and a letter will be going out shortly.

8.2 H&S Annual General Meeting- Elections of all Executive Team positions

All positions on the Executive Team are open as each year nominations will be accepted until and including the next meeting. Please send nominations to sifhands@gmail.com. 9 members must be present at the AGM for quorum

9.0 Correspondence

The Federation's AGM will be held April 30th for anyone that is interested to attend. Sandra will be going. The Federation has awarded our Association the *Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award*. Much thanks to Ericka B. for submitting a letter on our behalf; She will be there to accept the award.

10.0 Varia

It is Volunteer Day today so on behalf of The H&S we want to Thank all our volunteers for your time and effort for creating this wonderful community. Lisa Marie shared *Merçi* chocolates at the meeting.

2015-16-38 It was moved by Daphne D. to approve that Sandra G. will attend the QFHSA AGM as a voting delegate on behalf of the SJF H&S Association. The motion was seconded by Cindy F., and was carried unanimously.

11.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

2015-16-39 It was moved by Sara B to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cindy N, and was carried unanimously.

Next meeting: H&S AGM

Election of Executive Team members will take place at this time, for next year.

Wednesday May 18, 2016

7:00pm @ Junior School, Room 10

Attendance

Sara Birks
Cindy Filippone
Sandra Gesualdi
Daphne Daifas
Cindy Norman
Angela Micciche-Sgrignoli
Nadia Jasmin
Barbara Parker
Carla Da Silva
Lisa Marie Foye
Sylvie Martin, Jr School Principal
Tony Di Vittori, Sr Principal