



Unofficial Meeting Notes
June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Junior School Room 15 - Potluck



1.0 Welcome

Sandra welcomed those in attendance. and thanked them for contributing towards to the potluck. Quorum was not met, therefore these are unofficial notes.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Not Applicable.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2017 Meeting

To be tabled at the next meeting.

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Parenting series

4.1.1 Nutritionist: How to understand what food labels are telling you.

Will look into the MacDonalld College department for a nutritionist. Projecting to hold this meeting in October.

4.1.2 Parenting in the Digital Age

Will wait from a response from Ron T. and will look into more local individuals to host this workshop. Projecting to hold this meeting during the winter.

4.1.3 Psychologist

Catherine Z (Laplante) has agreed to hosting a workshop on anxiety, disorders, etc. Projecting to host this meeting in November.

4.1.4 Financial Literacy: bank accounts, allowance, saving plans, insurance etc.

Looking to have a two-fold workshop: money & kids and money Parents & money. Amanda P. will create a talk for the first half and Sandra will contact someone to cover the latter part. Projecting to hold this workshop in the spring.

4.1.5 Other Ideas

- Paint Night Fundraiser. Sandra will contact Angela's contact.
- Family Board game Night (winter).
- Trivia Night Fundraiser (for adults): teams have to be formed to compete against one another. Snacks and drinks.

4.2 Community Meetings (Town Hall)

4.2.1 Beginning of October: mtg for new parents

- Welcome to SJF Wine & Cheese together with a Q&A for new parents.
- Hosted by H&S; Principals will be attending to answer questions. Along with H&S Exec Team members.
- SJF Apparel sale

4.2.2 End of October: pre-open house mtg to be advertised to the Community-at-large.

- H&S will host this event; Advertise our school to the community-at-large. Via the electronic billboard.
- Showcase the school one cycle at a time..
- Invite former students to give their testimony.
- Slideshow
- Brand as a 'SJF Community Huddle'

5.0 Event Reports

5.1 Community Walk (June 6)

The weather cooperated and we had a great afternoon.

Volunteers chose where they stood along the route. And then met at school to help hand out freezies.

Hopefully next year the Walk can be scheduled in May (due to the exam schedules, the Walk was pushed to June) to avoid the 'end of year rush'. Also freezer space was extremely calculated and tight due to having tcb, freezies, frozen BBQ goods and daycare goods all in the different freezers.

5.2 Family BBQ (June 7)

Much improved from last year. New ticket system worked very well.

- The four tents were very useful.
- A post-event report will be on file.
- One change for next year: pre-cook even more (~300) than was done this year to keep ahead of the crowds.
- Sold out of most goods. Quantities were estimated from last year's numbers and then added more.
- Thank you to all the volunteers that made the event run very smoothly.
- It came to our attention to have the paypal link included in the email to facilitate this type of payment.

5.3 School Survey Results

Only 35 surveys were returned. from the BBQ. Sandra handed some out at one gr 6 concert...another 10 were returned.

For many years, there has been a request to have a survey sent out. Not many included their email address. Not a real cross-section of our school community due to the small number of participants.

5.4 K-Orientation (June 5)

- Sandra represented H&S and gave an overview of what we do.
- Apparel was sold (great opportunity for everyone...not rushed and could've tried on for size..
- 2 memberships were signed and paid.
- Slides presentation; invited to 'like us' on facebook (along with both schools).
- Voluntarily gave their email addresses (sheet passed around during the talk) to be contacted by H&S.

6.0 School Reports

6.1 Senior School, Principal Di Vittori

6.2 Junior School, Principal Delage

Staffing:

- Enrollment for next year is back at 231 at this point. (kindergarten 78, grade one 79, grade two 74 according to our latest numbers).
- Lyne Bérubé possible return has been pushed to the end of the school year and Mme. Dubois who went on maternity leave, so Mme. Cristina will be with us until the end of the school year.
- Mme Adrienne will also be off until the end of the school year. Mme. Elizabeth will continue to replace her.

Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie:

- Has come and gone and all went very well. Special thank you to Mme. Emond who helped coordinate the weekly activities for the entire school.

Cross Country Run:

- Special thank you to Mrs. Hunter for planning our own cross country run for the entire school. Thank you for everyone's active participation.

Peaceful School:

- Looking to link this initiative with our school success plan (Wellness component).
- Inquiring about the flag and plaque.

School news:

- Was sent out last week (June 7th).

Kindergarten Orientation:

- Went very well on June 5th. Two sessions were planned and Mme. Bojanowski presentation was very informative. Thank you to the Home & School for their participation in the presentation and for promoting and minding the school apparel kiosk.

Scholastic book fair:

- Wish list from the teachers was submitted back to Carla Da Silva (\$130.00/teachers). Missing a few teachers wish list, but the order will be placed before the end of the school year due to delivery concern over the summer. Might have to do a second order in the Fall.

Visit to Senior Campus:

- Many of the students for our Junior school went over to catch a special presentation of the Senior Choir on Tuesday, June 6th.
- Grade 1 and 2 students also went to see the "saynètes" presented by the grade 3 class this week.
- Trying to plan more regular visits to the Senior Campus over the course of the school year in the future. Not just at the end of the school year (part of our school success plan - wellness component). Building community spirit.

Visitors from Haiti:

- It was suggested and many liked the idea of collecting books for our Haiti visitor. Teachers have been encouraged to go through their belongings and donate unused books and/or textbooks. Pickup was yesterday (Tuesday, June 13th).

Health walk:

- "Walk Wednesday" or "marche mercredi" has been going well with a few staff members participating every week.

7.0 Finance Report

The association has come under budget for this year.

8.0 School Wish List

The Junior school will make a decision on the type of sound system needed (with the recommendations of a professional).

9.0 New Business

9.1 Welcome Back to School for teachers (day before school begins): coordinator

Perfect Potluck site will be used. Sandra will send out the info to those on the mailing list. 2 volunteers are needed (one per school) to set up the goods the day of.

9.2 Kindergarten first day: hand out t-shirts (2 sessions): volunteer

Two sessions; important dates and invite to wine & Cheese on a slip of paper attached to the tees.

9.3 Corn Boil: coordinator and volunteers

Daphne will coordinate this event.

Scheduled for Friday September 8th.

A letter to staff (daycare and teachers) to let them know the mission of this event is to bring community together...encouraging teachers to come out and join us.

Ks will remain in their classrooms.
Tents will be set up for the Junior kids; It will be easier to keep them together
One volunteer per Junior class is needed to help walk over to the senior yard.

9.4 Picture Day (Sept 18): volunteers

3 volunteers are needed per school.

9.5 Junior Lunches' Coordinator

This position remains open. This service/fundraiser will not be offered if no one volunteers. The task can be divided.

9.6 Vacant Executive Team positions:

- A. Recording Secretary
- B. Fundraising Coordinator

10.0 Correspondence

Many thank you notes were sent to H&S following the BBQ. Families had a great time!

11.0 Varia

Thank you to the Principals: Throughout the year, all workers in the school are celebrated with an Appreciation Day. Today, we show appreciation to the Principals for attending our meetings and supporting H&S initiatives.

12.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting: Wednesday September 20, 2017 at Junior School: *Meet & Greet 2017*

Attendance

Daphne Daifas
Amanda Pelletier
Sara Birks

Angela Micciche
Melanie Keirl
Principal Di Vittori

Principal Delage
Sandra Gesualdi



Summer afternoon -

**SUMMER AFTERNOON; TO ME THOSE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
THE TWO MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.**

Henry James