

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes November 9, 2018

Attendance

Eleanor B.
Mrs. Angela Wisen
Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)
Joanna O.
Denise L.
Kyla M.
Jamie A.
Heather M.
Shanda
Jacqueline
Amanda
Hannah

Principal Update

Halloween Howl was an incredible success - lots of great feedback.

PTA classroom contributions - the teachers have made a request for classroom funds and 2 have made special requests to be funded. One class has requested seating for class and another has requested a Mimeo Board

The Scholastic bookfair will be conducted during first week of December during parent teacher interviews and Holiday concerts. The Librarian has volunteered to assist with this but will need additional volunteers. The PTA may have success with recruiting volunteers for the bookfair. Kyla will prepare a bookfair volunteer sign-up online and will forward to Carol-Anne to send out.

SAC is looking at adding a breakfast program and care closet (provides toilettres for any child who needs) to Holland Road. We still have fruit in each classroom and non-perishables in office for those children who forget their lunch. Breakfast program can be a quick grab and go for those children who arrive very early to school and haven't eaten or are hungry because they have to be at school very early. This would require volunteers to monitor and hand out breakfast foods.

Results are in and the school has 80% of children performing well. It has been identified that we need resources to support the 20% who are not performing at the same level.

School is trying new ideas to teach or make kids aware of non-violent bullying and aggression. New program - Hawkeye tickets - given to kids found doing well around school. Tickets placed in classroom basket and draw is made each month. At end of year there will be a larger draw for Hawkeyes collected all year. Another program is to have each month assigned a theme - November - Compassion, December is Generosity. At the end of each month 2-3 kids from each class are given certificates recognizing their achievement in this area this month.

Halloween Howl

All agreed the DJ was a fantastic addition. Everyone loved the music and light show. PTA should send a thank-you for the great free service provided. In general all volunteers showed up and we had enough help.

We need to figure out how to in the future ensure bathrooms are monitored. Kids dancing on stage may be a safety issue as well - need to consider way to keep them back from edge or off the stage.

Costume parade did not work out - may need better planning on this aspect if we want to try again.

There were enough treat bags with a few leftover; we had made 350. We pre-sold 499 tickets and sold more tickets at the door. Consider only selling tickets at the door as the work involved in sending tickets home and collecting money was excessive. The \$450 in floats was insufficient and request for kids to bring change were heard. PTA made approximately \$1,300.00 on Halloween Howl. Next year on tickets we need to be clear that adults also need to pay for a ticket.

Financial Update

The PTA main bank account is at \$10,650 plus the nourish your roots account amount of \$1,254.

Based on the financials PTA approved the \$200 to the 14 classrooms, plus gym, music, French, library, and resource centers. This would cost the PTA \$3,800. We have approved this amount. We have approved Ms. Legrow's request for stools and the \$200 allocated to her classroom will be used towards this request. The request for the Mimeo Board (to be shared) is approved.

Santa Breakfast

We are looking at reviving this event. Church has approached us on this event to offer up their church and split the proceeds. It was a fun event but it was a very labour intensive event. Clean-up was a lot of

work and required a lot of volunteers. We have a tentative date of Dec 15th or 16th. Church would volunteer for cooking but they have no money to purchase the food. We used to rely heavily on donations and requires a lot of lead-up work.

We believe it should be looked into for next year as it is late in the year to start looking for donations. Consider a non-seasonal breakfast but without Santa? Assume it may not be as big a draw.

Add to agenda for spring to plan for next year.

Christmas Bazaar

Hannah and Nicole have agreed to co-lead this event. Will obtain binder from Christina and have a committee planning meeting. December 19th is the date. We can send out the notice asking for donations soon and store everything in the kitchen in the gym.

Other Matters

We will not do chocolate fundraiser now but will look at for February

Yearbook club is underway. We have located a provider which is a small business located in Canada which uses the picaboo software. There is no financial commitment and there are many options for parents - including hardcover or softcover and the ability to personalize pages. The cost for softcover will be under \$20 and for hardcover around \$30, depending upon how many pages are in the book.

As fundraiser consider a fun run in spring. Children collect pledges and it is an active lifestyle fundraiser. Will set for discussion for next meeting.

Future PTA meeting dates:

November 29, 2018 – 6:30 in Library

January 17, 2019 – 6:30 in Library

February 21, 2019 – 6:30 in Library

May 2, 2019 – 6:30 in Library

June 13, 2019 – 6:30 in Library