

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

Attendance

Eleanor B.
Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)
Joanna O.
Denise L.
Jamie A.
Shanda
Jacqueline
Amanda
Hannah
Chandra
Nicole
Christina

Student Breakfast Program

Holland Road will be starting a breakfast program for all children at Holland Road. Kelly from HRCE attended meeting to explain the program and how it will be handled at Holland Road. Breakfast program it is being implemented for various reasons: early start for school, kids are not hungry when they leave home so early but they are once they arrive at school, long bus rides for some children.

Message will be sent out to students and parents describing the program, with the start date being the following Monday, January 28th. We will begin with grab and go snacks: fruit, crackers, cheese strings, yogurt tubes, which will be delivered to the classrooms by volunteers.

Program will be partially funded through province - school will receive funding up front to get set-up but the school will have to fundraise to continue to support the program.

Program will require volunteers in the mornings to distribute food and afternoon for next day preparations. Some volunteers will need to take a mini food handler courses with HRCE.

Principal Update

Working currently at building common resources in classrooms.

Emergency drills and lockdown practice will be held later this month.

Donations for care closet (provides toiletries for any child who needs items) have begun coming in.

Looking at hosting Parent University – sessions for parents to become more familiar or informed.

Initially will focus on math, internet safety, literacy.

With the children being stuck inside the school at lunch and recess they are finding there is a lack of inside activities available. Will look at putting games on carts and rotating them around the school classes. Teachers can send home requests for board games and activities to be donated.

Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar this year earned us about \$1,400.00. Children paid \$2.00 for adult gifts and \$1.00 for sibling gifts. Last year more was earned when we charged \$2.00 per gift. Next year we will set flat rate of \$2.00 per gift. Only need bags for next year, we have enough other supplies. More wrappers (14) would be better.

Financial Update

The PTA main bank account is at \$10,650, plus the nourish your roots account amount of \$768.

Teachers will be asked to spend their allotted \$200 prior to end of February.

Bingo

Bingo fundraiser will take place on February 8, 2019. Will need to send out class notices with different basket themes next week. Christina will lead the event. Will look at selling pizza, water, juice boxes, chips. Will need to arrange for bingo machine. Check for bingo cards in storeroom. Buy boxes of cherries for extra markers.

Family Skate

Will look at booking a family skate in February or March. Christina will look into dates.

Other Matters

Next year look into switching up nights for PTA meetings to see if attendance increases.

We will not do chocolate fundraiser this year.

Look at a fun run in spring or next year. Children collect pledges and it is an active lifestyle fundraiser.

PTA will assist in the cost for buses for field trips.

Future PTA meeting dates:

February 21, 2019 – 6:30 in Library

May 2, 2019 – 6:30 in Library

April 18, 2019 - 6:30 Library

June 13, 2019 – 6:30 in Library