

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

Attendance

Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)
Joanna O.
Jamie A.
Chandra
Christina
Krista (Mrs. Chaban)
Stacey (Mrs. Bond)
Tracey
Christina
Linda
Nora
Hannah

Principal's Update

New outdoor play tools have been liked well by the children – especially shovels. Children did not show any interest in the milk crates.

Fundraising opportunities have been presented to the PTA for review: Indigo grant and an Epicure fundraiser. Will consider the epicure fundraiser for March.

A Rick Hanson Ambassador (Nicole MacDonald) will be coming in to speak with the children at an assembly on Friday about inclusivity.

Looking at ways to have cereal drive. Will send out an online volunteer sign up with the types of listed to be listed, - Shreddies (plain), Cheerios (plain & multigrain), vector. Will consider corn bran, chex, and crispixs. Must have no nuts and other allergens (eggs). Christina will set up sign up site and send out.

Finance

Nourish Your Roots Account is at \$645.87

General PTA Account is at \$11,422.00

School Improvement Committee account is at \$4,312.00

Funds Request

Mrs. Bond stated that the teachers are seeking funding for 6 iPads for the younger grades. The iPads in classrooms now are outdated and no longer supported by Apple with updates. Most new learning Apps will not work on them. The cost will be approximately \$400 per iPad. We have approved the purchase of the iPads. There is also a request for flexible seating for classroom general use. The cost of each is approximately \$87.00. This request will be considered.

The teacher requests for classroom supplies have all been submitted and examples of the items purchased for classrooms are as follows: whiteboards, writer workshop organizers, reading recovery, clipboards, storage containers, integrated art and math supplies, Dash robot attachments, STEM supplies, laptop desks, books, picture books, mentor texts, OSMO coding, Lego based therapy, book clubs, floor mats, stools, frog weather, Velcro, Lego for story workshops, lacrosse equipment, speakers, craft supplies, egg chairs (IKEA), tennis balls, lab communications.

Consider setting up a Classroom Wishlist online for next year. Teachers can list items or gift cards and parents can choose to purchase items for the classroom from the list. This could be done in lieu of teacher gifts as Christmas at the option of teachers. A school wish list can also be set up for non-classroom specific items to be sponsored by individuals or corporations. Will look into giving tax receipts for donations.

Bingo

Bingo fundraiser will take place on February 7, 2020. Will need to send out class notices with different basket themes next week. Need clear bags for bingo prizes. Will look at selling chocolate bars, chips, candy, ring pops, water, juice boxes. Hannah will pick up items for canteen. Check for bingo cards in storeroom. Buy boxes of cherrios for extra markers. Will ask Kyla to set up a bingo volunteer sign up online. Will need to arrange for bingo machine. Consider purchasing Costco speaker and bingo machine. Christina will contact Richard to be caller. Need 2 floats of \$200 each.

Front of the School Committee

A meeting between Cobequid Consulting and the front of school committee will happen on Thursday. A memo will be circulated with a more detailed update for the school.

Hannah has volunteered to build a replica Maude Lewis house for the school. The actual size of Maude's house was 12'x12' so that may be too large for the playground. Children will be involved in painting the inside and outside. Announcement can be made in February with it to be built and painted in the spring. Will need concrete pad, baby barn kit and cedar shakes. Cost is approximately \$2,500. A 10' x 10' or 8' x 8' would be less expensive. Need to decide location for it at the school. The committee has put forward this proposal and asked for approval for the purchase of materials for the Maude Lewis house. PTA has approved this purchase.

Will Also look into any contractors who would consider donating the supplies or labor in exchange for a donation credit. Mrs. Larade will look into rules around issuance of tax receipts.

Xmas Bazaar De Brief

Worked well in the gym and setup was good. For next year we need plenty more small bags and some large bags. Pre-tied ribbons and candy canes were helpful. The schedule for the bazaar will need to be set to finish before lunch. PTA should set schedule next year – kids can come through faster – 2 classes can be done at a time – every 10 to 15 minutes. Look for any recyclable options or more environmentally friendly.

Upcoming PTA Dates 2019-2020

February 7th - Bingo

April 24th - Spring Family Dance (tentative)

June 6th - Spring Fling

Future PTA meeting dates

February 6th, 2020 (Thursday)

March 24, 2020 (Tuesday)

April 16, 2020 (Thursday)

May 12, 2020 (Tuesday)

June 5, 2020 PTA Meeting and Spring Fling Prep (Friday)