

Belfast Home And School Minutes
Library
May 5th, 2022

Present: Lisa Edward, Debbie Cooper Beck, Maddy & Nellie Fortune, Melanie Harris, John Munro, Michelle Van Colen

Recorder: Melanie Harris

1. **Welcome:** John called the meeting to order at 7:09
2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve: Debbie/ Maddy

3. **Approval of Minutes from November 24th, 2021**

Motion to Approve: Maddy/Lisa

4. Business Arising:

- Extracurricular programs that have been running at the school include, Art Club, Drama Club, Knitting Club and games club
- Multiple activities did not run this year due to covid. These activities included wrestling, gymnastics and cross country
- More after school programs for younger grades would be welcomed. After school gymnastic program will be talked about again in the fall

4. Principals Report:

- Covid: have seen lots of changes since November. Too many to mention.... Students staff and parents have been very supportive! A few negative phone calls from some parents. Mask Mandate is changing on monday.
- New school website. New online marking/communication program called powerschool. New email for the school.
- Virtual christmas concert was a success
- We recognized anti-bullying day in February
- We raised \$900 for toonies for Trayton & \$900 for Easter Seals
- Successful basketball and badminton season. Thank you coaches. Currently running track and field and flag football.
- **Motion:** John requesting up to \$250 for gas gift cards for our volunteer coaches.

Motion: Debbie/Lisa

- Thank you to H&S for staff appreciation week meals & treats
- We had fun days for Christmas, Valentines, march break & Easter
- Breakfast club of Canada funding approximately \$14000 (\$3000 for equipment, \$11 000 for food) for September 2021 to June 2022. Hoping to reapply for next year.
- School supply fee for \$50 now covered by the government. (does not include indoor sneakers, kit bags, lunch bags/boxes, water bottle)
- Welcome to kindergarten is on May 18th. Kindergarten orientation Friday June 3rd.
- We'd like to thank coopers red & white for the continued support for the bulldog of the month program. Often there are 20 students who are receiving a treat for winning character trait of the month.
- Grade 9 trip June 22nd to 24th. We are looking into pricing to see if we have enough money or more needs to be raised.
- We will be maintaining our staffing numbers for next year. Currently there are 155 students registered
- We had three UPEI student teachers. Jillian lockhart, Emma spence and Tim Macdougall. All three students enjoyed their time at our school.
- **Motion:** John requesting \$1000 for graduation support to a max of \$1500 if the grade 9's need help with their trip. (\$500 for field trips, \$500 for Grad, \$500 for grade 9 trip if need be)

Motion: Maddy/Debbie

Debbie to drop off cheques when amounts are confirmed.

5. New Business

Fundraising ideas for Fall 2022/ Spring 2023

- Planning a fall bingo for the first week of November
- Hoping to be able to bring back spring fling for spring 2023
- Magazine fundraiser has always done well and may be an option that is brought back for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Domino's pizza
- True Earth online fundraiser
- Possibility of running a spring BBQ meat box fundraiser through steerman's
- Flip give has raised \$282 so far. We are planning to continue with flipgive and make some new posts on social media to promote it.

Breakfast Program

- New funding has provided an opportunity for increased options for the breakfast program and has created a more nutritional balanced menu for our students.

GAGA Ball Pit

- Quote for lumber came to \$1412. Motion to order lumber/supplies to a max of \$1700

Motion: Lisa/Debbie

- Maddy's husband Jared to assemble a team to volunteer to build

AGM

- The only motion that passed was to put forward a proposal to the government for funding for Bus Aides for bus safety.
- Speakers spoke about mental wellness
- Moving towards an Elected School Board. There will be 11 school trustees. 8 elected and 3 appointed. Anyone who is registered to vote through Election PEI. Election to be in November for the English board. June 2023 will be when the new school board begins.

Kindergarten Orientation Bags

- Motion for a Budget for 15 kindergarten bags of up to \$400

Motion: Melanie/Debbie

- Bags to include a juicebox, bearpaw, t-shirt, pencils, book & water bottles
- Debbie to order shirts through Trish (galla designs)
- Lisa to grab the rest of the goodies for the bags

End of Year Celebrations

- Just field trips this year.
- Closing ceremonies will be in person
- June 27th for grade 9 grad
- Hoping for the return of spring fling next year

Other Business

- Front Garden refresh. School and H&S to split the cost of cleanup and mulching of the front beds.
- Melanie to take on this project, Lisa also volunteered to help.
- **Motion:** to fund up to \$250 (50% of 500)

Motion: Maddy/Debbie

- **Breakfast Club** looking for volunteers from H&S to help with the appreciation breakfast. Melanie, Lisa & Debbie to help with the breakfast on May 20th.

5. Committee reports:

Treasurer Report

- **\$2414.77** in the home and school account
- **Approx \$3700** in the beautification account

Beautification

- Gaga ball pit
- Front garden refresh

DAC

- DAC to virtually present about late french immersion, early years assessments and about student support and the need for more counseling time

Grade 9 report

- Grade 9's are hoping to travel to Nova Scotia for their grade 9 trip.

6. Other Business

None to report

7. Correspondence:

- Belfast Community Development Corporation has reached out about their initial plans for a Belfast Wellness Center. Looking for input or for volunteers from the younger generation of Belfast residences.

8. Date of Next Meeting: September 21st, 2021 @ 7pm

9. Adjournment: Time: 8:51