

Belfast Home And School Minutes
Mr. Munro's Classroom
November 2, 2023

Present: Debbie Beck, Melanie Harris, John Munro, Ben Carter, Sylvie DeSousa, Taliena Howden, Murial Knox, Tracy Knox, Lynn Docherty, Caitlin Bradley, Lisa Edwards

Recorder: Melanie Harris

1. **Welcome:** Sylvie called the meeting to order at 7:07
2. **Approval of Agenda for November 2nd meeting**

Motion to Approve: Lynn/Lisa

3. **Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2023**

Motion to Approve: Murial/Ben

4. Business Arising:

- Ratification of October 16th Motion- To approve a contingency budget for \$100 for supplies/decoration for the Halloween spooktacular (Moved by Caitlin; seconded by Tonia). If anyone has receipts please hand them in to Tracy.

Motion to approve Ratification: (Taliena/Tracy)

- Bulbs have been paid for and planted into the front Garden. Thanks Melanie and Lisa

4. Principals Report:

- Excellent start to the school year. All EA's, Teachers and our YSW have listed different strategies they will implement to closely connect with students. This is part of our social emotional learning focus for this year
- Our gr 7-9 completed a COMPASS survey that reported results in many comprehensive health topics for teenagers. Some topics of concern include healthy eating/positive body image, vaping/smoking/ alcohol and bullying. The

school is responding by hosting a MADD Canada presentation, a vaping presentation by Lung NS/PEI and PEI Nurses. We have also booked La Table Des Chefs from Montreal to do a healthy eating and positive body image cooking class with our grade 7-9 students. The grade 9 class filled out a federal grant application to pay for the sessions. *** Home and School would like the results from the compass survey shared at the next meeting. It would be interesting to see what topics are of importance to our students and if home and school could support some initiatives to address these ***

- As part of our support of truth and reconciliation we have added the 7 sacred teaching our bulldog of the month assembly. The 7 teachings have lessons around Truth, Respect, Love, Humility, courage, Wisdom and Honesty. The grade 7-9 Explorations class taught these topics to our k-6's. It was well received
- We are inviting families to come to our bulldog assemblies (started in october) \
- "Kindness Shout-outs" Is a new initiative started by our staff leadership committee. Any staff/guest at the school can submit a shout-out if they notice an act of kindness. We have recognized 20+ students to date.
- Fall sports were successful. We had Cross country, golf, and volleyball. Wrestling team is operating through the school week. There were 19 students participating in cross country and 4 who went to provincials. Kayley Carter (20th), Simon Beck (48th), Syrianna Desousa (63rd) and Elsa Laybolt (93rd). Girls volleyball team finished with a record of 3-3 and didn't advance to the provincials. The Boys Volleyball team finished 2-3 records and advanced to the provincials. There were two boys golf teams, no one advanced to the provincials. We had 4 girl golfers who all advanced to the provincials (Kayley Carter, Abbie Bell, Ally Myers and Milla Beck. Abbie was our top finisher with 5th place. The girls' scramble team won silver (Milla, Abbey, Ally).
- Home and School's first Halloween spooktacular was a success. There was lots of positive feedback. Thank you for all your hard work. Grade 9's raised 575\$, Thank you Tonia and Rose for the donation of popcorn maker, cinnamon rolls and donations.
- Grade 7/8 attended an Art Discovery Day and the Confederation Centre. Would home and school be willing to make a motion to cover the cost of bussing (Approx \$250) ***see New Business**
- The Earth rangers presentation was well received, students really enjoyed it
- Grade 9's participated in "take your kid to work day"
- Remembrance day assembly will be held Friday November 10th. (Time TBA, likely 10:30
- Bingo night is scheduled to go Friday November 10th from 6:30-8:30.
- We have two spirit days coming up November 7th is jersey day, November 14th is PJ day
- Parent teacher interviews are being held the week of November 20th-24th. We are using signupgenius.com again.
- Our christmas concert will be December 13th (strom day Dec 14th) at 6:30

- School clothing orders (this is not a fundraiser but more about school pride)

5. New Business

- **Motion:** To pay \$250 for bussing for the Art exploration day.

Motion to approve: Ben/Taliena

Home & School Concerns

- Grade 10 preparedness. Concerns raised about homework in the older grades. Should there be more? Are students who have graduated feeling like they were set up for success in grade 10/11/12? How can the school and parents support students better as they head into highschool?
- School Jerseys. Are there enough and are there smaller sizes for kids in grade 3 for cross country, Gymnastics etc. Sylvie to talk to Mr. Johnson.
- Is there a way to have bussing for sports. Could we possibly bus with Vernon River?

Fundraising Fall/Winter 2023

- The first pancake raffle was a success (\$500 superstore gift card). Home and School made \$500. We plan to run 2 more before christmas. The next one will be lululemon. Is there a way to do a local gift card package one.
- Bingo night is November 10th from 6:30-8:30. 5\$ per Bingo card or 3 for \$10. 50/50 1 for 2\$, 3 for \$5, or an arm length for \$10.
Items left to organize are as follows:
 - Advertisement (newsletter, community newsletter, Taliena to make a poster to send home with students and post at local businesses)
 - Lottery Licence
 - Canteen Donations and Supplies

Parent leadership Grant Program

- Application due Nov 30th 2023
- Belfast to run a family trivia night.

- Lynn/sylvie/caitlin to discuss and fill out application

Home & School Meeting Changes

- Tabled until the January Meeting. Home and school planning to do meetings including school staff every other month with just the executives meeting in between those meetings.

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer report

- Balance of home and school Account when Tracy took over on Sept 27th was \$3976.02
- Home and school membership fee of \$100 paid on the 27th via e transfer by Tracy and Debbie
- First pancake raffle ran from the 29th to the 10th. Home and school earned \$500. Cash was deposited via e transfers
- Service fee \$2.50 paid on October 23rd.
- Home and school spooktacular on Oct 26 was a success. We raised \$1123. Money was deposited Oct 30.
- Flip give has earned \$840
- Over total as of November 2nd is **\$5498.56 (this does not include flip give)**
- Lisa to be reimbursed for the tulip bulbs

7. Correspondence

- Home and school training workshops Nov 6/7
- Extra mile award nominations

8. Date of next meeting: January 18th 7pm

9. Adjournment Time: 8:29