

ROTHESAY ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lynn Flewwelling, President
Christina Crowdis, Vice President
April Vincent, Vice Principal
Jonathan Kierstead, Teacher Representative
Charlene Buckley, Secretary
Michelle London, Hot Lunch Coordinator
Meghan Sullivan Fudge, Treasurer
Laura Nolan, Safe Arrival Coordinator
Natalie Smith O'Neill, Library Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 AS READ PUT FORTH BY **CHRISTINA CROWDIS**. SECONDED BY **MICHELLE LONDON**. MOTION CARRIED.

LIBRARY

Looking for volunteers and a new library coordinator. Natalie can still help coordinate from home.
Action: Make a library checklist for volunteers.

FLUORIDE

No new business.

HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch cycle opens Wednesday, February 8th and closes the following week. The lunch program no longer accepts cash payments. If there is an issue you need to discuss, please contact the Home and School committee, thank you. We have raised \$516. so far with our Papa John's Family Pizza Night fundraiser!

SAFE ARRIVAL

We still are in need of volunteers for this program.

Action: Voicemail to be sent out requesting up-to-date contact information for RES families. If your child is absent please call and leave a quick message with Safe Arrival, thank you! If we don't receive a message, volunteers will call home and cell phone numbers to try and contact you. If you can't be reached they will leave a message requesting that you contact the school. This program is to ensure the safe arrival of our students and we thank you for your help.

FUNDRAISING

- Winter is here and that means mittens and hats go missing! Why not check out our **Mabel's Labels fundraiser**: RES earns 20% from every order! This is an ongoing fundraiser so be sure to check out Mabel's Labels for all the stuff that goes to school with the kids and sometimes doesn't make it back home!

- Discussion regarding the possibility of an **RES clothing fundraiser**. Action: Check out companies and get pricing. Determine whether it is possible to link through Home and School and pay online.
- Possible **Paddington Station Fundraiser**: 3% comes to RES for every purchase made at Paddington Station when you mention Rothesay Elementary School. We have discussed this possible fundraiser and decided to wait until next year before Christmas to make the most of it.
- **Stop & Shop event at RES**: We discussed the possible date of May 6th from 10am - 2pm. Vendor table would be \$25 per table. Action: Determine whether the school gym is available that day and contact district regarding use of tables.
- **Spring Basket fundraiser!** More information to come.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Meghan gave the Treasurer's report.

Available funds are \$17,128.29

Separate monies for Rothesay Community Park: \$2,300.88

PLAYGROUND

Any broken plaques will be replaced in the Spring along with doing general maintenance.

Action: Contact people regarding forming a playground subcommittee.

SCHOOL REPORT

- RES is completely totals for French Immersion student numbers for next year in order to determine how many French Immersion teachers are required.
- Sweetheart month! We have many exciting things going on at RES for Sweetheart Month at RES, including a Mystery Event! Bring in \$1 to take part and the surprise will be revealed! Please see the pink flyer sent home earlier this week for all the details.
- Grade 5 Intensive French has finished and the English component has begun.
- Mad Science begins at RES February 9th and runs for six weeks.
- February 24th is a professional development day for staff
- Grades 3 - 5 will complete the TTFM survey: Tell It For Me
- DARE - Constable Daley will be at RES discussing the importance of Internet Safety.
- RES has purchased two of the top brands of radio walkie talkies to do trial testing to determine which ones will work best for the school.
- Book Fair is coming up! Books will arrive March 27th and pick up day will be April 4th. Dates for the Book Fair to be announced soon.
- All Grade 4 classes will be participating in Harry Potter Day at RES! Date to be announced.

Upcoming requests from RES:

- Sweetheart month is coming up! Grade four classes to request funds toward supplies. The goal is to raise money toward a greenhouse.
- The music department requests \$500. for a grade 3 - 5 presentation, Unity Through Drumming, by Goatworks. This presentation allows students the opportunity to experience the culture of drums through learning sessions and demonstrations.
- I Pads for student learning and educational games. Need to check with I.T. for approval. Possible coding programs might be a subject of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** is next week beginning on Monday, February 13th. Let's show all our teachers and staff how much we appreciate all that they do!
- The position for President of the Home and School committee will be vacant starting next school year. If you have any interest in learning more about this position, please contact Lynn Flewwelling at lynnflewwelling@hotmail.com or attend one of our meetings for more information. Thank you.
- Home and School AGM takes place in April, 2017.
- Volunteer letter: to resend in February and follow up with potential RES volunteers.
- Create a suggestion box for teacher/student requests for the Home and School Committee.

MOTIONS

MOTION PUT FORTH BY **CHRISTINA CROWDIS** TO ALLOT \$500.00 FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: UNITY THROUGH DRUMMING. MOTION SECONDED BY **NATALIE SMITH O'NEILL**.

MOTION PUT FORTH BY **CHRISTINA CROWDIS** TO ALLOT \$100.00. FOR SWEETHEART MONTH SUPPLIES. MOTION SECONDED BY **MICHELLE LONDON**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting takes place Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:30pm.