**QES Home and School**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2015**

Present:

Cherie McMillan Rebecca Ross-Marr Shelley Butler

Carlene MacBean Kelly Barrieau Allison Savoy

Tara McGraw Kelly Prosser Rose Robinson

Nicole Townsend Kim Lanigan

Regrets:

Christy Bourque Julie Lundberg AJ Griffin

Monique Davis Jacqueline McDermott-Simpson

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm
2. **Welcome / Presidents Remarks**:

Carlene welcomed and thanked everyone for coming, especially new parents. The group went around and introduced themselves and their roles.

Members were reminded in order to be an effective group each member is asked to be:

* Respectful of others when they are speaking and expressing their opinion.
* In turn, the same is asked of those expressing themselves – to be respectful of the other members in attendance.

1. **Approval of Agenda / Additions:**

Moved by Allison and seconded by Shelley to approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Moved by Becka and seconded by Kelly to approve the previous minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

1. **Meet the Teacher Night:**

Thank you to everyone who came and a big thank you to our “alumni” (Elizabeth Lundberg, Breanna MacBean, Hannah McMillan, Emma Davis and Megan Craig) who handed out popsicles to the students at the end of the evening. It was well attended and nice to see everyone again after the summer vacation.

1. **New Brunswick Federation of Home & School Association:**
   1. **Why are we a member of NBFH&SA:**

Our Home & School Association is a member of the NBHFHSA as they advocate on behalf of all Anglophone Home & Schools in the province. They are on the committees of the Department of Education helping to shape both curriculum and priorities for New Brunswick schools. They are a volunteer, non-profit, non-partisan association made up of parents.

**6.2 Membership Registration ($5):**

Anyone who would like to become a voting member of the QES H&S committee pays a $5 registration fee. This money goes to the NBFH&SA to assist with their operation costs, so in fact you receive two memberships for the price of one.

The membership forms are available tonight to anyone who would like to fill one out or take it with them and return. You do not have to pay the registration to attend meetings or to be involved in the discussion but you are unable to vote.

* 1. **Request to be sent to PSSC for a representative:**

New member Kelly Prosser stated she is a member of PSSC and was willing to update the Home & School on PSSC.

* 1. **Home & School representative on PSSC:**

Kelly Barrieau stated she would check with Mrs. Creamer.

1. **New Business:**
   1. **Meeting Schedule:**

Due to so many members being absent it was decided to table until the next meeting.

**7.2 Library Funding Request:**

As the Chair of the Library Committee, Becka requested funding (approximately $195) for a set of 26 mats for the children to sit on in the library during story times. As KidZone no longer uses the library for their afterschool program (they have moved to one of the empty portables). Kelly Barrieau will check on the school policy for carpets / foam / outdoor carpets for use in student areas and let Becka know prior to the next meeting. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

1. **Unfinished Business:**
   1. **Ice Skating Update:**

Just an update to the class skating, we have booked four weeks at the Quispamsis Memorial Arena:

October 13, 14 & 15

October 20, 21 & 22

October 27, 28 & 29

November 3, 4 & 5

The skating schedule for each day has been worked out as:

9:00 – 9:45

9:45 – 10:30

Flood (15 minutes

10:45 – 11:30

11:30 – 12:15

The total cost of the ice time will be $4,680 which the Home & School will be paying this week. Part of the student fees ($5/student) has been designated for this.

1. **Chair Reports:**
   1. **Treasurer:**

Cherie reported she just needs to get the new bank card and resubmit the change of signature letter.

* 1. **Fundraising:**

Becka reported that Deborah Irvine-Anderson arranged an invite-only sale and she will donate the hostess items and use the party credit to purchase other items which she will donate to be put in a basket and raffled off prior to Christmas. Last year’s raffle raised over $1,400 for the school.

The Lamontagne campaign will be held in October with 50-75% of the price of each item being revenue for our school.

Nicole suggested Java Moose as a fundraiser. She will get more information and let Becka know.

The raffle for parking and front row seats for the Christmas concert last year raised a significant amount of money and was done by the school administration.

* 1. **Hot Lunch & Milk:**

Thank you to the Preceptor Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi (Hampton) for donating $200 to buy lunches for students on the subsidy list. Also, thank you to an anonymous donation of $500 to do the same. Thank you cards will be sent.

Shelley reported that the first order went well; it was a challenge getting the system up and running but worked out well in the end. There were 213 orders, with four subsidies (totalling $78). She did note that we will have to increase the cost of the grilled cheese on Friday to $2.25 as the cost of the sandwich has increased and the delivery fee went up from $6 to $8 a week.

Moved by Shelley and seconded by Becka to approve the increase in the price.

**CARRIED**

Shelley announced that there is now a donation button on the Cashless Schools site for anyone who wants to donate towards students lunches. At the end of the school year parents will be encouraged to move leftover amounts in their Cashless accounts to the donation account.

The first Milk order went well with a total of 170 orders and four subsidies. The price for milk will be increasing by $.50 to $10.50 starting the order opening November 2nd which will run from December 5th to January 25th. This is due to the recent milk board increase and we have not increased the milk price for a number of years, we absorbed the cost of the last increase a few years ago.

Moved by Shelley and seconded by Becka to approve the increase in the price.

**CARRIED**

* 1. **Playground:**

Carlene reported the new piece of equipment was put in over the summer and the students love it! The warranty work on the other pieces of equipment has been completed by Fundy Fencing.

There has been some minor vandalism done to the new piece of equipment and to the new buddy bench so a request has been made and approved by the Kennebecasis Valley Regional Police Force to add our playground to their regular patrol route.

The Playground Committee will be meeting next week.

1. **Adjourned:**

Becka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

**Date for Next Meeting:** A notice will be sent out for the next meeting.

Notes taken by C. MacBean