**QES HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:30pm**

**Present:** Kelly Prosser Cherie McMillan Kim Lanigan

Kristi Young Kelly Barrieau

Carlene MacBean Mark Blucher

**Regrets:** Becka Ross-Marr Deb Irvine-Anderson Tara McGraw

**1.0 Call to order** at 6:35pm.

**2.0 Welcome**

Carlene welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our new principal, Mark Blucher, introduced himself and is looking forward to working with everyone, see what we all do and ready to listen to suggestions for the school.

**3.0 Additions to Agenda**

None

**Approval of agenda**

Moved by Cherie McMillan seconded by Kim Lanigan, to approve the agenda with the following additions:

5.1 Winter Fun Day (Hot Chocolate & Volunteers)

6.2 Water Fountain Update

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Moved by Kim Lanigan and seconded by Cherie McMillan to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2018.

**CARRIED**

Update: Barb Creamer truly appreciated the gift card from The Potting Shed from the Home & School on her retirement.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Winter Fun Day (Hot Chocolate & Volunteers)**

The Annual QES Winter Fun Day will take place the last Friday before March Break (March 2nd) and the Home & School Association will once again be providing the hot chocolate for the stations. We use the Carnation Five Ingredient mix. Anyone who can volunteer is welcome to be at the school gym for 9am.

**6.0 Unfinished Business:**

**6.1 Playground: Slide/Climber Quotes/Inquiry; Playground Accessibility**

**Path Quotes (ie. ground matting vs gravel)**

Upon discussion it was decided that the slides we are going to quote on will be metal and we will request a “rumble strip” on the straight one (similar to one at Rothesay Elementary). We will also quote on the octagon climber, however; this will be our third priority with the accessibility path throughout the playground being our second priority.

The accessibility path, the matting option would cost approximately $25,000 just with a straight path from the pavement to the walking path behind the school. A gravel path would be significantly cheaper, be less of a trip hazard for students and staff, we could create the path in whatever shape we want and the maintenance would be as easy as a rake. Upon discussion it was decided that a gravel path that snaked throughout the playground (around the edges of the fall areas specified around each piece of equipment) would provide more opportunity for students with accessibility issues to be a part of the playground.

Kelly B. will check with the District (Blair Dickson) to determine whether such a plan would be approved by the District and we can then come up with a plan and funding. The finish on the walkway would be the same as for the walking trail.

**6.2 Water Fountain Proposal for Funding**

Kelly B. updated that she has spoken to District (Blair Dickson) and after April 1st he will get both fountains installed at once.

**6.3 Grade 5 T-Shirts**

Carlene is waiting for confirmation on pricing and colours from the company, will get forms prepped and ready to send home to parents. As we did last year, the Home & School Association will be providing each Grade 5 student a t-shirt which will have all of the Grade 5 students signatures (and a special surprise) on the back.

**7.0 Chair Reports:**

**7.1 Treasurer**

Cherie reviewed the monthly statements and a copy has been attached to these minutes for record.

**7.2 Staff Appreciation**

Looking for a Coordinator for this. We will be doing staff appreciation the week of April 23rd. It was discussed having the staff luncheon that the Home & School hosts on Wednesday of that week as it is only a half day for students. This would allow all of the staff to eat together

**7.3 Fundraising**

CALENDAR - Kelly P. is still working on a workable file to share for the fundraising calendar, she has Fall as her deadline for this.

MOVIE – Mark offered to check availability of the gym, would like to do one before the end of the year.

COOKIES (Otto Spunkmeyer) – Kelly P. has stuffed the order forms in the teacher boxes and they will be going home in the next few days.

DQ – will sell certificates in April.

Thirty-One Bags – Kelly P. is taking another look at their fundraising options as they have changed.

QUISPAMSIS LIONS “Chase the Ace” – Kristi offered to check with them to see if we could be a recipient.

**7.4 Hot Lunch & Milk**

Kim reported that the numbers look great and better than the month before. The counting night will be Wednesday, February 21 in the Staff Room due to the holiday on Monday, February 19.

**7.5 Playground**

Was dealt with under 6.1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018.