



## Quispamsis Elementary Home & School

### General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Call to Order:** Meeting is called to order by Andrea Fenwick at 7:07

The minutes from the previous general meeting were provided for review. All was in order.

Due to the guest appearance from the Old Tyme diner providing samples to the group, we started the meeting with **Hot Lunch** menu choices and reviewed their food suggestions.

Additional information:

- Bags are packed per classroom.
- Pancakes, Mac n Cheese and / or Lunchable with buns note: it was suggested that parents send toppings.... (i.e. fruit, syrup, etc.) with the child.
- Made to suit the dietary requirements of the district.
- Pancakes are wrapped in paper and then wrapped in newspaper to keep them warm.

It was unanimous that the lunch options were very good! The samples were very well received. We've agreed that we will rotate the options on a monthly basis. (i.e. pancakes, make n' cheese)

Shonna made a motion to put 'floating Fridays' on the lunch order and rotate the options of pancakes and mac n' cheese for September and October respectively and then review the sales with Tammy (Hot lunch coordinator) in November. Seconded by Deborah Irvin Anderson. Motion carried.

**Fundraising** - Lamontagne vs. Cookie Dough: Laura made a motion to purchase from Lamontagne again this year and still have a Cookie Dough campaign before Christmas as well. Seconded by Shonna. Motion carried.

**Play Place** - Christy made a motion to re-allocate the order of the Play Place phases and spend raised funds on phase three first (green space development) due to the new K-5 school construction in the district which will involve removing the portables from the back of QES. Seconded by Laura. Motion Carried. Barb to investigate the development at Island View School and share her findings with the group by email.

**New Business:** Deborah Irvine-Anderson provided an update from the Committee for the new K-5 School. They met a few weeks ago to discuss the adjacencies plan. The Department of Education is working with their architect / engineer to determine the adjacencies. This will be used to develop the spec. for the building tender. All the dimensions have to be pre-determined; size of resource room, location, and placement of bathrooms, break out areas, performing center, gymnasium, etc... The school will be designed for 350 children and is aiming to open September 2015. The only caveat to that



would be in the event that the district doesn't received the necessary cash flow. This provincial budget has advanced money for planning phase. The Next fiscal budget in April, 2014 will have to include the monies to build the school. The committee is proceeding with the expectation that it will be allotted. Deborah did note that this committee lacks any political will of the people. She senses that there are some very faithful and loyal families that like the status quo however she is confident once built, the school will be a tremendous asset to the community. It will be state of the art and very beautiful. Traffic continues to be a concern. The school is designed to optimize the space and keep the younger children away from the older children. The middle school will have a new playground built further from the school. Some trees will be cut down and reduce the natural buffer zone onto Aldridge.

**Election of Executive:** At this time, Andrea introduced herself and asked all the members of the Home and School committee to introduce themselves. All the open positions were filled by current members of the executive with the exception of communications. This position is being filled by a new member, Becka Ross-Marr. [aamarr@live.ca](mailto:aamarr@live.ca).

Note ~ Stephanie Valcour will hold her position as Treasurer until the end of the school year. She will be moving in June. At that time we will be looking for a new treasurer. Stephanie suggested we contact Cindy Jenkins. She has two children at the school and expressed in interest in getting involved. Laura has agreed to reach out to Cindy Jenkins. Stephanie commented that we may have to change the bank deposits, etc. as Cindy works in town. Andrea agreed to work on making a few changes to the activities involved with the position.

**June 6 – Open House – Retirements.** We have three retirements happening this year. The open house is from 4-6pm. normally the school uses their joy and sorrow fund to draw from when paying for events such as this. They collect \$40 from every staff member every yr. The fund has specific criteria as to who gets a gifts, etc... i.e. each of the retirees will get a \$300 parting gift. However because there are three individuals retiring this year it anticipated that there will be a very large open house. The teachers have agreed to support the open house with an additional \$10 each this year. In addition Barb and Shonna have asked the Home and School for some monetary support. Christy made a motion to augment the joy and sorrow fund and assist with the cost of the open house by \$500. Monique seconded. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the Home and School will give a parting gift to Janet. Andrea agreed to pick up a card we can all sign. Maureen and Shonna to get quotes for the gift idea.



**Grade 5 graduation.** The date for this is June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Grad t-shirts are red.

There are 81 students this year.

The home and School will provide Pizza and water for the grad class party. Andrea will coordinate that.

**Fundraising:**

Community Yard Sale on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

A sign up schedule has been provided by Carlene. The sheets will be placed on the office door in the school. If anyone wants to provide Bake Sale items we ask that they are packaged in trays of 6.

Christy to see about getting Java Moose coffee for the event.

**Additional Business:**

**Lyndsay Hutton Award** – Grade 5 school spirit award. Each teacher can select a student anonymously and provide the submissions to Home & School. Barb will provide the submissions as well as a recommendation to the Home and School by Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. H&S is to review the submissions and make a decision by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**D.A.R.E.** – Andrea made a motion to give \$750 to the DARE program. Seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.

**Thank you Cards** Shonna is to order 250 ‘kindness’ thank you cards @ \$.10ea. from Costco.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.