

Home and School Meeting

November 30, 2015

Attending: B. Keyes, D. Ripley, Shannon Golding, Amanda Winchester, Natalie Folster, Stephanie Hutt

Updates:

Library – Amanda

Things going well; enough volunteers thus far, some days have only 1 helper vs. 2; books are getting shelved; students in grade 5 helping at lunch (checking in and out; minor re-shelving); scholastic credit purchases made – a few new books.

Book Fair went well overall; sales were down a bit from last book fair. This time parents could only use cash no debit as no machine was available.

Hot Lunch – Nancy sent updates – new nuggets from Papa John's going over well with students who have tried them.

Tutoring – Beth reported that tutoring is now done for the fall session. It went very well overall; students benefitted and teachers were supportive. Students had good reports of their tutoring sessions as well; Home and School will offer a second session of 6 weeks in the Winter term.

Finances – teacher grants currently getting processed; not all teachers took advantages of the grant offer. Mr. Ripley said he donated his \$250 to the family who was burned out recently – no receipt available for this but he stated that he would like that to be his grant purchase (the house fire impacted a Grade 2 and a Grade 5 student and the school is working on collecting donations for them now – boys need clothes and family needs pillows, bedding, dressers).

Float – Shannon and her team did a great job and cleaned up everything at school! Cost was only \$67. Great effort by these volunteers!!!

Movie Night – Shelley updated via email that movie night went very well, and they made some profit from the event (amount not yet finalized).

School updates:

- Vendor sale went well, with a profit noted by those in attendance (approximately \$1000)
- There will be a Draw for front row seats for the xmas concert
- Xmas breakfast dec 17th; helpers welcome!! We will donate juice boxes or money towards fruit trays
- Food bank – wrapping Lakefield in kindness – food items lined up around school
- Santa's workshop next week – all set and ready to go
- *Tell them for me survey* – grade 4 & 5 students – their views on the school, their teachers interacting with them, bullying, etc. David included question on playground – what would you like to see added? Results available after Christmas!!

- Mme Pusch taking up collections for refugees in partnership with YMCA; storing all in one of the portables for January
- Hoodie sale wrapped up & order placed today
- Career Fair went very well this year; lots of hands-on activities and demos
- Last day of school before Christmas, Dec 18th is a full day this year!!!
- Christmas concerts all set to run on Dec. 8th & 10th at 11:30 am

Other:

- Asked about therapy dog for Isaac (training currently in place should be ready for school next year)
- General comfort dogs – Stephanie knows someone who has dogs used with seniors for comfort; David was thinking of having a dog present most days for regular comfort opportunities...she will check into it
- Kids from QES have settled in well overall as have parents
- Student Led activities start in January (Jan-March break)
- Still need someone to take recycling regularly – David will ask Mr. Kelley to take a load tomorrow after school to help out as the pile is overflowing.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by B. Keyes