

Lakefield Home and School Meeting

October 27, 2014

In attendance: Natasha Doucet, David Ripley, Andrea Skedgel, Nancy Hossack; Beth Keyes; Natacha Gillis

Updates:

Hot Lunch –there was follow-up discussion from the last meeting regarding a second option one day a week (a healthier/fresher option). Nancy indicated that this is still a possibility, although she has concerns over the ability of smaller establishments or independent caterers to provide these healthier lunches on a regular basis and to also guarantee delivery as needed. She said she will check with Nela's kitchen to see if they could be a reliable supplier for this type of option. Currently Hot Lunch orders and processing are going well. Nancy noted that the secretary used to order the milk but she is out long-term, so Nancy will check into taking over this order each week to ensure milk is received and delivered on time.

Treasurer – no updates **The committee is looking for someone to take over the job of treasurer. *If any parent is interested in volunteering for this role, please contact Beth Keyes or Haley Green.*

Float – Melissa (parent volunteer from the first meeting in September), has not gotten in touch with any of us as yet regarding the float (she had expressed an interest in organizing the float this year). Andrea was in attendance and indicated that the deadline for registering a float in the parade is November 7th, so we need to see if we can get things organized in time to enter. She noted that several items needed replacement, and new materials would need to be purchased this year. She asked how much of a budget we had for this, and Beth noted that likely a maximum of \$500 would be available. David agreed to have Mike send out a talk-mail seeking volunteers for this project immediately. Andrea expressed an interest in putting a team together to work on building a float again this year.

Tutors – Beth and David reported that the tutors from UNBSJ are now in place, and several students from grades 3, 4 & 5 are receiving tutoring after school. There were no students in K-2 put forward for tutoring, but David believed a few students in Grade 1 were pending.

Book Fair – there will be a book fair the week of Home Reports (November 12 & 13th). Michele and Natacha will need extra help setting up the book fair this year due to the fact that the books will be arriving in boxes (vs. the portable shelving units). There is also no portable debit machine coming with the books, which may impact sales. We will need to ensure that parents are aware of the need to bring cash or cheques to the book fair this fall. David is checking into a few options for use of debit for the book fair. There was a brief discussion on the possible use of a "square reader" to use for payments, which will be explored further.

Santa's Workshop – materials are being gathered for Santa's Workshop (occurs in December). It was not known what the overall budget has been for the purchases for this event thus far, but an updated total will be requested and brought forward at the next meeting.

School Activities:

Citrus Sale fundraiser – David reported that he is overseeing this, and noted that this event will run from the weeks of Oct 31-Nov 14th, with pick up of the orders happening on December 6th at the school.

Scholastic Credits – 12 teachers have taken advantage of our offer to purchase their items from Scholastic Catalogues using our credit with that company. David is coordinating these orders.

House Teams are all up and running. The first House Team event just wrapped up (be Proactive). These will continue throughout the year.

There will be an Off-Site evacuation practice this week, when all the students are evacuating off the property and walked up the road to a safer spot (St Marks church or QMS). The school also practiced their lock-down procedures this past week.

Career Fair – the Career fair will be held at the school next week, and David invited more parents to present in sessions as there were still open spots available.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by B. Keyes