**Meeting Minutes**

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| **Meeting Name:** | Gibson-Neill Memorial Elementary School Home & School Association |
| **Date:** | Monday, September 17th, 2018 **(next meeting 1st October, 2018)** |
| **Where/when** | 6:00P – 7:00P, in the GNMES “Den” |

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **This year’s Executive committee and introduction to what the H&S does** |
| **UPDATE** | Shelley Wood – chair - returningCat O’Connell-Cooper – secretary - returning Suellen Stickles- treasurer - incomingKrista Hicks – social media wizard - returning |
|  | The main aim of the H&S is to help improve the school life and the experience that children have – through social events (movie nights, Howlfest), cultural events (the extra things!, such as field trips and visiting bands, authors etc.), and to make sure that every child can take part in such activities by fundraising and contributing as much as possible to the cost of such activities. H&S also contributes to equipment (such as the donation to the Track and Field; risers bought in 2017; contribution to the playgrounds when GNMES opened) which can help facilitate social events and childrens’ school experience.Meetings 1st Monday of month, where possible – upcoming meetings are listed below, and on the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Gibson-Neill-Home-School-Association-285402174885338/](file:///C%3A/Users/holtjula/Downloads/www.facebook.com/Gibson-Neill-Home-School-Association-285402174885338/)Minutes etc are on the GNMES H&S page:For a recap of last years activities, see the summary at the end of this Minutes; the full report is available on the GNMES website <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/GNMES/Pages/HomeandSchool.aspx>.  |

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **School Update: General**  | **Sherry Norton-Graham** |
| **UPDATE** | * Policy 711 update – right now, “special events” are allowed as before – the policy will be reviewed over the next year (post-election Sept 2018).
* 655 students, 19 educational assistants, 2 admin assistants, 5 custodians, 45 educational staff (teachers, librarian, administrators, EAL, First Nations, SIW, numeracy & literacy leads
* We had two concerts during Harvest Jazz and Blues by Dan Doiran, Sept 13th
* Two authors week of 17th-21st Sept: author/illustrator Nathasha Pilotte spoke to Grade 4-5 French immersion classes; Paul McAllister read from his new book “Cornelius’s Conundrum” to Anglophone students
* Track update – some modifications to the plan were made, which will now go to tender this Fall – work will hopefully begin before the snow, if not, in the Spring
* Popcorn sales (QSP popcorn – passes 711 nutritional guidelines) on order – will start to be sold next week hopefully – 2 days a week, 4 flavours – funds go towards Track, as per before
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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **Fundraising discussion**  | **Shelley Wood** |
| **UPDATE** | * Main fundraiser will be **Howlfest** again this year – **Oct 27th, 2018, 4-6 pm** – our next meeting Oct 1st will focus on this one; likely a second logistics meeting, potentially Oct 15th
* The other main fundraiser from last year (Pizza) may be allowed - $20 per coupon – would be run in early December if allowed – some complaints last year that people didn’t know about the expiry date – would definitely need to clarify that this year

Ongoing fundraisers:* **Popcorn** sales at school, 2 days a week – goes towards the Track
* **Canadian Tire money** – you don’t need a card to do this, use the school phone number 453-4529
* **Flip-Give** – when you buy online, you can sign into the Flipgive account for GNMES, no cost to you, a donation will be given to your chosen fundraiser. https://www.flipgive.com/teams/75039-gibson-neill-track

We asked for fundraising ideas over the past few weeks, and got lots of ideas, including:* Flour Mill; ADL cheese; Halifax Citruses – no real details on these ones yet
* Silent online auction; book sale; bottle drive – labour intensive – **Lorna** will talk to the northside bottle depot about setting up a GNMES account so people can just drop there directly
* Cook book – each student brings in recipe and pictures – we liked this idea, but felt it was logistically challenging for a school with >670 students
* Family fun night – DJ has offered his service – could do a Christmas babysitting service, glo-party
* Movie night - not a very good fundraiser for effort involved; however, people felt that these are a important part of the GNMES social year, a community event
* Chase the Ace – This one needs a lot of organization, to be done correctly, and is a bit of a gamble – we need to put up the initial starting prize (e.g., $2000) – but if it runs for enough weeks, the return could be significant. We would need a lottery license – **Shelley** will talk to K.Richard, who has some additional information on how this would work We would need a central location to sell tickets (rather than individuals selling, open to problems) – could partner with a local venue to sell tickets (e.g., St Marys, Cannons Cross, Picaroons). People at the meeting will talk to their contacts, see if we can find a good location. Volunteers would also be needed weekly (ticket sales etc.)
* Christmas trees – **Samantha** will talk to someone about getting a discount on trees, or doing a deal on trees selling them at GNMES, and then he would give an amount (e.g., $5 per tree) to us
* Pumpkins – **Jen** will talk to Moxons – could give a discount if we pre-order? (1st week of October)
* Veggie bags/boxes – surprise hit from last year, lots of interest in redoing this one (bags cost $30, we got $9). **Jen** is checking with local sources (Hayes Farms, Strawberry Hill). Last campaign was run through Moncton company.
* Avon – **Suellen** had details on this – we could do a single type of product, e.g., bubble bath, bath bombs – apparently have been very successful in other schools
* Aroma Maya Coffee bags – emailed to GNMES, Nova Scotia company. Bags cost $10, we get what ever we charge on top, 4 flavours, plus seasonal specialty coffees (pumpkin etc). Minimum order is 30 bags. For every 100 bags sold, Aroma Maya will donate an additional $50 to your school. Turn around is two weeks, shipping is free.
* Epicure – **Suellen** had details on this – There are $20-$25 combo choices; seller will give 40% on what ever we make. These are ordered online directly, so H&S wouldn’t have to deal with money
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|  | We are looking into the Christmas trees, pumpkins and Chase the Ace options for the next meeting.Jen is looking into the Veggie box details.**Movie night** will be 16th November – The Incredibles 2Howlfest – October 27, 2018, 4-6 pm – planning at next meeting October 1st |

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| **Next Meeting(s) -:H&S meeting** |
| **Date:** | First Monday of the month – 1st October, 2018, 6-7 pm, at GNMES |

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| **Attendance 17th September, 2017** |  |  |
| Kyla Brewer | Joanne Boucher | Candice and Tom | Mayat Gani |
| Angela Hood | Lorna King | Jen Mabie | Amy Neal |
| Sherry Norton Graham | Cat O’Connell-Cooper (secretary) | Suellen Stickles (treasurer) | Heather Theriault |
| Dawn VanWart | Jody Ward | Samantha Wood | Shelley Wood (chair) |

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| **Upcoming meetings – usually first Monday of the month, 6-7 pm in the Den at GNMES** |
| Date\*\*\* | Probable focus for the meeting |
| 17th Sept, 2018 | Welcome to the H&S, fundraisers for the coming year etc. |
| 1st Oct, 2018 | HowlFest planning, fundraising etc |
| 15th October, 2018 | HowlFest planning – date to be confirmed |
| 5th Nov, 2018 | Fundraising, movie night, pizza coupons, Tree lighting |
| 3rd Dec, 2018 | ? |
| 14th Jan, 2019 | Winter fundraiser – aimed for Feb to April |
| 4th Feb, 2019 | Staff Appreciation week planning |
| 11th March, 2019 | ? |
| 1st April, 2019 | ? |
| 6th May, 2019 | ? |
| 3rd June, 2019 | Grade 5 celebration |

\*\*\*Dates might change, e.g., meetings are cancelled on SnowDays.

The Gibson Neill H&S Facebook page has scheduled the meetings for the coming year as events, so you can join these “events” and get notifications if they change

<https://www.facebook.com/Gibson-Neill-Home-School-Association-285402174885338/>

From HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION END OF YEAR REPORT 2017/2018

Full report available at <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/GNMES/Pages/HomeandSchool.aspx>:

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| **ACTIVITIES WE WERE INVOLVED WITH 2017/2018:**GNMES Community events and family fun* + **Corn boil** – H&S provides rolls and water for the annual start of year Corn Boil
	+ **Howl Fest** – annual GNMES Halloween Family Fun Night – our biggest event of the year
	+ GNMES 4rd Annual **Christmas Tree lighting** – H&S organized hot chocolate and cookies after the tree lighting event.
	+ **Movie nights** – Two movie nights - “Despicable Me 3” and “Emoji Movie”

School improvements* + H&S is involved in the fundraising for the new **Track and Field** at GNMES

Health and Wellness* + Athletics and Play
		- **Ice-skating** - Grade 3 – a chance to learn/improve ice-skating skills
		- **Downhill Skiing** - Grade 4 – introduction to skiing - Crabbe Mountain

Appreciation and recognition of our GNMES staff and students:* + **Staff Appreciation Week** – a chance to give back to our wonderful community of teachers, administrative staff, custodians, bus drivers at GNMES – from cookies and coffee to a hot lunch
	+ **Grade 5 celebration trip to Greenhill Lake** – during the last week of school, a celebration of the end of the school year, in advance of Graduation from elementary school later in the week.
	+ **Coyote Kid Home and School Award** –an award presented to two students who have contributed to the culture of the school and regularly shows their greatness.

Education – H&S supports field trips and school events which aim to enrich our students’ experiences, focusing on literature, science and history;* **Grades 3-5** - Spring concert “The Lion King” – post concert treats
* **Grades K-2** - (and their Grade 5 mentors) end of year Field Day – treats and other supplies
* **Grade 2** - end of year trip to Mactaquac and the Beaver Pond – transportation costs
* **Grade 3** - end of year trip to the NB Provincial Museum and Irving Nature Park) – transportation
* **Grade 3** - Agriculture in the Classroom course at the Ville – contribution to cost
* **Grade 5** - end of year celebration at Green Hill Lake; post-graduation celebration at the school
* **All Grades** - attended performance of “Herman’s Tale” by Theatre New Brunswick (TNB)
* **All Grades** - two concerts by Roland Bibeau – teaching French through singing
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| **FUNDRAISING:** To allow H&S to support activities within the school, we have fundraising activities that run across the year.* HowlFest, Pizza Delight fundraiser; Movie Nights; Popcorn sales; Vegetable Boxes
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