



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Minutes – Tuesday, Sept 21, 2021

6:30 pm – Microsoft Teams

Present: Rebekah Thompson, Alex Yaychuk, Samantha Robichaud, Amanda Williams, Hannah Steeves-Carney, Julie Werner, Jennifer Sutherland-Green, Lily Smallwood, Cheyenne Dickinson, Heather Cairns, Marie Knott, Kelcie Rutledge, Jenn Hartland, Robyn Kenney, Amy White, Stephanie Babin

Regrets: Andy Han

- **Welcome & Introductions** – Amanda welcomed the group & introductions made
- **Board of Executives:**
 - **Co-Presidents** – Amanda Williams & Hannah Steeves-Carney
 - **Secretary** – Rebekah Thompson
 - **Treasurer** – Andy Han
 - **Hot Lunch Coordinator** – Jennifer Sutherland Green
 - **Day Time Coordinator** – Julie Werner
 - **Night Time Coordinator** – Cheyenne Dickinson (1st Julie Werner; 2nd Amanda)
 - **Outdoor Garden Coordinator** – Lily Smallwood
- **Scott's Nursery Fundraiser** – Julie Werner
 - Gift card fundraiser was a success
 - Cheque ready for us tomorrow for \$602
 - Julie spoke with them about Christmas – last year we were the top school for fundraisers so there will be more options this year for us. They will email all the info for this to Julie by the end of this week
- **Test Drive Event**
 - Nissan has low inventory and can't do this Fall; may be able to do it in the Spring
 - Rebekah spoke with Wood Motors – also unable to do this right now but willing to help with other fundraising efforts (ie donations for silent auction)
- **Treasurer's Report (Andy – not present)**
 - Current balance: \$21,727.25
 - Outstanding expenses: \$12,400

- Funds reserved: \$4,000
- \$5,327.25 in uncommitted funds

- **Hot Lunch (Jennifer)**
 - Flyer went out this afternoon for Pizza Delight hot lunch – 3 choices.
 - Will start Oct 5th
 - Do we need an option for ‘no cheese’? Jennifer will check with Mrs. G
 - Starting with one day per week (Tuesdays) and will try to get 2 days going eventually.
 - Other options: Papa John’s, Bagels (not well received last year), Fadi’s (good food but had issue with cutlery)
 - Last year worked with as few volunteers as possible, this year may be allowed to have more volunteers. Will likely need more volunteers (will need to be double vaccinated). Many volunteers available to help with this! 30-60 minute time commitment.

- **Teacher needs/wants**
 - 22 teachers, 9 EAs , 1 librarian– will budget \$100 each for supplies for their classrooms (total \$3,200) – approved by H&S – 1st Cheyenne; 2nd Amanda
 - GAGA box for playground – octagon shape, rolling dodgeball, safe, self-run game that can be played all year round. We can get materials and build them ourselves. (Potentially build 2?). Would cost ~\$1,500 to build 2. Kelcie’s husband and Julie’s husband (and others) are able to help build. Marie would like to donate funds towards this project to cover all expenses. Accessibility – used step on outside for smaller kids to be able to get in and play or put hinged door on
 - Gym wall, replacing wooden wall with new flat and projector for future – going to get quotes for several options and will present to H&S
 - Ukeleles for music room – currently have 7. Long & McQuade will offer discount (\$30-\$40 for cheaper ones, \$50-\$60 for more expensive ones...difference is in maintenance of strings). Would like to have a class set (biggest class ~24 students). Would be looking to get 15-17 more. Will check with Tony’s as well. Cost ~\$850. Need quote. H&S approval for \$1,000 – 1st Cheyenne, 2nd Lily.
 - Halloween prizes and/or treat bags – will elicit some donations from parents (ie K-2 chocolate and candy, 3-5 chips) and H&S would get the treat bags and put them together (300+ bags). Keep it a surprise from the kids. Kids can wear a costume. Outdoor garden club could set up cauldron with hot apple cider, fun Halloween story. Hannah to buy treat bags off Amazon.
 - iPads – no specific number given. Would benefit from having iPads for all kids (long term goal). Cheyenne has a couple iPads to donate if this is allowed.

- **Playground Needs**
 - Alex getting quotes to have playground pavement and basketball court painted. May also be able to tap into grant money as well. Someone coming over Thursday this week to talk about options

- Playground equipment still needs to be painted – will try to do right away or may need to wait until Spring
- Replacement of net wall on the yellow play structure
- Quote on fixing broken swings
- Gazebo – needs to be fixed/re-shingled

- **Fundraising**
 - **BAZAAR – Dec 4th (date to be confirmed)**
 - Silent Auction (needs to be live for a couple days) – Amy White, Hannah, Cheyenne, Marie (all to help canvas and start early)
 - Theme baskets – Rebekah, Sam
 - Family movie night
 - Sports (didn't go well last year so will leave out)
 - Chocolate lovers
 - Arts and crafts
 - Candy
 - Snow day survival kit
 - Christmas wrapping
 - Coffee/Tea
 - Scott's nursery
 - Santa's Workshop
 - Will do over 2 days during school time; set up in the gym
 - Kids buy gifts for parents that they pick out on own
 - Parents can donate items or donate money and H&S will go shopping
 - Acorn – Amy (will do in Spring)
 - Chapter's Night – Amanda (not allowing in-person fundraising but if this changes, they will call us. We can still do online ordering. Booked in for the evening of Dec 1st in person if able)
 - Coffee
 - Test Drive – Julie
 - Mabels Labels – Rebekah (will send any promotional posters to Alex to include in weekly memo every couple months)
 - Raffle Tickets (need lottery licence)
 - New ideas – Amy has a list of ~30 other basket ideas to consider. She will send out via email. Cheyenne – lip balms (will send out info via email to H&S)

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm**

Submitted by Rebekah Thompson

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