



# GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

**Minutes – Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**6:30 pm – Garden Creek School Library**

**Present:** Alex Yaychuk, Rebekah Thompson, Hannah Steeves-Carney, Lily Smallwood, Julie Werner, Stella Park, Stephanie Babin, Ellen Thompson, Andy Han, Marie Knott, Jacqueline Saunders, Diane Dealy, Jennifer Kelly-Milner, Amy White, Amy Kindervater, Amanda, Holly MacPherson, Ashley Counsell

**Regrets:** Cheyenne Dickinson

- **Welcome** (Hannah)
- **Confirm Home and School Executive**
  - The following confirmed in their current positions:
    - Hannah Steeves-Carney (Pres.)
    - Rebekah Thompson (V. Pres)
    - Andy Han (Treasurer)
    - Ellen Thompson (Secretary)
    - Julie Werner (Event Coordinator – Day)
    - Cheyenne Dickinson (Event Coordinator – Night)
    - Lily Smallwood (Outdoor/Garden Coordinator)
- **Halloween at the Creek**
  - The school plans to have something again this year, similar to last year. No date confirmed yet. Volunteers will be needed to pack up treats in advance. An email will be sent to all parents to request treat donations. More details to come after this week.
  - Haunted “Creepy Creek” school idea (community event/fundraiser) to be considered/discussed further for 2023. To be added to May 2023 agenda. Mr. Yaychuk to discuss with staff.
- **Recycling Bin**
  - Discussion re: returning to past practice of having volunteers (parents) from classes sort and collect recyclables and keep money raised for their class. Mr. Yaychuk advised that the money raised from recyclables is currently being donated to help out a former staff person.

- TBD/further discussed: what will happen going forward. Potential for a project to be established for students to sort and money go to their classes and/or the Lilypad Legacy Project.
- **Movie Nights**
  - Discussion re: how this event ran in the past – four times per year, popcorn and water sold for \$1 and gummies for 50 cents.
  - Agreed will resume movie nights for 2022/23 school year. Andy will secure movie license. First movie night will be Friday, October 28.
  - Popcorn and water for \$1 and gummies for 50 cents (tentative). Cheyenne to explore option of buying candy in bulk from Candyland to sell for profit. Admission by donation.
  - Movie TBD.
- **Fundraising**
  - Discussed and agreed that goal will be to maximize fundraising opportunities so that we do not fatigue parents/those donating.
  - **Acorn Cards, Eclair Lips** (prices up to \$9/unit), **Socks, Harvest** (through Dept. of Ag., Aqua & Fisheries)
    - Decided not to pursue these options this year
  - **Chapters Fundraiser**
    - No longer available
  - **Scott's Nursery**
    - Will go ahead as usual
  - **Coffee Fundraiser**
    - Agreed will go ahead with selling coffee as fall fundraiser. This will be the only fundraiser before the Holiday Bazaar.
    - Options:
      - VanHoutte – k-cups only. \$6 profit on 24 pack (sells for \$22)
      - Milltown – bags (beans or ground) – they require \$10 off the bag and we can mark it up to whatever we want (they suggest \$5). Can be personalized with school logo, design made by a student, etc. Or Milltown can put their own logo on it and we can pick the name for the coffee. No flavoured options – 3 choices: light, medium, dark
      - Java Moose – they charge \$6.50 for bag (smaller bag than Milltown) and they recommend to sell for \$10. They also offer K-cups. 12 cups per bag and they recommend to sell for \$10. Flavoured options and regular.
      - Piccadilly coffee
    - \*\* Note: above prices based on last year quotes – need to confirm.\*\*
    - Julie to inquire and choose best options. Will contact Java Moose and see if they can do logo/unique name.
  - **Holiday Bazaar**
    - Will be held November 26<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Amanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stella)

- October 4<sup>th</sup> – subcommittee meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Amanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lily)
- **Financial Report (Andy)**
  - \$4500 in available funds (after move license).
  - Historically, have allocated \$100 per teacher and EA per year and H&S would reimburse them for any out-of-pocket expenses.
  - Mr. Yaychuk noted that the District has allocated more per child this year than they have in the past. Teachers/EAs are therefore in a better position to cover consumables this year than they have been in the past. This money from District is on top of the \$60 parents pay in student fees.
  - Decided not to allocated \$100 per teacher and EA this year but teachers to be told they can come to us with requests for specific things (i.e. by request, but not automatic allocation).
- **Lily Pad Update**
  - Marie, Amy and Alex spear-heading Lilypad Legacy Project.
  - Target goal for raising funds in next few months is \$110,000 by January then \$120,000-125,000 by February. That gets us within \$45,000-50,000 of our current goal to request from corporate businesses and District. Hope to get to \$175,000 by end of fiscal year. Federal Gov't will double our fundraising efforts (excluding the money the District put in).
  - Donations are tax deductible.
  - First \$175,000 will fix the grounds. Second \$175,000 will be for equipment.
- **Teacher Needs/Wants**
  - None at this time.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm**

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Submitted by Ellen Thompson

Garden Creek Home & School Association