



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Minutes – Tuesday, January 19, 2021

6:30 pm – Microsoft Teams

Present: Rebekah Thompson, Katherine Campbell, Samantha Robichaud, Amanda Williams, Andy Han, Julie Werner, Ellen Oakes Thompson, Jennifer Sutherland-Green, Amy White, Adebola A, Mme Perry, Lily Smallwood

Regrets: Cheyenne, Jodie

- **Welcome Back!**
- **Adopt Agenda – 1st Jennifer, 2nd Julie**
- **Adopt minutes from previous meeting – 1st Julie, 2nd Hannah**
- **Recap of Bazaar / Suggestions for next year**
 - Bazaar went very well! We made just over \$9,000
 - Silent Auction very popular and a big success. People liked it being online and it was more successful than in person.
 - Poinsettias made ~\$2,400 (huge increase from previous years). We were the top school out of all the schools. Next year will do no cash or cheque orders (caused too much work)
- **Treasurer's Report (Andy)**
 - Current balance \$9,382.15
 - Expenses \$3,832.66 (bazaar crates, equipment for Mme Plourde, teacher reimbursement funds)
 - Outstanding deposits \$14, 240.56 (bazaar, Chapters, Garden Creek garden club loan)
 - Estimated total balance after expenses: \$19,790.05
 - Keep \$4,000 balance and \$4,000 Garden Club loan available
 - **Estimated total available funds: \$11, 790.05**

- **Recycling**
 - On hold due to current COVID situation; not accepting donations right now
 - Will look at this again at the end of the school year. Werner's are willing to take it on for the summer

- **Hot Lunch (Jennifer)**
 - Bagel hot lunch scheduled to start Tuesday for 5 weeks
 - It can continue while we are in RED

- **Funding Requests**
 - None

- **Spring Raffle**
 - Gift card basket and gift cards from Savages
 - Julie will get licence for this
 - Proposed draw date: March 30th
 - Collect gift cards week of March 8th – 12th
 - Sell tickets from March 17th – 29th
 - Ticket costs to be determined
 - Craft fair will not happen this year due to COVID

- **Playground Needs**
 - Painting on pavement
 - Re-paving basketball court
 - Fixing basketball nets
 - Hannah working on a grant proposal for this (MRDC)
 - We will look into approaching business owners in the Garden Creek community to help fund playground upgrades (other schools are doing this).
 - One small billboard with names of all sponsoring businesses (may need criteria ahead of time for sponsorship levels). Set this up similarly to how we did for the library
 - Need to set a goal of what we need to raise
 - Need drainage in the field – need a registered company
 - Garden Creek field a city park? Katherine to contact District to clarify
 - Lily will contact Mark (head of PSSC)

- **Other items**
 - Equipment in bins lacking – need a list from teachers of what they need and send a message to parents in memo to see if they are willing to donate excess items they may have. Katherine will email teachers. Anything for outdoor education, Lily can pay for through the Garden Club funds
 - Acorn Kids art/cards fundraiser – will do again this year. Amy to look into this. Spring theme / multi-purpose cards. Takes about 3 weeks for delivery.

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm**

Submitted by Rebekah Thompson

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