



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Minutes – Tuesday, October 20 , 2020

6:30 pm – Microsoft Teams

Present: Rebekah Thompson, Samantha Robichaud, Katherine Campbell, Amanda Williams, Andy Han, Julie Werner, Ellen Oakes Thompson, Alex McLeod, Jodie Yerxa , Gennifer Sutherland, Stella Park, Elyse Kelly, Amy White, Lily Smallwood, Robyn Kenney, Bailey West

Regrets:

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Executive**
 - Co-presidents – Hannah Steeves-Carney & Amanda Williams
 - Hot Lunch – Jodie Yerxa (needs replacement for next year)
 - Secretary – Rebekah Thompson
 - Day time Events Co-ordinator – Julie Werner
 - Night time Events Co-ordinator – Amanda Williams
 - Treasurer – Andy Han
- **Hot Lunch**
 - Currently on hold until after Christmas
 - Other schools are beginning to re-start hot lunch programs. We will look into this
 - Jodie to write up a summary of her role
 - Gennifer has volunteered to take over this role for next year
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Currently ~\$15,000 in bank
 - \$4,000 to garden club (to be repaid in the Spring)
 - \$100 to all teachers and EAs (\$3,400)
 - \$2,000 for Mme Plourde – new equipment
 - Available funds ~\$1,700

- **Teacher Needs/Wants**
 - **Outdoor Learning**
 - Got a grant for this \$1800 – will go towards building outdoor learning kits
 - Seasonal kits with different items
 - Guest speakers to come in and chat with the kids
 - Irving to donate wood for stumps
 - Lily Smallwood has \$3000 in funds set aside for outside learning
 - Maple syrup tapping
 - Lily and Amanda to meet with Alex to coordinate needs and funds

- **Fundraising Ideas**
 - Can't run Christmas Bazaar this year due to covid (usually make \$15,000 with this)
 - Fundraising purpose – Playground updates, outdoor equipment, technology
 - Direct fundraising event - Request for donations (minimum goal of \$10,000)
 - Christmas theme baskets – send out Nov 9th and have items in by Nov 23rd . Can set up so each basket can be bid on separately on cashless schools. Need a way to include people who are unable to do cashless. Need a way to do random draw for the winner.
 - Online silent auction (Amy White to look into this and report back) Stella Park to help with this as needed
 - Scholastic online book fair – all books ordered will go directly to your home (Nov 16th and another one in the Spring).
 - Chapters Night (Dec 2nd) – in store. If not able to have in store, we can hold it online (Issue: books may not arrive in time for Christmas?). Experience from members of the group would suggest that it would be no problem to get the books on time. Will look into option of running in store and online at the same time
 - Poinsettias/wreaths – online. Julie Werner to organize this. Need to find a way to get the vouchers to purchasers. Will likely do this in the middle of November
 - Nissan test drive – Kim Kennedy happy to do this in the Spring (May). Need volunteers to clean surfaces in vehicles between each drive. Need to be promoted much better.
 - Raffle in Spring - will need lottery licence
 - Acorn cards – Amy White to take this on

- **Playground Upgrades**
 - Basketball nets
 - Painted games on pavement
 - NMS has made lots of improvements over the summer – Alex knows the VP and will contact him

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm**

Submitted by Rebekah Thompson

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