



# GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

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**Co-President**  
*Amanda Williams*

**Co-President**  
*Hannah Steeves-Carney*

## Minutes – Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021

### 6:30 pm – Microsoft Teams

**Present:** Rebekah Thompson, Alex Yaychuk, Samantha Robichaud, Hannah Steeves-Carney, Julie Werner, Jennifer Sutherland-Green, Lily Smallwood, Ellen Thompson, Marie Knott, Robyn Kenney, Amy White, Adebola, Stella Park, Andy Han, Stephanie Babin

**Regrets:** none

- **Welcome & Introductions** – Hannah welcomed the group
- **Executive Positions:**
  - Amanda Williams has stepped down as co-President. Hannah will take over as President and now position of Vice-President is open
  - Rebekah will take Vice-President position - Lily 1<sup>st</sup>, Julie 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Ellen will take over as secretary - 1<sup>st</sup> Rebekah; Julie 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Treasurer's Report (Andy)**
  - Current balance: \$17,723.75
  - Outstanding expenses: \$13,200
  - Outstanding deposits: \$602 (Scott's gift card fundraiser) + \$60.21 (Mabels Labels)
  - Funds reserved: \$4,000
  - Estimated total available funds: **\$1,185.96**
  - Discussion around reserved funds – we will keep it at \$4000
- **Teacher needs/wants**
  - 10 iPads have been ordered already. Still looking for more.
  - 22 teachers, 9 EAs, 1 librarian – budgeted \$100 each for supplies for their classrooms (total \$3,200) – previously approved by H&S
- **Hot Lunch (Jennifer)**
  - Today was week 3 of 6 week Pizza Delight cycle – going well. Individual pizzas very easy for the students and teachers
  - Feedback: smaller portions, more expensive if need to order 2 boxes

- Will extend for another 6 weeks after this which will take us right up to the Christmas holidays
  - Adding in Thursday hot lunch as well – 5 week cycle to start end of November and go until the second last week of school before Christmas.
  - Looking at the Superstore or Deli Connection as possible options for these.
- **Halloween at the Creek**
    - Donations are coming in steadily. Will put another reminder out about it at the end of this week. Monetary donations also received.
    - H&S to help pack treat bags Oct 27-28
    - Volunteers: Hannah, Julie, Amy, Andy (Weds @ 1:30)
    - Thurs (as needed 4pm): Ellen, Stella
    - Volunteers to decorate the night before (school to purchase decorations) – Hannah, Julie,
    - Spook Walk – idea for next year!
    - Halloween Parade – Alex to discuss with school spirit committee
- **Playground Needs**
    - Basketball court and 4 square has been painted and are a huge hit with the kids!
    - GAGA pits – materials here, waiting on hinges.
    - Looking at Nov 6-7<sup>th</sup> weekend to build these. (weather dependant).
    - Need volunteers: Andy, Adebola, Stella, Tom Carney, Kevin Werner (if available), Ronnie Williams
    - Hannah to send out email to plan this closer to the date
    - Tools needed: power saw and drill, cutting stand, work gloves, etc
    - Playground equipment still needs to be painted – will try to do this concurrently with building the GAGA pits.
    - Paint and paintbrushes are at the school. Alex to double check the paint re: temperature requirements
    - Replacement of net wall on the yellow play structure - \$1,806 to replace + material surcharge \$99 + freight (approx total \$1,905). Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> Andy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie. Alex will order the net and confirm exact total. Delivery time 2-3 weeks from order
    - Quote on fixing broken swings – to replace the swing set ~\$10,000. Need to gather more information before proceeding with this
- **Fundraising**
    - Acorn – Amy
      - Could do twice per year – Christmas & Mother’s Day
      - Ordering now done online; art work done at school
      - Works best with curriculum based art
    - Chapter’s Night – can’t do in-person. Will do gift cards like last year. Will look at starting this the second week of November
    - Éclair Lips – ok to move forward with cash/cheque. School to collect and H&S to count. Julie to print forms. Julie to talk to Cheyenne about timing for this fundraiser.
    - Scott’s Nursery fundraiser– Nov 1-12. Need to give numbers by Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Pick-ups start Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **BAZAAR**
    - Scott’s – order forms go home on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, collect Nov 12th

- Silent Auction (needs to be live for a couple days) – Amy White, Hannah, Cheyenne, Marie (all to help canvas and start early). Everyone can ask for donations. Amy will make spreadsheet and build website. Will run from Dec 3-5 (release Friday, bidding closes Sunday night)
- Theme baskets (7) – Rebekah, Sam
- Calendar dates – collect items Nov 15-26, put baskets together, sell tickets Dec 1-12, draw on Dec 13th
  - Family movie night – Kindergarten
  - Ultimate Christmas baking basket – Grade 1
  - Chocolate & Candy lovers “sweet treats” – Grade 2
  - Fidget toys – Grade 3
  - Lego – Grade 4
  - Snow day survival kit – Grade 5
  - Christmas wrapping (staff)
- Santa’s Workshop (tied in with Bazaar fun week for students)
  - 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
  - Start collecting Dec 6 – stop Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Dec 20-23 Bazaar fun for students. Santa’s workshop Dec 20-21
  - Gifts ~\$3-\$10
- Bazaar Fun for Students – 4 days
  - Dec 20-21 - Decoration Making (Ornament balls from Dollarama?) & Santa’s Workshop (half school each day and alternate)
  - Dec 22 - Read Aloud with Cookies & Hot Chocolate (donated by Tim Horton’s – thank you Marie!). Need teacher to read the story.
  - Dec 23 - PJ & Movie with treats – Special guest?

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm**

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Submitted by Rebekah Thompson

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