

**Friends of Keswick Ridge School**  
**January Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, January 30, 2023 6:00pm

Financials:

\*Current balance in Friends of KRS account is just over \$8700.

\*Holiday baskets raised over \$1000.

\*District has increased funding to the school for this budget year, with money to be allocated to furniture and items for the school. This is great news, and also means that the “wish list” of items discussed at last meeting has been scaled back, as some items will be supported through the new budget funds, which need to be spent by March 31.

\*FOKRS purchased a zip line seat with intentions of attaching to existing equipment to make it more accessible to the younger students. Unfortunately, existing equipment is not permitted to be modified, so we are looking at just mounting the seat on a tree, for students to use.

\*FOKRS pledged \$1000 to be used toward the breakfast snack program at the school, but those funds haven't been required yet, as there is still money remaining in the school's Healthy Minds budget. We will most likely need the FOKRS contribution nearer to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Upcoming events:

\*School is planning a trip to Mactaquac Park on Feb.23. Events are not finalized yet, but will likely include sliding, skating (if available) and campfire snacks. FOKRS may be asked to provide contribution toward trip (i.e.: fees, or snacks).

\*School is planning a family breakfast in April to coincide with Poetry month; details to follow at a later date. FOKRS will consider selling tickets on a Mothers Day basket at this event – we will discuss at next meeting.

\*Staff Appreciation – Feb 13-16 – this can look similar to previous years, i.e.; muffins, coffee, donuts; basket of supplies; sundae day, etc.

Fundraising

\*It was decided not to do any immediate fundraising due to the school's increased budget, the significant funds currently in the account, the ongoing funds received via the bottle return, and some expected school-based fundraising in the coming months. For now the focus can be on organizing staff appreciation week and supporting school events when requested.

Other Business:

\*Climbing wall – the school is considering a climbing wall to be installed in the school gym, however, there are still details to be worked out and feasibility determined. If we move forward, FOKRS will discuss sponsoring the project, once costs are determined.

Action Items:

Nathan – advise if/how much funds are being requested from FOKRS to support Mactaquac trip

Group – Discuss Staff Appreciation via chat

**\*\*Next meeting – March 20 – 6pm**