

## Friends of Keswick Ridge School

### November Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2022 6:00 pm

#### Fundraising

Amy has the information for the soup fundraiser. We said that we would discuss the soup fundraiser at our next meeting which will be in January.

Christmas Baskets:

Our Christmas Basket themes are Family Fun (cards, games, snacks, puzzles, etc.), Baking Bonanza (sprinkles, icing, mixes, baking items, etc.) and Everything Chocolate (hot chocolate, chocolate bars, chocolate candy, etc.)

K-2 will be in charge of the Family Fun, 3-5 will do the baking basket and MS will do the chocolate. Kristin will send out an email to teachers to forward to parents on Tuesday. We will ask for either donations to the basket or a monetary donation on school cash online. We can use the monetary donations to top up any baskets that need it. We will collect these donations from November 16<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>. The school cash will be open until the 30<sup>th</sup>. That will give us some time to finish up the baskets before we begin selling tickets.

Ticket sales on the basket will run from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> at midnight. We decided to sell after the concert in case people want to buy tickets but didn't bring cash to the concert; they will still be able to buy tickets that evening.

When people buy tickets on school cash online, they can buy on behalf of friends/family members. Nathan is going to look into seeing if the buyer can specify who they are buying for to make it easier to fill out tickets.

We will also sell tickets at the concert. Amy and Katie volunteered to do this. We will work on having the baskets drawn and sent home by the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ticket prices are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

#### Wish List

From Kristin: Ms. Hilchie (grade 5) has requested money to buy prizes for her prize bucket in class. We approved giving her \$200 toward this. Miss Hilchie is a brand new teacher and could use this support getting started.

From Nathan: Nathan has a list of items that we could work toward. Some will be prioritized, and others are long term wishes. His list is:

- Natural Playground. Maybe a slide with tires on the back of a hill.
- Improvements to trails/second outdoor classroom. Nathan will need to talk to the NB conservation society.
- Climbing wall (probably more immediate). District has already approved this. We need to figure out crash mats and a build-out.
- New paved area out back where the basketball nets are. For basketball, 4 square and portable ramp and rail. Paving will be a significant cost. Cost sharing. District steps are involved in this.
- Stationary bikes. Bike in classrooms for kids to burn off energy. We could maybe cost sharing with the instructional budget.
- MS – tools for Mr. Roach to work with the middle school on some building projects.
- New podium for the gym/assemblies.
- Photo backdrop (pull/up sign). This might be similar to what they have at UNB, for example, and can be used to take pictures in front of for special occasions.
- Welcome sign on the side of the school. Maybe we could incorporate 3 languages.
- Sign at the road.
- C-can and new shed.

- New bball shirts for 3-5 basketball.
- Improvements to the GaGa ball pit. Needs some levelling and added pea gravel.
- More pea gravel around the smaller play structure as it often gets flooded.
- New zipline seat. Many K-2 can't reach the zipline, so this would make it accessible for everyone.
- Move and improve the mud kitchen.
- Mrs. Morris (3-4 FI) and Sarah Christie (1 FI) need new blinds.
- Mounted projector for the gym. Movie nights/Assemblies.
- Simplified sound system for the gym.
- Mr. Steeves (music) would like a completion of a drum set. He has some parts now.

As that was a multi-year wish list, we looked at what to prioritize and came up with:

- Basketball shirts for 3-5. Basketball intramurals have already started.
- Paving at the basketball nets (closest to the gym).
- Climbing wall
- GaGa Ball pit improvements.
- Pea Gravel for the smaller play structure
- Blinds (one room quote is \$1420).
- Zip line seat
- Stationary bikes. It would be nice to have one that is the proper size for K-2 and a second for 3-5.

When we have quotes on the above items, Nathan can send them to Kristin. Kristin will message in the group chat, and we can vote on whether or not we would like to help out with that item.

#### **Action Items:**

Kristin – send an email to teachers about basket donations (Nov. 15)

Nathan – collect quotes on Wish list items and send them to Kristin (ongoing)

Nathan - work with Christa to get raffle basket donations up and running on school cash online. (Nov. 16)

Nathan – work with Christa to get raffle basket ticket purchases up and running on school cash online (Dec 2).

Katie and Amy – sell tickets at Christmas concert (Dec 12/13)

Katie and Amy – help fill out tickets purchased online (Dec. 14/15)

Nathan/Christa – cheque to Miss Hilchie for \$200.

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00