**Friends of Nashmore Meeting Minutes**

**September 29, 2020**

1. Recap of last school year
	* We ended the year (though sooner than we thought) with a healthy bank account
	* We contributed to the resurfacing of the tennis courts into a great play area for the kids
2. Plans for this year
	* More done virtually and through volunteers at home, no large events in the school
	* A small group may be allowed into the school to retrieve/set up things as long as it’s the same people every time
	* Shopping Spree
		+ Could do with a catalog that is sent to teachers and the students look through, then bring the specific items ordered to school and distribute, wrapping would need to be done ahead of time, Leah to follow up with teachers
		+ Find out how many volunteers we’re allowed to have and where we could set up (if don’t go with catalog option)
		+ If we go with catalog, would need to streamline number of options per category, tell students this so not disappointed
		+ James to reach out to Canadian Tire manager to see what options could have from there – buy a bunch at a time
	* Popcorn – waiting to hear if allowed to distribute in school
	* First fundraiser, Mabel’s Labels – 2 cheques sent to school so far
3. Fundraising goals
	* Nothing decided yet but technology always needed – we could set aside some money for small tech needs like we did last year (in addition to our main goal)
	* Leah to reach out to teacher and find out needs/wants
	* The school lost wellness funding so there’s a need there
	* Outdoor equipment, seasonal things needed
	* Outdoor classroom
		+ This is even more important now, there’s a Canadian company that has done it for Gibson Neill
		+ We got a quote for 25 student stations, a chalkboard station and a teacher station and it is quite a bit of money, perhaps we could look into grants (James to look into that)
		+ Would likely be a continuous cleanup if used the wooded area as there are people in there after school hours
		+ Would also need to be able to be moved when new school opens down the road
4. Fundraising ideas
	* School clothing
		+ Order forms are in to go out to students soon
		+ Will do in two orders, the first with regular items and the second just grad shirts later in the school year
	* Potato fundraiser
		+ $400 delivery fee, have to sell 65 20lbs bags to break even
		+ Pick up may be difficult as can’t have people come into the school
	* Pizza coupons
		+ - Papa John’s had ordered us some coupons last year that didn’t get used
			- Would be an easy one to do at any time
	* Chapters Night – the stores aren’t doing them this year
	* Seed fundraiser – an easy one, good to do again in the spring
	* Selling soup mixes – Leah has a contact, will get the details
	* Timothy’s Coffee pods fundraiser – an idea to hold for later, might be too many people doing it
	* Big Box Cards
		+ Company says it raises a large amount of money
		+ Seems simple and easy
		+ We wouldn’t send a box home with each kid but would take photos, have the promo video
		+ 3-5 days for delivery after place order – $150 delivery fee
		+ Canadian company out of Ontario
	* iPad/tablet raffle
		+ James/Brandi looking into finding a company to donate one, then we’d sell tickets
	* Christmas Bazaar – waiting to hear of it’s doable this year.
5. Wrap-up
	* Decided to do
* School clothing, pizza coupons, and seeds
* Possibly soup mixes, Big Box Cards, and tablet raffle
	+ Suzie to do up a calendar for fundraisers for the next few months, ensure we’re not overloading people
	+ Next meeting to follow up and plan next fundraiser – Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 pm via Zoom