

## HASTINGS PARENT GROUP MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting: December 14, 2017**

**Attendees:**

- 1) Leigh Becker
- 2) Shannon Vallee
- 3) Justine Lovely
- 4) Shreeja Pillai
- 5) Christina Zogg
- 6) Tom Salvemini
- 7) Erica Dube
- 8) Corianne O'Donnell

**Introductions:** Introduction of the Attendees of the Parent Group Meeting

**President's Report (Shannon Vallee):**

- 1) **Students Directory** – It was a hit this year with almost 97% of K-3 students in the directory. Pre-school was not included in the directory because of an issue with PowerSchool, the district's student database. Some preschool families purchased directories, not realizing that they did not include preschool students. Preschool families who purchased directories will be contacted to arrange for a refund.
- 2) **Superintendent Update/Playground Project** – The 3 K-3 elementary schools are in need of new playgrounds. Preschool and Fales will get new playgrounds as part of the upcoming construction projects. There will be a meeting about raising funds for new K-3 Hastings and Armstrong playgrounds. Each school has to raise approximately \$100,000 towards it.
- 3) **Fundraising Events :**
  - A. **Book Fair** – The book fair attendance and sales was disappointing. The amount raised this year was approx. \$750, whereas last year it was close to \$1400. There was a loss of \$50 on ice cream sales. The turnout was less this year, the parent group is thinking about either combining the book fair with the open house or running it up for 3 days. The decision is still pending.
  - B. **Winter Festival – February 10<sup>th</sup>** –

- No Agenda /No Brochures this year. The schedule of events will be posted on an easel near the entrance to the cafeteria.
  - Christina is looking for someone who could co-chair Winter Festival with her, and shadow her for the event. Interested people can contact her @ **cmzogg@gmail.com**
  - Also help is needed in organizing the food for the event which involves coordinating with Papa Genos for Pizza Order, coordinating with Pepsi and order Water bottles. Paula, who was taking care of this, wants someone to take it up this year or shadow her.  
Regal Solomon-Popcorn, fruits, Pizza, Water, Snapple would be offered.
  - All set with the Games -by the Games committee.
  - Silent Auction – Auction Letters should be out soon to fill in the online forms to obtain the Auction items from Disney, Tickets to Red Sox/Patriots game etc.
  - Cake walk game should have a sheet which explains the rules /the way it's being played to help the volunteer to run the game more smoothly.
  - Volunteers are needed to help set up the previous day between 3pm - 9pm and the day of the winter festival which runs from 4.30pm - 7. 30pm. Signup genius will be sent out soon.
  - There will be a bouncy house and a DJ is booked for the festival.
  - This year there is a slight change in the Raffle Basket section. The winners have to be present in person to claim it or hand over the ticket to someone who could collect their basket in their absence. Otherwise, it will go to the next ticket called out.
  - Henna can be included in the event as a new addition this year to help raise more money
- C. **Box Tops** – Collections next due in April. Keep them coming!!
- D. **Learning Express Fundraiser** – Did not do well. The money raised in total was only \$40
- E. **Funds2orgs** – Discussions on about doing this drive to raise funds by collecting 100 bags of gently used/unused shoes/flip flops/sandals/boots. Great way to raise funds. Thinking about doing it around February.
- F. **School Store** – Another great thought and way of raising funds. Nothing decided yet.
- G. **New ways of raising funds for school was being discussed. Teaming up with a fast food restaurant like Chic Fill A, wherein certain % of the food purchase would go to the HPG fund. Another suggestion for raising funds was was to bring in a respectable known Speaker (Master in respective fields like Sports, Music, Literature, Authors ) to the WHS auditorium, and encourage people to attend with some Admission Fees.**

#### 4) Principal's Report – Leigh Becker

- 1) **Construction Update** – The Construction is going well and is on schedule.
  - The School Resource officer was out one day to watch the new parking lot traffic flow. Discussions are on about how to make the traffic flow more smooth and safe.
  - The new traffic pattern is for one-way traffic around the lot. Arrows painted on the ground mark the way of the new traffic flow.
  - Two of the parking lot lights had to be brought down because of the construction work. There is a plan in place to provide temporary lighting.
- 2) The Family Tree at the entrance to the school with the names of families who donated to the school fund must be destroyed as part of the construction, but a panoramic shot will be taken and displayed at the newly renovated area.
- 3) New fundraising event might be coming up soon for raising funds for the school playground -Brick walkway wherein each family who donated will have a brick in their name in the bricks in the walkway.

#### 4) Teacher Liaisons-

Everything going on well from the Teachers side. Thank you for all your effort Teachers.

**NEXT MEETING: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**