

Kingswood Elementary PSA meeting minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Attendance;

Andrea Briand, Rachel Webster, Pascale Fournier, Sarah Gardner, Jody Waugh, Andrew Hall, Elsa Pihl, Tim Burley, Tanya Chambers-Spriggs and Sara Bowes (by teleconference).

November 2019 Minutes Approval;

Pascale Fournier and seconded by Rachael Webster

Santa Social Review; Jody Waugh

The Santa Social was a success, the profits were within \$50 of the previous year and the expenses were approximately half.

Jody Waugh has agreed to Chair the event again and is looking for a co-chair.

We will be looking for a new Santa Volunteer as this year's Santa is retiring. If you know of someone please contact Jody Waugh.

There was some confusion this year as some people were looking for Pizza Sales (this is done at Spring Fair not the Santa Social). Several treats were available at the canteen.

Next year we hope to contact the local Tim Hortons earlier, we are very grateful for their donation of Timbits, Tea/Coffee and Hot Chocolate.

Photo Booth backgrounds were donated by Alex and Kate MacAulay. They have donated a couple of the backdrops to the school for future years. We will need to have a stand built for them.

We have some leftover crafts that can be used next year.

We will need to decide how many tickets we will charge for glitter tattoos and streamline with the Spring Fair price.

The raffle baskets brought in \$700 which was down a bit from last year, however **we had a leftover basket that was raffles at the Concert and brought in approximately \$800 for the music program!**

We may look to simplify the baskets or reduce the number sold next year or consider selling tickets on a basket at the smaller events such as movie nights etc.

We agreed that next year we should form two lines at the Jolly Jar station to reduce the line-ups.

Game sales were up this year by 20% with 2700 tickets sold.

Sugar tree trimming took in 450 tickets.

Ms. Briand advised she has a Christmas tree to donate to the school for next year. We will likely throw out the tree with multiple pieces in the storage area as it is falling apart.

There was a suggestion to start the Social earlier (5pm) we will look at the logistics of doing this next year.

The PSA Executive will attend the school on January 21st to clean and organize our storage area.

Games Night; January 23rd

Families are invited to attend the school to participate in games night at the school. Doors open at 6:30 and at 7:45 pm we will be doing a draw for a package of some great family games. There will be snacks for sale at the canteen and food bank donations are welcomed. There is no charge for this event.

Families are encouraged to bring their favourite game to play at the tables that will be set up in the gym. There will also be some games available at the school to play. This is meant to be a fun social night out!

We encourage families to stay to help stack chairs and tables at the end of the event as well as help tidy up. Many hands make light work!

Finances; Andrew Hall

The PSA account currently has approximately \$30,500. It was suggested to make a separate fund for playground upgrades (large purchases) that can grow over the years.

Nourish Your Roots Funds; Elsa Pihl

We will be looking to spend some of the NYR funds which currently sits at around \$3700. Elsa is looking into options to add an outdoor classroom inside the bus look and incorporate fruit trees and food literacy etc into it.

Elsa has also agreed to take over as the lead for the school garden.

Principals Report; Andrea Briand

Andrea and Rachael have requested the teachers compile a wishlist for items for their classrooms, they will forward this to the PSA this month.

It was suggested that we create a fund for future playground additions and upgrades.

A parent is looking at starting a Kingswood Lego Club using STEM technology. The PSA will look into funding the purchase of some STEM materials compatible with Lego to assist with this.

Several new Chromebooks have been purchased for the school and the PSA has agreed to pay half (\$4734.49). These are very useful tools in the classrooms.

Upcoming Events;

The PSA is looking into hosting another parent information session some suggested topics included Cyber Safety and A talk about Reading with children at home.

We will host a Valentine's day themed Sock Hop in February- Sarah Gardner has volunteered to chair this.

April 16th will be a Bingo Night and May 21st a Movie Night. Spring Fair will be held on June 5th.

A suggestion of a parents Golf tournament was also put forward. If there is anyone willing to Chair this please contact a member of the PSA or the school administration.

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm.