

- Welcome, Attendance & Introductions
- Approval of October 2019 Minutes by Sarah Bowes
- Financial Report
 - The PSA has a Healthy bank account
 - \$22800 as of this morning.

- Movie Night
 - Secret life of pets 2
 - Volunteers set up for popping on Thursday
 - New popcorn machine coming
 - Can bring chairs, wear pjs
 - Remind people to help clean up, last year was very, very dirty.



- Nourish Your Roots Review
 - Kate and Alex MacAulay did a great job
 - Handled everything from unloading to picking up
 - Grade 6 classes helped with incoming orders and unloading boxes. Full classes took turns helping out.
 - Down from last year (270ish in 2018, 231 in 2019)
 - 17 donated
 - \$6900 total, \$2k profit for us
 - Money must be spent on healthy eating
 - Landscaping an option?
 - Outdoor classroom needs cleanup
 - What are the parameters for using the money? Elsa to look up rules and report back



Bingo

- Made \$3600, more than prior year
 - Doesn't include all expenses (approx. \$900 less, putting us around the same as prior years)
- Lower costs, less money on prizes
- Long rows of tables great, cut down on kids doing laps around row break in centre of gym

- Santa Social
 - Things are moving along well thus far, but we are heading into the crunch!
 - Santa booked, photographer booked, craft decided on and in progress, Kids Only items and wrapping supplies trickling in, game prizes purchased (mostly)
 - About to start buying majority of supplies, as it is close enough that excess items can be returned after the event
 - Kingswood Tim Hortons looking like it might donate product
 - Majority of prizes already purchased
 - Info going out to classes soon for raffle basket and jolly jar donations
 - P-4 doing Jolly Jars, or Santa Sacks (decorated paper bags)
 - 5-6 (including 4-5 split) doing raffle baskets
 - 4/5 Fournier – “Candy”
 - 5 Howell – “Lottery Tree” (Scratch Tickets)
 - 5 MacDonald – “Movie Night”
 - 5/6 McCarron – “Christmas Cookies”
 - 6 Aucoin - “Snow Fun”
 - 6 MacAuley – “Christmas for the Parents” (coffee, tea, local eats, etc)
 - 5/6 Nickerson – “Hockey Night in Kingswood”
 - 6 Cyr - “Games Night”

- Info sheet getting put together for Kids Only store donations to clarify that the shoppers are children, and the gifts (donations) are mainly for adults
 - Still in need of items to be donated!
 - Small Jobs file proving popular, and getting lots of the 1-3 hour jobs completed by a variety of volunteers.
 - Lots of additional jobs will be added to this file over the next couple of weeks!
 - The next meeting is on November 19th, at 6:30pm in the library
 - Working meeting: putting together and fluffing trees, any other projects that come up
 - Next meetings November 19th, 26th, December 3rd, all at 6:30pm in the library
 - Decorating the school is a big job, will plan to have one, or several, decorating times leading up to the event.
 - Approach Me to Wee group to volunteer at a table at event, and pick a charity
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- Family games night: January 23rd
 - PSA paying for event, not anticipating making money, but building community
 - Need to order extra tables
 - Games needed
 - No electronics
 - Need a lead for the event?
 - Focus on math and literacy
 - Canteen, smallish, not messy stuff, so games don't get messed up
 - Door prizes
 - 10 games as door prizes, \$20 price point-ish
 - Take advantage of Black Friday sales
 - Ask for food bank donations
 - Class parent / volunteer update
 - Class parents
 - Kayla helping out with volunteers
 - Class parent setup happening
 - Need to get set up for Santa Social especially
 - Teachers responding with their class parents after email went out
 - Maintain a list of parents in the class to pass on PSA info
 - Santa Social signup in progress
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 - List is in progress
 - Concert
 - Need any support?
 - Teachers giving mostly positive responses to covering evening
 - May need a few parents to oversee in case any teachers can't make it
 - Some upper class teachers also volunteering
 - Teacher appreciation
 - Do something for teachers and staff

- Week before Christmas break
- Principal's Report
 - Putting in all lotto licence requests for upcoming events asap
 - Green shirt day, orange shirt day, drills, picture retake day
 - Will talk to photographer about quality of photos after some negative feedback
 - His contract lasts one more year
 - Some companies are horrible, so give this one a chance to improve
 - Report cards and parent teacher night coming up soon.
 - Bought 25 new Chromebooks, and they are already in use
 - Bunch of them are getting repaired as well, but worth it at avg of \$100 per
 - What we have:
 - 3 carts total, with at least 25 chrome books each
 - 100 in carts, plus 2-3 in each classroom, and iPads in each lower classroom, 3 Chromebooks in resource rooms as well
 - Lots of other technology, but they don't get them all the time
 - Me to We team stuff
 - Trying to come up with stuff to do:
 - Food drive, each grade responsible for specific type of item
 - Pasta, cereal, juice
 - Toys for toy drive
 - For older children, video game gc's, clothing stores, etc.
 - Everyone likes to buy little kid stuff, so there is a gap in older kid donations
 - Women's shelters, shoebox challenge for teachers to put together
 - Toiletries, etc.
 - Teachers, and community, if they want to join in
 - Kids decorate afterwards, then donate
- Other
 - No meeting in December, but January meeting will have all the fall info in
 - January 14th for next meeting
 - Each class got money at beginning of the year \$150, maybe a bump after Christmas?
 - Many teachers have exceeded, another \$100 would be well spent
 - Re-evaluate in January based on what amounts teachers have spent, and show what teachers are buying for their classrooms to share with parents
 - Fundraising for new playground, we need to start saving
 - Playground good for another three years, as per HRM
 - Starting to save now would give a jump on that
 - Cleanup grounds – looking a little rough
 - Green ns and td classroom grants that might help out with the grounds
 - Gaming and raffles (big ones, like Hockey does)
 - Have a parent who works for a company who handles that sort of thing
 - Some schools doing it, but not in NS
 - \$5000 support grant from school might be giving the grant so we don't do this sort of big \$\$\$ thing

- Needs some research done into whether it would be allowed
- How do other schools do it when it comes to new playgrounds
 - Psa/HRM/school board, cost sharing?
 - \$50k each, would take about five years to get that much saved up
 - We are making more money than current admin requests, what can we do when it comes to the extra? Can it go to something good? Is there something else the school needs?
 - Trying to work with new school to see what they are getting done so we can share in the planning stages (not the cost portion), but proving to be lots of red tape... Andrea to keep trying.