

**Hawthorn Home and School Association**  
**Minutes – Feb 5 @ 7pm (school library)**

Call to order of meeting by Lisa Sanderson (Chair)

**Attendees:** Lisa Sanderson (Chair), Anne Gourlay (Principal), Kiersten Green (Secretary), Erin Nauss, Emily Mercer

**Regrets:** Sarah Metherrall, Sarah Campbell, Meghan Mombourquette, Ashley Langille

***HSA Upcoming Meetings:***

March 5 - Virtual	May 7
April 9	June 11

***Review of Minutes:***

Minutes from the January meeting were circulated via e-mail prior to the meeting and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

***Principal Update:***

- HRCE Anna DeWolf has been running a lunch time social on Mondays as part of the SchoolPlus program
- Welcomed Q-Mack for a school assembly, where he shared his message about being an ALL-STAR student. He two basketballs to award to students who demonstrate that spirit. Announcement for the basketball winners will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Growth Mindset themed assembly, organized by Ms. Cormier, highlighted Ms. Wiseman's class who did a presentation, and the school choir performed a song.
- Rocks and Rings – rental curling equipment for the gym – is currently underway. All the classes will get a chance to try it out.
- On Friday (7<sup>th</sup>), Hawthorn will receive a donation from Dooly's Pool Hall for the Breakfast Program
- Grades 3-5 had a presentation from Parks Canada about Sable Island
- The African Heritage Month bulletin board has been started. The theme this year is *Legacy in Action: Celebrating Black Brilliance*
- The second lockdown drill of the year will be held the week of February 10-14.
- Art specialist, Jonathan Church, will be at the school for the month of February.

- Keonte Beals will be at the school for an assembly at the end of the month with a presentation including his new book and some songs for the kids.
- On Monday February 10, 2025, the HRCE diversity team will be at the school, working with some of the classes on land acknowledgments.

#### ***Financial Update:***

- Anne provided a brief financial update in Andrew's absence
- Current account balance: \$4,203.52
- There are a number of uncleared things still, but this is reflected in the balance. The only thing yet to come out of the above amount is the Grade 6's sweaters.
- In the previous meeting there had been discussion about the value in having a brief description for the newsletter of what HSA funds are being used for to include in the school newsletter. Didn't happen this month but let's try for next. **ACTION:** Andrew to put this together for next newsletter.

#### ***Teacher Requests:***

- Currently no teacher requests. However, in order to meet with provincial fire regulations (20% rule) a number of items have been taken out of classrooms (rugs, carpets, chair bags etc.)
- Fire retardant items tend to be pricy so there may be some upcoming teacher request in the next little bit.

#### ***Action items from Previous Meetings:***

- Andrew to send pictures of food being dropped at Margaret's house to Administration
- Andrew to put together a submission for newsletter.
- Request that all membership check out the Glow website to see the pictures and videos of the inflatables to help us choose which ones at next meeting.

#### ***New Business:***

- Parent/Teacher Volleyball. **ACTION:** Anne will discuss with Matt with what he had in mind as everyone is a bit unclear.
- Anne has the school booked for two other possible events in April and May. The event could be done on either date, but suggestion is this:
  - o April 24<sup>th</sup> for a parent event info session on kids and mental health/anxiety. She has reached out to a doctor that has done these type sessions before and is hoping to hear back this month. Possible opportunity for the Grade 6 baristas. To discuss at next meeting.

- May 15<sup>th</sup> Ceilidh. This would be an opportunity for the HSA Canteen to be run.

### ***Upcoming Fundraisers:***

- Bingo is a no-go new plan: Family Game Night – February 20<sup>th</sup>!
- Popcorn Friday as a new fundraiser. Going to jump on this and air to have one on February 14<sup>th</sup>. **ACTION:** Anne will send out notice/get class lists for Lisa. Lisa (and hopefully Kiersten) will make popcorn for distribution morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Does anyone else know how to work the popcorn machine – Andrew?
- Looking into Domino's 'Delivering the Dough' fundraiser through Dominos as an easy fundraiser to do at the end of February. **ACTION:** Anne will send Lisa her Dominos contact, and Lisa will call and find out more details.
- Kenny's Pizza: Pushing the next Kenny's fundraiser a bit will give us time to address the issues we had previously.
  - Problems in SchoolCash to avoid going over the 100 cap.
  - New wording on posters to make it clear that it is a raw kit to bake at home with your kids
  - Send out a reminder e-mail a couple days beforehand
  - Reminder to bring our own boxes/bags for pick-up
  - Next order date will end of March for pick up on April 3 (during parent-teacher conferences). **ACTION:** Sarah M. to contact Kenny's to inquire about timing. Is there anyway we can pick up earlier? Noon? As we would like to have them ready for pick up at parent-teacher conferences which start in the afternoon. Even if they could do half the amount for an earlier pick up?
- Service Online Auction: Discussed in prior meeting. Do we want to organize this for after March Break?
- Spring Fair: Lisa will lead (again! Thank you!)
  - Inflatable will be chosen next meeting. (Check the Glow website if you have thoughts). Going to make sure there is one accessible for smaller kids and that they are both options where there is an obstacle or slide etc. in order to keep traffic flowing. (Rather than a bouncy castle where kids get a certain amount of time)
  - Alternative to cotton candy this year – we didn't make any money off of it and we had issues with pick up

### ***Family Game Night – February 20<sup>th</sup>:***

- February 20<sup>th</sup> as a replacement for Bingo Night.
- Canteen. Since ticket rather than cash worked well at the Halloween Howl, we will have a table to purchase tickets at the door. Tickets to be used for the canteen,

sucker pull, Grade 6 Baristas. **ACTION:** Ashley has volunteered to run the canteen for the event. Idea put forth to have secondary table with some treats to split the line up a bit.

- Raffle one basket item as a 'family fun' basket (we have museum passes still).  
**ACTION:** Lisa will reach out about pizza or restaurant vouchers/gift cards etc. for the raffle; Lisa will get lotto licence.
- Ideas: Board games, a big twister board, lawn sized games (Jenga, Yahtzee, ring toss, bean bag toss), bowling, sucker pull, Grade 6 baristas with coffee/hot chocolate, a quiet room (use the library) for quieter games. **ACTION:** Jacinta to discuss with Grade 6 baristas
- Request for \$100 approved for Kiersten and Lisa to thrift some games. **ACTION:** Kiersten and Lisa to thrift some games.
- Will need volunteers for set up and tear down as well as managing some of the booths and canteen

#### ***Upcoming School and HSA Events:***

Month/Date	Event
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Game Night
End of February (week of 24-28)	Dominos Delivering the Dough
End of March, Pick up April 3	Kenny's Pizza Kits
End of March beginning of April?	Online Service Auction?
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Info Session (Grade 6 Baristas)
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ceilidh (HSA Canteen)
June 7 <sup>th</sup> (set up June 6 <sup>th</sup> )	Spring Fair

#### ***Summary of ACTION Items:***

Person	Action Item(s)
Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send out notice about 14<sup>th</sup> popcorn order and provide Lisa with class list</li> <li>- Provide Lisa with Dominos contact</li> <li>- Discuss with matt what he had in mind re: volleyball</li> </ul>
Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Popcorn making Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Contact dominos about fundraiser</li> <li>- Lotto license for Family Game Night raffle</li> <li>- Family Game Night raffle basket</li> </ul>
Andrew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide HSA funds update for next school newsletter</li> </ul>

Jacinta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss options with Grade 6 Baristas (Game Night, Parent info session in April or May)</li> </ul>
Ashley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrange Canteen for Game Night</li> </ul>
Kiersten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acquire games for Game Night</li> <li>- Popcorn making Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Sarah M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact Kenny's Pizza to ask about possible earlier pick up time April 3<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate pick up at Parent-Teacher conferences</li> </ul>