

# Hawthorn Home & School Association

## Meeting Minutes:

**Sept 11/2023; 7pm Library**

Attending: Ms Gourlay (Principal), Laura Dunn, Bryony McStay Fost, Rachel Blair-Johns, Emily Mercer, Jacinta McKay, Erin Nauss, Ashley Langille, Brandy Nagy, Chris Reade, Lisa Sanderson, Matthew Foot

Regrets: Melody Turner, Andrew Bray

- Erin approved June Meeting Minutes.

## Financials:

Approx \$11,000 budget

## Funding Requests:

1. Matthew Foot requesting gym equipment – current equipment old and worn, tumble mats cannot stand on end. Listed in order of priority:

Item	Quantity & Cost	Approved? Responsibility
Volleyball nets	3 @ \$50/each = \$150	School will purchase
Hula Hoops	10 @ \$8.79 = \$88	School will purchase
Bean bags	3 sets @ \$23 = \$69	School will purchase
Tumble mats (3 panel w/ velcro)	10 @ \$280 = \$2,800	<b>HSA approved \$1,500</b>
Scooters	5 @ \$43 = \$215	School will purchase
Benches	Unsure at this time	TBD at a later date

HSA approves \$1,500 to purchase mats. The remaining funds can come from additional grants or a dedicated fundraiser throughout 2023-24 year. Ms. Gourlay will look into pricing and get a quote for the full cost of 10 mats.

2. Ms Fraser (grade 2/3)  
Requesting purchasing storage cubbies for students' supplies  
Seeking 3 cubbies @ \$150+tax each (approx. \$518 total, including taxes)  
**Approved**
3. School requesting one Chromebook cart = \$1,000  
**Approved**

## **Outdoor Equipment**

### **Gaga Pit**

Erin sourced costs for different types of outdoor pits (one being removable/collapsible). Ms Gourlay will check with staff to see if this is something they support having at the school and will report back.

### **Soccer nets**

Challenge to put in any permanent nets due to HRM land ownership. Mr Foot bought some collapsible nets which can be brought in and out during recess/lunch. Will need a group of students to volunteer to take them out and return them back inside. They can be stored in the shower by Mr. Foot's office. Ms. Gourlay will talk to some students to see if they can take this on.

### **Basketball net**

Ms. Gourlay has half a quote and will follow up with them

## **Asphalt around building**

Ongoing safety concerns. Ms. Gourlay will continue talking to the building manager about improvements. They will be doing a walk through and inspection soon and will patch any required spots, however Hawthorn is low on the list of priorities for these types of improvements. It's possible that if/once the basketball net is confirmed that we could fundraise to pave that section.

## **Hot Lunches**

Little Caesar's will start up again for Fridays. Will replace Subway with the Sunwich Café to try them out for Tuesdays – big selection of food. Aim is to have it start for the last week of (Sept 25<sup>th</sup>).

## **HSA Leadership/Responsibilities:**

- Andrew B will help with JustUs fundraiser and any website things
- Melody will lead the JustUs fundraiser
- Will need new Leads for the Spring Fair – Lydia stepping down. Rachel will put a call out to the school community to see if anyone wants to help

## **Upcoming Events/Fundraisers**

Lots of ideas generated for fundraisers:

- **Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Dance!**  
Canteen: Bryony, Ashley & Brandy

- Sound/Lights: Emily & Craig  
Poster: Melody?  
Rachel will start an email thread to get organized for some of this prior to next meeting
- Wreaths – Lisa will take the lead on coordinating a wreath sale that will run at the same time as JustUs. Lisa to check with Ann U. to see if she wants to be a vendor

**Next meeting:**

**OCT 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00**