

## Hawthorn Home & School Association Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 7pm - Library

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Present: Ms. Gourlay (Principal), Byrony McStay Fost, Rachel Blair-Johns, Erin Nauss, Brandy Nagy, Carolyn Ballem, Meghan Mombourquette, Deb Copeman (Librarian)

Regrets: Melody turner, Emily Mercer, Ashley Langille, Lisa Sanderson, Chris Reid, Andrew Bray, Laura Dunn (Vice Principal), Priscilla Tylak, Miles MacInnes, Jacinta McKay, Lydia Mans

- October meeting minutes were approved.
- **Budget and Balance Update:** Halloween Howl brought in \$1809.07 in total. With gross approximately around \$1000.  
  
\$931.00 from the door and \$ 878 from the Canteen. Expenses were - \$350.24 for cash and carry, -\$27 for chips, -\$18.50 for printing, - 63.54 for decorations and -\$200.  
The budget for November is \$8600.00  
\$588 came from Healthy Hunger.  
  
\$1000 for the Halloween Howl was approved to go towards gym equipment for Mr. Foot from previous request.
- **Funding Requests:** Ms. Copeman was present to request \$212. 50 for Hackamatack Books for the Grade 4-6's. This was approved by those present at the meeting.  
Ms. Copeman also requested money for the Angels surprise draw from the Wishing Well for the Scholastic Book Fair. The HSA approved \$300.00 for this and more if required to support all students.
- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Ms. Copeman gave update on book fair.
  - Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Set up - Rachel, Byrony and Meaghan and Carolyn will go in to help set up.
  - Tuesday - students browse and make wish lists.
  - Wednesday – Open 3 to 4pm for purchases.
  - Thursday – Open afternoon and evening from 6 to 8pm.
  - Ms. Copeman is looking for volunteers on Thursday evening from 6 to 8pm. Rachel to send out email to HAS members for help.
  - Friday – Open 9am to 4pm.
  - There will be a wishing well. Angel surprise draw names will come from the wishing well.
  - Teachers will create a wish list and families can purchase books classes.
- **Basketball Nets:** Discussion of a previous request.
  - The building manager came about pavement and gave a misquote on the pavement job.
  - He said the tripping hazards will be patched soon/any day now.
  - Operations said no to the pavement square for the basketball nets.
  - Will look again into pavement in April.
  - The basketball nets are \$2000 each and an extra install cost through operations. Anne will ask HRCE about installation costs.
  - In this discussion the idea of Spring Cleanup for the pavement and school yard was raised. We will discuss this further in April.

- **Just Us Fundraiser:** This is set to go.
  - How do we communicate how to order and condense the message to parents.
  - Mel – share the link and make sure to add the sellers name in the notes.
  - Use Square link for payment.
  - Anne G. will add the QR code on the poster.
  - It was decided not to send the form as it was confusing.
  - Mel will update the poster and send it to Anne.
  
- **Holiday Concert:** Will be held on Wednesday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec.14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
  - The theme will be Winter Wonderland.
  - HSA will have access to the gym to decorate on the 12<sup>th</sup> when the risers arrive.
  - Bryony is looking for volunteers to decorate gym.
  - Possibly have student decorators at 3pm on the 12<sup>th</sup>?
  - Anne G. will talk to Xander about the decorations.
  - Possibly make snowflakes as a class activity.
  - The dress rehearsal will be the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - At the concerts there will be a bucket for donations for the music department.
  - Music department may be looking for money for recorder.
  - Xander is looking into a grant for the music department through CBC.
  - Holiday concert raffle – Erin will look into and obtain the lottery licence for this and the bingo night in February.
  - Raffle front row seats 2 sets of 2 at each concert. Tickets will be sold for .50 cents per entry. Money for this raffle will be collected by cash due to lottery licence rules.
  
- **Parent Night:** Cannot run this through HRCE.
  - The school can accept a donation.
  - This event cannot be advertised through the school.
  - An option to change it could be going to a restaurant and having a donation bucket.
  - Many other schools have stopped these events.
  - Parent night cannot be a Hawthorn school organized fundraiser.
  - This school name cannot be included in this event.
  
- **Healthy Hunger:**
  - The second week of Dominos order. The order arrived in 6 different bags with all classes mixed. It was colour coded today.
  - More student helpers will be needed for Tuesday's.
  - Erin will order extra from Domino's – 2 pepperoni pizzas and 2 cheese pizzas just in case.
  - Students seem happy with Dominos, and more was ordered this week.
  - We can add Freshi – wraps and bowls in the future if wanted.
  
- **For Next HAS Meeting:**
  - Discuss December ideas.
  - At end of January for World Literacy Day would like to have a book swap in the gym with hot chocolate for students.
  - Bingo night – February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mic was hard to hear last year and only play games with one or two lines. Erin is looking into ordering proper bingo cards.
  - Erin suggested next meeting to brainstorm what to use HAS money for – gym, field trips, technology?

- Ms. Gourlay said the staff have a wish list of a new mural on the front of the school as needs to be updated and students do not see themselves represented in the current mural. It is a process to take down the current mural. An artist would need to be hired. Maybe look to Sam Austin – District councillor for money. Ms. Gourlay applied for a Healthy School Community grant and received \$900.00 to go towards items including the mural. It is estimated that the mural project would cost approximately \$10 000.
- Need to discuss Committee for Spring Fair. The fair will be held June 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee will need to be formed in January. May need to reach out to school community about volunteers for this. Three people could lead it with one main contact person.
- Art Auction??

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## Upcoming Meetings

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- December 5 – Virtual
- January 15
- February 12 – Virtual
- March 4 – Virtual
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11