

Selkirk Parent Group
November 28, 2016

Minutes

7-8:30 pm in Staff Room

Guest Speaker from the Kingfisher class regarding a fundraising idea – did not show.

Guest Speaker Kristi Owens to talk about a fundraising idea – did not show.

Attended by: Jen, Cara J. Brandi Karma, Sylvia, Wency, Erin, & Danica

Started 7:05pm

- 1 Introductions (round the table)
- 2 Chair's Report (Brandi A.):
 - a. review of minutes from October meeting
 - i. Change October response, Tanya now wants someone to shadow her for the lunch program to take over the program next year – good time right now as the lunch program is switching over in the 2nd term
 - ii. **Action: Cara to send minutes electronically to Jen**
 - b. Feedback from Halloween Bash
 - i. big thank you to Marcia Semeenoff who put together the evening
 - ii. General feedback was very positive, well attended
- 3 Treasurer's Report:
 - a. YTD report, not all expenses are in for the lunch program – so doing well
 - b. Purdy's update: Total \$6721, Profit \$1680, and Rebate \$160
 - c. Spaghetti Social – not an accurate reflection, doesn't really belong in fundraiser category
 - i. some discussion on how to account for the Spaghetti Social, need another line for the future as there will be similar events, e.g. Parent Ed Night with donations
 - ii. Cost: \$692.41 Allotted: \$500 Donated: \$646.70 – closer costs are ~\$1000, but 2/3s of the meat sauce was donated (Cara J contacted K.B. and Brandi was in contact with J.T – both were happy to donate their supplies).
 - iii. **Action: Jen to figure out a better way to display donations, when there is an initial amount allocated for the function**
 - d. Family Portraits raised \$925, which is 50% of the profit
- 4 Charity Events (Cara V):
 - a. Angel Gifts are going forward
 - i. Tootie due by Friday, December 2nd
 - ii. instructions to class reps about particular person – class reps buy gift ~\$40, children will wrap – suggested downtown stores, where people have easy access and can return merchandise e.g. Mark's Work Warehouse
 - iii. Karma had emailed Ca
 - iv. ra V. about the person that wanted to talk to the younger grades, miscommunication, and she didn't show up at the right time twice
 - v. **Action: Danica is wanted to speak to the younger kids to raise awareness, as she has in the past "as long as she has breath in me".. or "as long as I am welcome to"**
 - vi. Erin put up a reminder in the staff room for the teachers

- 5 Fundraising committee Report :
 - a. Looking for someone to shadow Natasha with the purpose of taking over next year.
 - b. Hope to have the opt out option next year for September
 - c. Fundraising choices have more of an educational bent, Engineering for kids which will start in the new year
 - d. Thanks Kimberly Dunlop for the photography fundraiser. We raised \$925
 - i. Possibly do family portraits in the Spring
 - e. 900° Pizza Gift Certificates in the future
 - f. Music Bingo fundraiser possibility at the REEF – L. (owner of the Reef and parent) is willing to pay for the music bingo
 - i. Possibly early Feb – combo of food & drink, and/or bingo cards \$5/piece
 - ii. **Action: Wency to approach J. W. and possibly spearhead this with Danica & Derrick**
 - iii. Another person to consider would be S.S.
 - g. Update on Candles, distributor couldn't feel they could meet the order – possibility for next year
 - h. Balance between community building events that are for free and fundraising

- 6 Lunch program update (Tanya T):
 - a. Hiccups with the closing of Pita Pit – affected about 20 kids, lunch program lost some money
 - b. **Action: Brandi to update job description for Tanya's position to send out**

- 7 Staff/Admin Report (Erin H.):
 - a. Leadership is hosting a PJ day on Friday, as one of the Spirit Days
 - i. Next Spirit Day will be Look Alike Day: look like your teacher, friend, or celebrity
 - b. 12 Days of Giving – since there are 12 days in December, thinking what kind of impact Selkirk can have over the community
 - i. **Action: Danica to set up the socks donation in the main foyer on Friday**
 - c. We've got lice! VIHA does not do the check at school
 - i. Dry checks transmit
 - ii. Brandi gave the name of some remedies: Marseilles Remedy, Thieve's Oil, Rosemary Mint shampoo (Beauty Without Cruelty), Tea tree oil is not recommended for younger kids
 - iii. Flat iron hair or shave head could limit the transmission
 - iv. Some discussion of the privacy/sharing the knowledge around this
 - d. Wednesday, P.B. did a workshop
 - i. Recommended by insurer to reduce our liability is for all volunteers to get a criminal record check
 - ii. Need to access the extended criminal record check form from Selkirk
 - e. new curriculum update
 - i. Core Competencies – Communication, Thinking, & Personal and Social is quite disciplined in its' approach, like Montessori
 - ii. Many of the classes are doing a student self-reflection
 1. Kingfisher had student lead 3-way conferences, where they step through the likes/dislikes with examples of each subject
 2. "The room is filled with a beautiful energy"
 3. Great group in the 7/8s, which is said about each year!
 - f. Pro-D Positive behavior support network, changing the 5% to 95% on the outset

- i. 2-day workshop, 10 people attended
 - ii. Federal Independent Schools – had new things that came out of that workshop
 - 1. What’s important to parents in the report card?
 - 2. What do the core competencies mean?
 - g. change of special request
 - i. \$1375 was allotted to the music program for risers
 - ii. This money is now re-allocated for the purchase of a sound system approved by the SPG
 - 1. Moved by Danica; Seconded by Jen
- 8 Sports Program Liason (Cara J):
 - a. Basketball is wrapping up this week
 - b. Volleyball will start in the New Year
 - c. A. continues to run X-country practices with the hope to enter a school team in the 10K
- 9 Barb Carr Harris: Darren Laur update
 - a. Barb has arranged for Darren Laur to come to the Parent Ed Night to talk about online safety
 - i. Night TBD
 - b. Also raised money so that Darren could come into the 5/6 and 7/8 classes
 - i. Raised a bit of controversy, as it is not the job of the SPG to navigate parents directing curriculum – always good to make a suggestion
 - ii. Dates TBD
- 10 New business:
 - a. Brandi is unable to make the Board meeting to update – Can anyone attend for her? Possibly as a last resort, can send the draft minutes along to the meeting
 - i. **Action: Cara J. to get minutes to Brandi by tomorrow night**
 - ii. Jen may be able to attend the meeting at about 7pm
 - b. Jen suggested idea for E.A. as she does a lot behind the scenes for the SPG
 - i. Flowers/gift card, donation envelope and card in the office for distribution on the last Thursday before the last day of school
 - ii. **Action: Jen to set-up card in office**
 - c. Brandi suggested a thank you card for M. for photographing the family portraits
 - i. **Action: Brandi to set-up card in office**
 - d. Sylvia can no longer give 100% to the SPG so M. will be replacing her as class rep of the Kingfisher class
 - i. She is starting a non-profit the House of the World Society
 - 1. Immigrant women workers and women in need, getting Canadian work experience in the fields of house cleaning, sewing, and senior support (“heart from soul”)
- 11 Next meeting – December Social
 - a. Proposed after Sr. Concert on Thursday December 15th at Glo
 - b. Brandi gave Wency \$2

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm