

# **L M Montgomery School Home and School General Meeting October 11, 2011**

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**Attendance:** 7 executive members and 12 parents/staff

**Call to order:** 7:35 pm

Previous meeting's minutes read. No errors or omissions noted. Motion to adopt the minutes by Valerie Herring-MacBeath and Lesley Whitlock.

**Principal's Report:** Given by Heather Cudmore

Heather first presented her report from October 11 followed by her November report.

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

- Meet the staff night: I received positive feedback from the teachers around the lunch program in formation. Many felt that they did not need to spend time discussing the lunch program which allowed more time for classroom information.
- We have completed all of our required fire drills and bus evacuations. We will soon be conducting our yearly lockdown drills.
- Bus routes should now be finalized. Some bus numbers and pick up/drop times had to change due to overcrowding. I appreciate the support and patience from the parents during this transition.
- On September 16 the students participated in our School's Terry Fox Walk. We are proud to announce that L.M. students and staff raised over \$600 for cancer research.
- On September 26, the staff was updated on the procedure for administering epi-pens.
- Joint Occupational Health and Safety parent representative is Kelly DeVries. This committee meets monthly.
- On September 29, our choir participated in the Children's Wish Christmas CD recording.

Upcoming events:

- October 20 and 21: PEITF Annual Convention-no classes
- October 27 evening and 28 all day, Parent/Teacher conferences.
- On October 26, our grade 3-6 students will be participating in the Sports Fair at UPEI.
- Maurice Bernard Art Lessons: Classroom visits to start the week of the 17 of October. Six Tuesday sessions (after school for a fee) beginning November 8.

- A letter was submitted by 3 students requesting funds to revamp the ball duty room. The school will look after funding this project.

November 15, 2011

- On October 26 the grade 3-6 students participated in the sports fair held at the Stratford Soccer Complex. Students had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to try out many sports. This was the first year for the grade 3 students and the teachers found it very worthwhile.
- Teachers were very pleased with the high attendance rate for parent/teacher interviews. This shows the commitment of parents to support their child's teacher and will keep open communication between school and home.
- We held our first lockdown drill on November 4. Everything went extremely well, teachers and students followed all procedures. Special thanks to Constable Jana Doucette for assisting with the drill.
- On November 9, we had a Remembrance Day Assembly organized by our music teachers, Lynn MacMillan and Wendy Evers. Our 4-6 Choir and Strings students performed along with the Singing Strings group.
- Grade 3 and 6 Provincial Assessment results were mailed out today so parents should expect those in a day or two. L.M. Montgomery students did very well as a whole group-school results will be shared at the next meeting.
- November 25 is a School Development day in which teachers will be participating in workshops to assist them in assessing student writing.
- Choir Christmas Concert will take place on December 6 at 7:00 pm. The choir will also be performing at the Delta on December 13 at noon.
- Christmas Concert Matinee at the Murphy Centre. Some classroom teachers have expressed an interest in taking their students to this play. Price is \$6 per student.

**Co-Chairs Report:** Given by Roma Misener

- The Semi-Annual was held on October 18. Suzanne and Roma attended. There was a lot of good discussion around Resolutions. Resolutions are due January 31 and will be voted on in May.
- Extra Mile Award nominations are due November 30.
- Education Governance Commission is hosting Community Conversations and Public Hearings. There is more information about this on the Federation Website. They are seeking advice from public on how to better facilitate students learning.
- Home and School Leadership Grants are now being awarded through proposal submissions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Lesley Whitlock

Opening balance as of October 8, 2011	\$19,409.14
Income	\$5,892.91
Expenses	\$8,933.55
Balance as of November 11, 2011	\$16,368.50
GIC as of September 2011	\$10,301.18
Total balance as of November 11, 2011	\$26,669.68

**Committee Reports:**

**Ways and Means:** Given by Suzanne Pater

- We are short seven volunteers for Fun Night but Suzanne thinks we can make it work.
- One new game has been added this year.
- Volunteers are meeting at school on Thursday at 6:30 pm to decorate and set up for the silent auction.
- Set up and decorating will continue after school on Friday. Suzanne will also be here throughout the day packaging baked goods for bake sale. Volunteers with this would be appreciated.
- 230 silent auction prizes have been donated as opposed to 290 last year.
- The East Royalty Cubs are supporting Family Fun Night this year by buying tickets for their troop.
- Gingerbread houses donated last year by Michael's were decorated by Grade Six students and will be set up for display.
- All supplies for the new ice cream parlor station have been donated by Co-op.

**Hospitality Committee:** Chaired by Lori-Ann Good

Nothing new to report.

**Lunch Committee:** Given by Donna Welsh

- Donna followed up with Dominoes and delivery slips have been received.
- Donna spoke with Subway to clarify increase in sub costs. That location was subject to new management who hadn't been exempting PST. That has been rectified and we are now making twenty-five cents on our sub sales again.
- Dianne from Borrowed Kitchen would prefer if parents emailed their requests for gluten free lunch options directly to her.

- Token sales are on November 24. That was not indicated on the November calendar.
- Donna W. to discuss with Donna M. tokens sales for December. Perhaps rather than having token sales in December we will have two in January.

**Community Use of Schools:** Given by Heather Cudmore

- The gym is still being used on Sundays by a floor hockey league.
- Paula Younker used the gym one Friday evening for a Bible Study group.

**Correspondence:**

Ron read a letter that was submitted by Kelly DeVries, parent representative for the JOSH Committee. She is requesting that the Home and School Executive write a letter to the Eastern School District asking them to make fixing our school's roof a priority.

**Other:**

Roma asked the group if there were any suggestions for guest speakers at upcoming meetings.

Discussion of 10 wish list items were presented and discussed. The items were agreed upon by all present to purchase now.

Items approved to be purchased:

1. Reinstatement of \$100 for teachers.
2. Straws for K-1 students.
3. Two more library book stands at \$50 each, and a heavy duty pencil sharpener at a cost of \$62.
4. Grade 1 literacy centre items: magnetic letters. Seven sets per classroom at \$25 dollars each.
5. Balance paid on remaining cost of snowshoes. (Lesley expecting a cheque from ACOA to cover this.
6. \$150 for 2 shelving units in two classrooms
7. A four slice toaster for the breakfast program.
8. Spotlights for stage. (funds set aside for this from last year)
9. EA's requesting funds for life skills program for special needs students. \$100 dollars approved for this.

Motion to adjourn: 8:50 pm by Valerie Herring-MacBeath and Suzanne Pater.

Next meeting: January 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Conohan.