

L.M. Montgomery School

Home and School General Meeting

January 10, 2012

Attendance: 9 people and 6 executive members

Call to order: 7:35 p.m.

Previous meeting's minutes read. No errors or omissions noted. Motion to adopt the minutes by Lynn Coughlin and Suzanne Pater.

Principal's Report: given by Heather Cudmore

- November 23 grade 5-6 students listened to a presentation on the dangers of drinking and driving by Alex Poole.
- Karen Gaudet did a phonological awareness presentation to staff on November 23rd.
- December 1st grade 4-6 attended a Christmas play at the Murphy Center.
- December 6th was the Strings and Choir Concert here at school.
- December 13th the grade 4-6 Choir sang at the Delta.
- December 15th grade 6 strings students performed for residents at Whisperwood Villa.
- December 19th David Carpenter did a presentation for the students and presented a slide show of his time in Iraq.
- Grade 6 students organized the collection of food items for the food bank- 767 items collected!
- Second session of Art classes with Maurice Bernard to begin January 17th.
- Various classes participating in "January Good Deeds".
- Girl's Yoga group for grade 4-6 students beginning January 11th at lunchtime.
- Grade 6 girls/boys group to begin Tuesday January 11th.

- Spelling Bee for grades 4-6. Class written bees this week. School bee next Monday or Tuesday.
- January 27th is Family Literacy Day- Invitation for parents to join us at Literacy focus time (12:45-1:10) to read with their child at school.
- January 31st grade 4 students to attend Art Days at Confederation Centre.
- Winter Carnival – dates to be determined.
- February 1st is a professional development day for teachers.
- February 7th is late French Immersion meeting at Stonepark.
- February 15th grade 6 Band Orientation at Stonepark (9:30 am).
- Math Night for parents will be February 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm.
- School Science Fair is February 28th. Storm date is February 29th. Students will present their projects to their class the week of February 21-24th. Cyndi Proude will do a parent presentation on preparing for the fair on January 24th at 7:00 pm. Storm date January 25th.
- Sally Conohan is on maternity leave. Jessica Parent is filling in for her.
- Jody Kinney will be out for a few weeks as she just had her baby. Barb Carmichael will be substituting for her until the end of February.
- Kathy Lanigan-Campbell will be on leave beginning February 1st and her position will be filled next week.

Co-Chairs Report: given by Ron Beaton

- PEIHSF's resolutions are due January 31, 2012. Anyone wishing to put forth a resolution should let either Ron or Roma know.
- Applications for the leadership grants are due February 29, 2012. We will be doing a math night for parents on February 16th at 6:30 pm.
- Staff Appreciation Week is February 12-18th. Lori Anne Good is looking after this committee.
- Ron Beaton met with Kelly DeVries and the JOSH Committee with regards to sending a letter to the Eastern School Board to address issues arising in the school that require maintenance. It was decided that issues were being dealt with in a timely manner at this time and a letter from Home and School was not needed.

Treasurer's Report: given by Lesley Whitlock	
Opening Balance as of November 12, 2011	\$ 16,368.50
Income	\$ 20,987.19
Expenses	\$ 13,579.32
Balance as of January 2, 2012	\$ 23,776.37
GIC as of September 2011	\$ 10,301.18
Total Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,077.55

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Committee: given by Ron Beaton

-Nothing to report at this time.

Community Use of Schools: given by Heather Cudmore

-Floor hockey is finished for now.

-Community theatre group is using the multi purpose room on Thursday evening and Saturday afternoons.

Ways and Means Committee: given by Suzanne Pater

-Suzanne thanked all committee members, parents, students and staff who helped to make Fun Night a success. We raised \$ 12,165 this year.

Lunch Committee: given by Donna Welsh

-January 12th will be the only token sale in January.

- Tuesday Lunch option will now cost \$ 3.00. Tuesday lunch option for February is a hamburger.

- Donna thanked the specials needs students and their Educational Assistants who are helping to pass out pizza on Thursday.

-Thanks also went out to Louise and Calvin Sutherland who are volunteering to cook hotdogs and pass out pizza.

Correspondence:

- A thank you card was received from the students attending the breakfast program for the toaster that Home and School purchased.
- A thank you card was received from Mrs. Murchison's class for magnetic letters, foam letters and books that were purchased by the Home and School.

Open Discussion:

- Question was raised about why there isn't a Christmas concert for the whole school. Heather Cudmore stated this was something the school was looking into.
- Question was raised as to why all classes do not do scholastic book orders. Heather Cudmore indicated that this was a teacher decision but that anyone could go to the scholastic website and order books.
- Kindergarten teacher Danny Dowling thanked the Home and School for purchasing straws for the Kindergarten classes.
- It was stated that there was interest in having a guest speaker for February's meeting. A possible option was an information session on Anxiety. Heather Cudmore stated she would ask if Guidance Counsellor Susan Doiron was available on February 7th to do a presentation on anxiety. Another possible option discussed was healthy lunches.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:50 p.m. by Allyson McCarron and Donna Welsh.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Herring-MacBeath