

Date: Tuesday November 21st

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virtual

Co-Chair Kelly Soutiere and Kate From

1. Welcome: Kelly

In Attendance: Jen Sage, Melissa Ingle, Heather Freamo-Beirns, Jenyne Thompson, Mark Turner, Kate From, Kelly Soutiere

2. Acceptance of Agenda: Kelly

Move to Accept: Jenn 1st, Melissa 2nd

3. Acceptance of Minutes: October 2023 – Kelly

Move to Accept: Jenn 1st, Melissa 2nd

4. Treasurers Report:

- a. the chocolate bar fundraiser - we made a **profit of \$3200** (Jen)
- b. for Mables labels we made a **profit of \$67.67**
- c. the Halloween Terra cotta cookies made a **profit of \$62.45** and
- d.** the market fresh candles a total of 160 were sold for a **profit of \$800.**
- e. Mark - donations were received- **\$120 from families** to be added as a separate line item to tracker.

5. Principles Report:

- a. EQAO results for schools were released in early October. Our school continues to do well in certain areas however Writing is strong in both Grade 3 and 6. Some gains have been made in Math however this subject, in addition to Reading, will continue to be areas of focus for our school, the board and the Province. A post on our website includes more information.
- b. For Halloween, we had many staff and students participate by wearing costumes or black and orange. Our Kindergarten students had their annual parade through the classrooms while our older students went for a neighborhood walk.
- c. During the October PA Day, teachers began working on Progress Reports for families. Progress reports were sent home on Nov 16th and uploaded to the parent portal. The online parent-teacher interview sign-up platform is open until noon on Nov 22 so that families can sign up for an in-person or virtual meetings on either the afternoon/early evening of Thursday, Nov 23rd or during the PA day for interviews on Friday, Nov 24
- d. Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph public Health in partnership with the Upper Grand DSB is performing the Well-being Health and Youth survey with

students and parents until Nov 24th (it opened on Nov 13th). The WHY survey will provide information to inform planning decisions around youth health and well-being and ensures anonymity for students and parents. Grade 4 and up students will complete the survey online in their classes and a link for parents was emailed to families. Parents can get more information on our website if they are interested.

- e. We had our Colour House kick-off on November 15th. Students were excited to create team names and chants. Our next colour house event will occur in December.
- f. Our Gr 3 and up students had their first skating trip to Exhibition arena.
- g. Mrs. Jones and the Helping Hands Club organized a Food Drive over the last few days that ends on Thursday this week. We are eagerly waiting to see if we can fill the back of Mrs. Jones' van again this year!
- h. Schoolyard to be fully enclosed with additional fencing – date TBD
- i. 4x8 Aluminum Framed Whiteboard update -\$75 ea/install for cost of \$265/board plus tax. Mark to survey teachers to determine numbers (for next meeting)
- j. Discussed dates for having the grotto come to the school for a cost of \$1000 a day. April / May dates – maybe April because it would be mucky outside so great indoor activity. Monday/Tuesdays work best, and every class should be able to visit 2x. Kindergartener's will have obstacle course in lieu.

#### 6. Fundraising Update: Jen, Melissa, Heather

- a. the **chocolate bars** weren't as successful as last year...
- b. there were a lot of **terra cotta pumpkin cookies** left over so Heather set up a table outside after class three days in a row. The cookies didn't go to waste though as they were split in half and shared with the students.
- c. **Mables Labels** profit made..
- d. **Candles** will be ready approximately two weeks from tomorrow (December 6 or 7th) Melissa offered to pick them up. Kate, Kelly, Melissa, and Jenn offered to sort them out at the school. Kate could bring bags and packing paper.

#### 7. Outstanding Items: none

- 8. New Business: Kelly and Kate introduced the 'Fundraising Tracking' spreadsheet to the group. Two tabs were created to (1) track fundraising inventory and profit (2) how funds are spent. The goal is to help keep us organized and to see what fundraising is working best for the school. It was suggested the spreadsheet be posted on Google Sheets so everyone can see the most update version. Viewing and editing can be determined when uploading first time.

9. Other Items:

- a. Jenyne discussed Big Box fundraising website and spoke specifically talked about the Holiday/Greeting Box of Cards as a spring fundraising idea. There was a discussion that it was done many years ago. Jenyne to investigate details.
- b. Jenn talked about spending ideas - Rocks and Rings, Escape Rooms, Ontario Farming and Science Centre Travelling Exhibit's
- c. A suggestion was made to reduce the price of any leftover inventory to eliminate items while still making a small profit. Also Flash Sales were discussed as they have worked in the past. Should be discussed at each meeting to determine best course of action. Jenyne then suggested adding day flash sales to the UG Connect App when we extra inventory or just a one-day sale event.
- d. Mark indicated June Ave is on the list to receive a Gaga Ball Pits and he has accounted for the funding.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 23 @ 6:30pm