

Hammonds Plains Consolidated School PTA Minutes

November 12, 2024

Attendance:

- Lynn Corkum (Principal)
- Andrea Marsman (Vice Principal)
- Kari McGinley
- Michelle Croxen (President)
- Sharon Higgins
- Lisa Oakie (Teacher)
- Carolyn Milne
- Leanne Nowakowski (Past President)
- Tanya Killam (SAC)
- Carmen Bartlett (Secretary)
- Nadia Young
- Lucy Robertson
- Anna Barkhouse (Teacher)
- Sabet Mahkoul (Treasurer)

Regrets: N/A

Welcome/Call to Order: 6:42 pm by Michelle Croxen

1. Approval of October Agenda:

Approved by: Lisa Oakie

Second by: Michelle Croxen

2. Approval of September Minutes:

Approved by: Lisa Oakie

Second by: Michelle Croxen

3. Administration Report – Lynn

- Roof project is ongoing. Project manager will be closing in any hazard.
- There have been a few Popcorn Fridays
- Teachers attended NSTU conferences end of October
- Bus evacuation drills have occurred
- Costume parade was a success with children
- School reward - adhoc “dance” with Mr Dykeman - very popular.
- End of February planning for Winter Carnival - an indoor/outdoor event that aligns with Quebec Carnival for French immersion inclusion. First committee meeting coming up soon.
- Remembrance Day assembly was beautiful. Students participated with poem and song sharing. Ms Barkhouse was Master of Ceremonies.
- For the Love of Trees assembly hosted by Mrs Parsons. Forest Nova Scotia ensured each student went home with a sapling. A great way to rebuild our community.
- Upcoming - report cards and parent teacher.

4. SAC Report - Tanya

- For a spending grant, teachers were surveyed to ask how to best spend funds. It was decided more noise cancelling headsets will be purchased. There are currently 2 in classrooms - this will increase to 6. Flexible seating will also be purchased for children. Music set completion have also been approved for purchase.
- Universal lunch program - learning curve with new program but staff are doing well.

- Cell phone policy impacts all grade levels. Info sessions will be available in communities. Will be communicated in newsletter.

5. Treasurer Report - Sabet

- Few updates on new budget sheet provided. Updates include actual for Turkey Bingo and Halloween Dance. Halloween dance expenses \$345.91 this will be updated for next meeting.
- \$89 deposit for Mabel's Labels
- Classrooms funds \$13,775 school administrator needs to deposit cheque.

6. A) Recap Turkey Bingo

- 365 in attendance - full house. We had to add additional tables and seating.
- Gift cards instead of turkey went over well with winners
- Next year we need more pies for ties
- Two trunkloads of food donated to food bank.

6. B) Recap Halloween Dance

- 788 in attendance + 20 volunteers inside
- Food sold well. Very little waste or leftovers
- Cafeteria used playlist and rented speaker. Worked well
- Quiet room was well received
- Picture spot - move to lower traffic area
- Recycling bin signs helped with clean up

6. C) Name Tag - Ongoing fundraiser

- number of orders 88
- total of 217 name tags

- All orders received, Michelle completed data entry to Mike Pratt

7. Upcoming events

1. Santa Social Nov 30

- One two hour session
- Split between cafeteria and gym
- Games
- Santa Ron returns
- Photography with Santa
- Raffle and silent auction includes donations from local businesses. Will create sponsor wall.
- Letters to Santa pending Canada Post strike

2. Front row raffle

- Updated sheet and ready to go. Last call will be Dec 9. For evening sessions only.

3. New year ideas

- February Dance - Carolyn
- April dance
- Teacher appreciation May
- June bbq
- Microgardens - Kari emailed for Spring dates
- Read a thon

8. Popcorn Machine

- New machine required for school
- Split cost between PTA and school
- Produces larger volume
- Our cost \$390.19

Motion to approve purchase of popcorn machine \$390.19

Moved by: Michelle

Seconded by: Carolyn

All approved. Motion carried

Adjournment: 7:20 pm by Michelle Croxen

Next meeting: January 14, 2025 - online