

Meeting Information: Bell Park Academic Home & School

Date:	October 26, 2023	Start Time:	5:30
Location:	School Library	End Time:	7:15
Chair:	Cheryl Ward/Pam Searle	Scribe:	Cathy McDonald Johnston

Attendees:

Attendee	Attendee	Attendee
Albert Williams	Tobi Martin Flemming	Gina Dunn
Darlene Boudreau	Karen Bartlett	Ale Andres
Cheryl Ward	Karen Braun	Laura Knight
Jen Briand	Ashleigh Miller-Cross	
Angela MacNeil (Regrets)	Kelly Hernon	
Pam Searle	Krista Hartlen	
Cathy McDonald Johnston	Laura Squires	

Agenda:

#	Item	Owner	(I)nformation (A)ction (D)ecision (C)omplete
1	Welcome New Members and New Chair	Cheryl	
2	Monthly Rewards (October and November)	Cheryl/Pam	
3	Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Wreaths – Form has been sent, must be returned for Nov 1. Gift Card Tree Other Ideas 		
4	Event Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Breakfast (December 20th) BINGO (May 23rd) Family BBQ (June 13Th) 		
5	Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Balance Art Room Update 		
6	Email on further correspondence (bellparkhomeschool@gmail.com)		
7	Other Item		
8	Next Meeting		

Actions / Minutes:

#	Discussion	Owner
1	<p>Cheryl welcomed Pam as the new chair. Home and school have not been the same over the last few years with Covid. Introduced Albert Williams the principal. Mr. Williams: His role in the group is working with everyone and helping students enhance their experience. Assist the H&S with guidelines that we are meant to follow. Make it so everyone feels included. Tobi – question about SAC Committee. Is SAC working here at Bell Park and is there an opportunity to understand and possibly work with SAC? Mr. Williams: SAC is here in Bell Park. We are all working toward similar goals, but it is not the same. There is certain guidelines SAC must follow and they are given a budget of \$5,000 annually to cover the cost of other things. Cheryl: Prior to Covid a SAC member did always sit on the H&S committee, but not now. Tobi: Is there an opportunity to collaborate and possibly align what we are doing with that they are doing IE if SAC brings a speaker in for the students is it possible for our group to be there and give something to the students at the same time? Mr. Williams: possibly. Tobi: Is there an actual mandate for H&S? What is our mission? Cheryl: We did have one. ACTION ITEM: Cheryl will include the Bell Park H&S Association doc for the next meeting. Tobi: How are decisions made? Cheryl: Voting process. Someone comes up with the idea, we discuss as a group and then everyone votes. Tobi: How are we moving forward? Cheryl: Each year we pick a project to fundraise for, pre-Covid it was identified the art room needed things and to be fixed up. We voted on that as a group and a list was put forward and the BINGO funds went to the art room. Cheryl has the list of supplies and will give it to the group. Tobi: Do we ever work with other H&S groups from other schools? Joint things/ events? Mr. Williams: Each is done as a separate entity. Cheryl: Not done formally, but we could get ideas from other H&S groups.</p>	Cheryl
2	<p>Monthly rewards cost about \$200-\$300 a month and the students enjoy it. All in favor of keeping the monthly rewards for the students? <u>All agreed.</u></p> <p>October's rollout to be monster shaped squishies and Made Good bars, Cathy, and Pam to distribute on Halloween. Contact Admin prior to make sure it is okay.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Cheryl to send Pam info on who to contact for the Roll Outs.</p>	

	<p>November's reward, all agreed on "Magic Mittens" for each student all voted yes to Magic mittens.</p> <p>December's reward is the Holiday Breakfast.</p>		
3	<p>Albert, Angela, Cheryl, and Pam met and discussed 3-4 significant fundraisers for the school year.</p> <p>The Holiday Wreaths have been agreed on. \$1,000+ is considered a major fundraiser. Wreaths – usually make about \$700-\$800 on them. Previous years we bought them for \$11 and sold them for \$20 without a bow and \$22 with bows. This year we are buying them for \$14 each and will sell them for \$25 all with Bows. This counts as one of our big ones. BINGO - on May 23rd is our biggest fundraiser. PIES – this is an easy one and we make from \$1,000 - \$1,500 this is done in March, so they arrive just before Easter. To discuss at next meeting if we still want to do them.</p> <p>Holiday Bazaar was discussed as well for November 23rd Pam and Albert to confirm the date. Next meeting will be November 16th to finalize and complete everything for November 23rd.</p> <p><u>An ask from the Administration this year is a fundraiser for</u> -Chromebooks -Bookshelves for all classes. There is a shortage of Chromebooks for the lower grades.</p> <p><u>Ideas the funds can be used for:</u> Field Trip days - help offset the cost of the buses. Neptune Theatre Give each teacher \$10. Per student and let them decide what they want to do with the funds. A mural on the side of the building, like the bears. Will spruce up the building make it look more inviting, bring back colour! All agreed the outside needs work. Mentorships for the students, get the students involved and bring in mentors. Zen Boxes where the bears were at the front door, or friendship boxes. Handprints on the rocks, with colour and makes it a legacy project for the students. Natural Playgrounds outside, using wood stumps and natural things.</p>		

	<p>Repaint the lines on the playgrounds. Stencil needs to be ordered from HRCE but the rest we can do.</p> <p>Albert: Basketball hoops from Toys are us, lightweight and easy to move around. Seasonal Murals in the halls, all agreed this would give the school more colour. Covering the doors is not permitted, but the kids could work on a mural that would potentially cover the door, then one day all of them are displayed in the gym and each class gets to see them.</p> <p>Pam: Decorations for the holiday seasons.</p> <p>Cheryl – There are many decorations in storage that can be used.</p> <p>Tobi: Can we make sure not to just decorate for Christmas? There are other cultures and beliefs.</p> <p>Pam: Holiday Bazaar on November 23rd – all in favour, Pam to check with Albert to about availability for the 23rd.</p> <p>The Bazaar: People would rent a table and come and set up the table to sell whatever they have. Crafts and what not, a very popular idea and community oriented.</p> <p>Parents could drop off their donations for the Santa Shop.</p> <p>People could drop off a donation to Feed NS as well.</p> <p>Jen: Would we need permission to be selling things, are there regulations?</p> <p>Cheryl: There are guidelines, I will give you the list.</p> <p>Gena: Atlantic View was open for the Seaside Christmas one year and that was great.</p> <p><u>Event Ideas proposed:</u></p> <p>School Dance</p> <p>Fall Fair</p> <p>Ice rink</p>		
4	<p>Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 12th. Request that there be a draw again for the front row tickets, raffle the seats off and the winners get the front seats, very popular and made lots of money.</p> <p>Holiday Breakfast December 20th confirmed.</p> <p>Holiday Bazaar November 23rd Details being confirmed.</p> <p>BINGO May 23rd confirmed.</p> <p>Family BBQ June 13th confirmed.</p>		
5	<p>Cheryl: Finance update will happen at every meeting.</p> <p>Current Balance is: \$1,708.00.</p> <p>Art Room Update: The total cost was \$3,000 Cheryl will send the list with the minutes.</p> <p><u>ACTION ITEM:</u> Cheryl will give Pam the list of supplies and cost for the art room.</p>		
6	<p>There is a new email address, all correspondence is to go through the new address. Pam and Cathy will have the password and access to the account.</p>		
7	<p>Other items</p>		

	<p>Cheryl: There are two teachers that would like to join but are not able to make the meetings. Could we look at other nights. Wednesdays and Thursdays are the best for all, meetings will be booked from month to month. The nights will be rotated so all can join from time to time, and we are aware that some will not be able to make it. Krista: Is there an option for people to join virtually. – Possibly, it will be explored.</p> <p>All agreed: November will be a Thursday and then we will do it on a Wednesday for January.</p>		
8	<p>Thursday November 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM</p> <p>Items: Plan the Bazaar Christmas Breakfast planning</p> <p>Also for those that wish to work with the children there are two checks that are required before you are allowed to work in the school with the children.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criminal Record Check - Vulnerable sector screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained through the police station or online through • Online Criminal Record Check Canadian Background Check (mybackcheck.com) 2. The child abuse registry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for a Child Abuse Register search - Government of Nova Scotia <p>These are good for three years and must be renewed after 3 years, but if you are new you must renew.</p>		