## Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School

FUNDRAISING minutes

## 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 / 7:15-8:20PM / SAM Library

## ATTENDEES

| Principal: Dawn Rothwell | Stacey Addison Fortuin |
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| Vice Principal: Cam Makovichuk | Stephanie Morris |
| Linda Marchand | Randi Shuttleworth |
| Celeste Fowler | Darla Loewen |
| Pauline (Paula) Requa | Sean Cheyney |
| Britney Mitchell | Jazzie Buller |
| Tarena Martin | Teacher: Kim Robertson |

## AGENDA

## Approve agenda as circulated

Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

## Approved last meeting minutes

Previous meeting minutes approved:
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

## Board Member Elections

Chair: Stephanie Morris
Co-Chair:Linda Marchand
Secretary: Paula Requa + Ian Chamberland
Treasurer: Jazzie Buller
Volunteer Coordinator: Sean Cheyney

## Treasurer's Report

- Main: \$26,476.09
- Everyday ins/outs + operation costs, not AGLC related. Can be applied to anything
- Casino: \$26,054.21
- funding allocation must meet specific requirements
- ~\$17,000 to go towards swimming lessons for all students.
- Playground: \$13,092.72
- Some playground equipment is at half-life, need to begin saving for new playground equipment
- Allocations: \$30,590.42


## Admin Report

- seeking ways to attract volunteers, fundraiser ideas, and increase attendance/participation in fundraisers; these fundraisers are important and impactful. Some examples:
- Swim lessons approved for all students. Older students will begin lessons first, the schedule is not yet finalized but discussions with Fountain Park are ongoing.
- STEAM lab (funded last year)- once per week opportunities in the STEAM lab are being offered to cohort grades on a multi-month rotating basis, currently beginning with $K-2$. Lots of new, fun opportunities to explore as the year progresses (robotics, coding, engineering, art etc). Hoping to explore the idea of having a
'Family Code Night'
- Phys.Ed staff have some ideas for funding allocation; Jazzie has spoken to them and acquired that information
- Lise is looking into new Jersey/pinnie options. Companies were unable to have samples for tonight's meeting but (ACTION ITEM:) she is hopeful to be able to have something for October to show us along with pricing. - Current pinnies are quite small, suitable for Div 1 but not great for bigger Div 2 kids
- Suggestion was put forward in regards to funding a new Bluetooth sound system for the gym. Maryann has given an estimate of $\$ 1000$ for equipment. ACTION ITEM: Dawn and Cam to look into this more and see what, if anything, needs to be an ask from fundraising


## Budgets:

General Float: Proposed increase to \$300
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Basket Raffle Supplies: Proposed up to \$200
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Liquor Basket: Proposed amount up to $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 0}$ (this amount was sufficient)
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Insurance : Proposed up to \$1200
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Cupcake Day: proposed up to $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 / m o n t h ~ ( a s ~ n e e d e d . ~ A l s o ~ u s e d ~ t o ~ s u p p l y ~}$ allergen friendly products)
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Halloween Dance: \$300 pie face, \$800 DJ/Decor/Prizes, \$800 Concession; total \$1900
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

Freezies: would like to stock up on freezies for the future from Save-on ~\$1.50/box (Reg. \$7) Response: Thus far have been unable to find them, but (ACTION ITEM:) if someone finds them, email the date, location and price to samfundraisingaspschools.org
Linda approves

No one opposes

Meeting Treats: proposed $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 / m o n t h}$ (this is currently sufficient)
Linda approves
Stephanie seconds
No one opposes

## Fundraisers:

- Cupcake day schedules are ready for staff tomorrow (Sept 20) and will be distributed later this week. One cupcake day will fall on the day immediately after Halloween (sorry teachers)- likely will sell less this day. ACTION ITEM: we need to start getting committed volunteers
- Skip-the-depot fundraising is ongoing
- Boston Pizza Fundraiser is ongoing; 5\% pre-tax on receipts, liquor and gift cards not included. Volunteer requirements are minimal (twice per year form submission + calculation)

ACTION ITEM 1: See about putting a box at Boston Pizza to collect receipts; consider approaching the Grenier location first.
ACTION ITEM 2: find a volunteer to take over this fundraiser

## GENERAL NOTES

- Previous year's efforts are unsustainable.
- Moving forward there will need to be boundaries surrounding deadlines for volunteer fulfillment, otherwise events will be canceled.
- Idea/Action Item: Consider using sign-up genius more. Add in volunteer slots far in advance to help combat volunteer shortage challenges. Dawn and Cam to add links to newsletters and website
- Two attendees offered to help with volunteer recruitment.
- 'Next Meetings' listed in the agenda; The Fundraising Committee will meet every THIRD TUESDAY of the month, alternating start-times with Parent Council (6pm/7pm). Next meeting is Tuesday October 17th @ 6pm


## ACTION ITEMS

Action items are highlighted throughout the document in this colour.

Meeting Adjourned: ~8:20pm
Next meeting October 17th @ 6pm

