

Friends of MMH Society

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020 at 8:07 pm

VIA Teams because of Covid-19

➤ Call to Order

- Motion: Celine
- Second: Jeff and Amanda

➤ Approval of November's minutes

- Approved

➤ Old Business

- School Wishlist:
 - Erin to touch on the "evergreen" program and new request to replace iPads.
 - Wishlist changes – iPads taken out because evergreen program is giving the school a bunch.
 - Erin – technology evergreening program from the sale of the busses.
 - iPads and laptops.
 - Every 7-8 years the division replaces the computers but for the laptops and iPads that has to be done another way.
 - Finding that in a lot of the schools, the fundraising wasn't great, so the schools weren't getting the tech they needed.
 - We are fortunate for having the fundraising we do.
 - All schools are allocated equally for their population.
 - MMH will get 30 laptops, cart and 25 iPads.
 - Last spring, we did 90 laptops and 30 ish iPads from the Society Council.
 - Because we are getting these, we won't need to get iPads from Society that is on the Wishlist.
 - Erin to show and talk about what they want replaced on the Wishlist (replacement of iPads).
 - We would still be responsible to purchase iPads and Laptops in future years, evergreen is a one-time thing.
 - RedCat classroom audio system purposed as replacement tech for iPads.
 - We have a few in the school already.
 - Audio system that has a flat speaker panel and a wireless microphone.
 - No set up, you plug it in and wear the microphone and go!
 - Clear and flows nicely through the classroom.
 - Kids can hear clearly – will be good because of the masks.
 - Any kids that have needs (sensory, hearing, etc.), this is so beneficial for.
 - Kids can use it for their presentations as well.
 - Goes on to show the info on the shared screen of TEAMS.

- In USA dollars, \$1200 EACH.
- About \$2000 each, per system.
- Celine – How many do you want?
- Erin – before she knew the pricing, wanted one for every classroom but now she wants one for each grade level and the teachers can share.
- Doesn't need to be updated as often as an iPad.
- 2 or 3 more for now would also be great.
- The school has 2 already.
- Kerry – the school she started working at 20 yrs. ago still uses the RedCat that they bought when she was there. Very sustainable.
 - Empowering for little kiddos/shy kids.
 - Confidence booster.
- Tisha – is there a Canadian option?
- Erin – no, USD only.

➤ **Treasures Report**

○ **Wishlist**

- Jodi – shared screen for Wishlist excel sheet.
- \$24869.74 available in casino but there are expenses in there that we must keep money in there for. Jodi went over those fees and talked about why we are withholding some funds. There is \$18869.74 to spend.
- Explained who we allocated the Society Funds and why we kept some in the account as a buffer.
 - Safety net – fundraising for a year in advance so what we made this year has to be held for next year.
 - It's important to have that safety net to also pay for the costs of the fundraisers.
- Kaira talked about the Casino and what the Casino Host is.
 - Someone that knows what's going on and can help us with the Casino.
 - Insurance for Casino also has to be held.

➤ **New Business**

○ **Facebook page:**

- New public page coming.
 - Kaira can't access certain things because she was not the original creator of the page.
- Group right now is private and hard to join unless you know how to find it.
- So Kaira is going to make a new one.
- Wants to make the page more open and easier to find.
- Tisha asked why it was private, is there a reason it had to be private?
 - Kaira – there are no pictures of kids, so no.
 - Had to ask an admin of the group to leave so she could take control of the page (person no longer had kids at the school).

○ **Fundraising:**

- Currently taking ideas from every for the Spring fundraiser.
 - We want all the ideas!
- Plan to send out a schoolwide survey for fundraiser feedback and ideas.

- What they would change, what they would do, what they liked, etc.
- Spring fundraiser:
 - Aiming for April/May – probably May because of no meeting in February.
 - We want more involvement very much from parents.
 - It's important to get more involvement.
 - Parents may not understand what this money is used for and why it's important.
- March's meeting:
 - Taking ideas for the Spring fundraiser from all meeting attendees/discussing ideas for the Spring Fundraiser.
 - Should Charlene send out the survey before March and then have that info for March's meeting?
- March's meeting:
 - Voting on the Spring Fundraiser.
- Wishlist:
 - Kaira to present Society's proposal on Wishlist spending.
 - Open floor for comments, questions, concerns.
 - Vote on Wishlist.
 - Jodi screen shares the Wishlist so that everyone can see it.
 - School fundraises for the Wishlist.
 - What everyone is seeing is the whole Wishlist that the school asked for.
 - As a Society, we had a meeting and talked about all the things that are really important on the Wishlist.
 - Kaira explained that we have to spend the Casino money properly and how we can get in trouble if we don't spend it properly.
 - Mathology resources – thought it was a really good idea. Using Casino money, minus the grade 2 books collection.
 - Recess equipment is very important because of Covid-19. Casino money.
 - Building Fact Fluency – Society money.
 - Extra recess classroom money – each class gets \$50 that they can spend how they want.
 - Kids in older grades can find what they want better.
 - Students and teachers can have fun deciding what they want.
 - Society money.
 - Treat day – can hot dog day happen because of covid-19? So, we wanted to do a nice treat when the weather gets warmer.
 - Something nice for all the kids.
 - Society money.
 - Kaira went over the figures on how much will be spent from the Casino Fund and the Society Fund.
 - Questions:
 - Tisha – is the iPad total still in the grand total?
 - No, we took it out.
 - Celine – comment on a few things, allotted \$1000 for treat day but we don't think it will be that much.

- We need to find out how much, but we are grossly overestimating.
- Timeframe on Casino and that is why we are spending so much out of it this year.
- Will be mindful of allergies and if the parents don't want the kid to have a treat, those kids will get something else.
- We don't know what the spring fundraiser will look like in the spring or the fall because of covid-19.
- We do have 2 years to spend Casino Money.
- Need to be mindful of not draining the Casino money because we don't know what the future looks like.
- Erin – loves the ideas that we added in.
 - Treats and recess.
 - RedCats – work together with the school to purchase some and Society purchases some, we can work together to get each classroom a RedCat.
- Kaira – heard from the classes that won the money at the fall fundraiser, that they had a lot of fun figuring out how to spend the money so we thought that would be a good idea to just give the classrooms money for recess.
- Christa Pike – Kona Ice Truck for treat day?
- Tisha – Kona has done fundraisers before.
 - RedCat Speakers – maybe 2 this year and more next year to stay conservative.
 - 2 next year?
- Kaira – yes, and we think it's important that each class gets them, but it will have to be staggered.
- Vote on Wishlist:
 - We need 5, we got 8.
 - Nobody opposed.
 - Wishlist approved!

➤ **Open for questions**

- Jodi – do we write the school a cheque, or do they submit receipts?
- Erin – you can write us a cheque and that money goes into a separate account and they keep track of everything they spend. Will bring receipts so we can see what was purchased. Up to us, they will work with Society.
- Kaira – I don't see why we can't just give a cheque, besides for RedCats as we do need to figure that out.
 - We do need receipts for Casino funds spent.
- Sheana asked to explain why we took out the grade 2 book collection
 - Kaira explained that the grade 2's got a lot, so we wanted to be fair to the other classes.

➤ **Adjournment at 8:50 pm**

- Motion: Celine
- Second: Francis