

# FMMH Society October 2023 Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023, at 6:36 PM

Art Room

## Attendees:

- Sheana Van Mill
- Jodi Anderson
- Megan Gemmill
- Kaira Cale
- Danica Forsyth
- Laura Keffer-Wilkes
- Tiffany Myers
- Kaila Ulch
- Ashley Bourassa
- Kalda Ranaweera
- Sara Prete
- Casey Scheidegger
- Kerry Taylor – Principle
- Megan Paul
- Indie Fyfe
- Michelle Hood

## Call to Order at 6:36 PM by Kaira Cale

- Second: Megan Gemmill

## Approval of Agenda

- First: Kaila Ulch
- Second: Indie Fyfe

## Treasurer's Report

- Jodi Anderson:
  - Nothing much to update this month.
    - Insurance payment due at the end of the month.
    - Supplies being purchased for school fundraiser.
    - That's it.

## Old Business

- Casino
  - Reminder: Feb 10 and 11, 2024
  - In contact with Casino advisor, Judy Zayachuk.
    - Her fee is \$1,824.60.
    - Sent off contract and need to pay her.
    - Next steps are to meet and have conversation about how a casino works and to make sure we are on the right track.
  - Had a short phone conversation with Judy already – had insight on volunteers needed for the Casino.
    - Need 4 for day of 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - 6 for evening of 10<sup>th</sup>.

- 4 for day of 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - 5 for evening of 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need to have volunteers by a certain date but Kaira forgot what it is for today.
  - Will get that for next meeting.
- Dance-A-Thon
  - Kicked off!
  - Have everything out to families.
  - Schedule will be coming out in the following weeks, but it is already done.
  - Have signed contract with DJ, same cost as last year. \$200.00.
  - DJ is really excited and loved doing the Dance-A-Thon last year.
  - Decorating on the Monday and we will reach out if volunteers are needed.
  - Kerry has volunteered herself and 4 other mystery teachers for a whipped cream pie to the face for participation.
    - Top student with the most sales, gets to pie their principle.
      - We usually don't go off of top sales but for this we are going to use the top student.
    - Other 4 students, which will be based on participation but randomly drawn, will get to pie the other teachers.
  - Kerry might have a separate assembly just for this pieing.
  - Kerry is going to announce it on the announcements to get excitement around participating in the fundraiser.
  - We are thinking of buying the candies ourselves.
    - Will be getting the same candy as last year, Kirkland Funland, which is peanut free. Each student should get about 3 pieces, which will cost about \$300.00.
  - Everything is mostly done we just need pledges, organize decorations and do everything the day of.
  - Question: Should we send the money right away or at the end?
    - I would prefer at the end so everything is accounted for, but we will accept it regardless of when it comes.

## **New Business**

- Kerry has school Wishlist:
  - First 3 are the most important.
  - Would love to have \$300 per class for books again.
    - Teachers have had the best time picking books for their kids.
    - \$8400 total.
  - Document Cameras -  $\$189 \times 10 = \$1890.00$ .
    - Camera with an arm so teachers can project their paper or book.
    - Can actually show the same paper the kids are working with.
    - Basically, an advanced overhead projector.
    - We have them in almost all classes already, but they are hitting 9 and 10 years old and the arm hinges are coming apart.
    - Teachers have come up with hilarious ways to keep these arms together.
  - A Little Spot Learning Pack -  $\$199.99 \times 8 = \$1599.92$ 
    - Social emotional learning books with stuffies.
    - Teaches kids all about feelings.
    - Comes with a big stuffy with a bunch of tiny stuffies inside it.
    - All have a different colour for different emotions.

- A Little Spot of Happiness is an example, and this comes with a book that explains this emotion.
    - How body might feel with this emotion.
    - Gives strategies on how to deal with emotions.
    - Bought for kindergartens last year and one kit for each year but teachers have asked for one for each classroom.
    - It has really helped kids express their feelings.
    - Giving kids great vocabulary for emotions, especially the younger kids.
    - Will create a common language in the school around emotions.
  - Marble Runs (135 piece) – \$39.99 X 5 = \$199.95
    - Less of a priority
    - Kids love them and they are great brain breaks for kids
    - Cheap on Amazon.
  - Kinetic Sand – Folding Sand Box - \$39.99 X 5 = \$199.95
    - Kids really like to play with these.
    - Kids can take out their energy on this while sitting in the offices.
  - Replenish Recess Kits - \$220.64 X 10 = \$2206.40
  - TOTAL = \$14496.22
  - Question: We also chatted about re-painting the playground and adding some more?
    - Kerry: Maintenance needs to come as they have all the templates and we can take that out of the maintenance school budget, which isn't very much.
  - All these items directly support the kids.
  - Conversation around the Core Board for the playground that we fundraised for last year.
  - iPads – Kerry has called IT about where we are at with these, hopefully we find out soon.
    - Jodi: Do we have prices? That will affect what we can get on the list.
    - Kerry: I can get these by the end of the week.
  - Does anyone need an explanation as to why we do this Wishlist?
    - No questions.
  - We will take this list to the executive committee and see what we can spend and where the money will go and then we will vote at the next meeting.
  - If you are a director, please show up next month for the meeting as we will be voting.
  - Kaira Question to Indie (Student Council Chair) - Will there be enough money for Student Council to do Kona ice?
    - Indie – It depends on what our budget looks like, but yes. It's in our budget to ask Society for.
- Round Table
- Question about the books – these books, will the books stay in the school when the other school opens, or will it go with the teacher?
    - Kerry: These books stay in the school.
    - Class sizes change all the time, so we store things all together.
    - Everything stays with the school.
    - Asked teachers to mark the books MMH Grade (Here) to keep storage easy.
  - Question about bylaws – to be an active member there is membership dues. What are those membership dues?
    - Kaira: We've never had to pay these before.

- We honestly didn't know.
  - We will look into the membership dues.
  - If that is something we can amend, we will. It's hard enough getting people to come so we do not want to charge anyone.
  - We are still in contact with the last President and we will reach out to her as she was the one that started and spear headed Society. She worked on it for many years and is currently working on that at G. S. Lakie.
- Next Meeting:
    - Nov 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

### **Adjournment at 7:03 pm**

- First: Kaira Cale
- Second: Ashley Bourassa