



## **BEECHWOOD HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** **Minutes December 8th, 2015**

Present: Tracey Klinger, Paula Cholewa, Lynn Goyetche, Jen Robinson, Erica Ostrega, Stacey Katsichtis, Candice Spector, Tara Jesion, Wendy Kaufman, Tara Morin, Susan Finkelberg, Laura Pizzolitto, Teresa Zappone

Approval of minutes: Erica Ostrega, Stacey Katsichtis

Next Meeting: January 12th, 7:00PM (7:30 Teacher appreciation meeting)

- Crome books and smart board, what is the final cost with installation? Stacey will follow up
- Tshirt Sale?
- Chapmans volunteers- Tara Jesion and wendy as backup for Dec. 18
- Flower fundraiser collected \$1469 with \$1061.20 as profit
  - Order forms to be redesigned?
  - Extra bouquets of flowers, costs for extra roses?
  - Stacey will speak to Teresa with regards to extra bouquets
- Beechwood apparel to come in on Thursday, needing volunteers for Friday (Stacey, Wendy, Paula). Would like to distribute on Friday
- T-Shirts for K for 2016-17 from home & school? Keeping money for smartboard-waiting for details, perhaps will pay for 2017-18 instead
- Teacher appreciation committee-Week of Valentines
  - Budget \$650
  - Tracey wants more visual things on the doors
  - Stacey is heading up the committee
  - Theme TBA
- Chocolate fundraiser-Headed by Tara Morin
  - Just chocolates to be sold
  - 40% profit on name brands OR 45% on La Montagne Chocolates-Need to Vote
  - Parents to write cheques instead of sending cash? Drop off to be organized by cash or cheque table?
  - Dates to sell March 9-23

- Draw for ipad mini (prizes, tablets, movie tickets)?
- Need volunteers for March 7th to distribute

### **Principal's report**

**Tuesday, December 8th, 2015**

1. Remembrance Day assembly – We held our Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th, Ms.

Patricia organized a guest speaker from the armed forces to address our students.

2. Holiday baskets – Each class was assigned different items to collect for the 7 holiday baskets we

prepared and delivered today for families in need in the LaSalle/Verdun area.

3. ENSEMBLE – Tolerance Caravan presentations have begun for grades 4, 5 & 6. They will participate

in three presentations on being assertive, empathy and bullying. They will continue in February.

4. Kindergarten Social Skills program – The Kindergarten classes have begun their social skills program – Dino Dinosaur with D&M family services

5. Beechwood peer mediators and citizens – The Beechwood Citizens and Peer Mediators have begun

their roles at recess and lunchtime.

6. Spanish PELO program – The registration for the Spanish program was excellent, we have a junior

and senior class with 38 participants. The first class will take place on January 6th.

7. Parent Workshop with Barbara Coloroso – Several LBPSB schools are offering a free parental

workshop with Barabara Coloroso on Thursday January 28th from 7:00pm. All Beechwood parents will

be invited to attend this event which will be hosted by Westpark. Tickets are free and will be distributed

to parents who register on a first come first served basis.

8. Homework and Francisation Programs – The Homework and Francisation programs will begin after

the holidays, the homework program will work with a group of students who were identified by their

teachers as requiring some additional support with homework. The Francisation program will help

improve French comprehension and conversation skills.

9. BOKS Program – Beechwood is hoping to launch a physical activity program in the mornings before

school, we require parent volunteers who are comfortable leading sporting activities between 7:00 and

8:00am twice a week. We are looking to launch the program in the New Year.

10. Community Police Officer visit – Our community Police Officer will be making presentations to

students on various topics in the New Year.

11. School Calendar – The following dates will now be regular school days, March 18th, May 20th and June

6th.

Important Dates:

1. Spirit Day – Friday December 11th

2. Major School Change decision – Monday December 14th

3. Dress Down Day – Friday December 18th

4. Jungle Sport – January 18th to January 22nd

5. Open House – January 18th 8:30 – 10:00am and 6:30 -8:30pm

Mr. N. Hayter

Principal

Meeting adjourned Erica Ostrega and Laura Pizzolitto 8:17pm