

Home and School – Meeting January 5, 2021



1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Present: Danielle Leggett (chairing), Corinna Rake, Kavi Hussain, Talib Hussain, Eliana Hussain, Sue Methe, Dina Abreu, Tricia Lax, Krista Pershall, Rosemary Hill, Lisa Del Greco

Regrets: Jason Ferris, Kathryn MacLennan, Maya Orland, Pavolina Owczar, Rosey Rebolledo

2. **Adoption of Agenda** Motioned by Corinna seconded by Tricia

3. **Review and approval of December 1, 2020 meeting Minutes** – a few typos were corrected. The approval was motioned by Tricia and seconded by Corinna.

4. **Committee Reports**

a) **President** - Danielle Leggett

Happy New Year to all and thanks for ongoing support. Email has been sent **seeking volunteers for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) and web design.**

Mention was made that the meeting would likely be short as we are all back from the holidays but wanted to keep it on calendar to maintain and/or rebuild momentum.

b) **Administration and Teacher** - Rosemary Hill shared a brief update.

Students are currently in online learning. There is a **common feeling of fatigue with online learning.** Seven hours of on-line learning is a lot. Given the current pandemic data in Quebec, education is up in the air. We do not know what will happen next.

c) **Governing Board** - Sue Methe

Both the TruEarth and face mask fundraisers were approved at the last GB meeting. It was also agreed that in the interest of time and workloads, **H&S would present the fundraising requests directly** to the GB while also copying the school Administration team.

d) **Treasurer** - Dina Abreu

Fees have been paid - \$50 for administration and \$1,000 allocated to the BHS Hydroponic main entrance wall. The current balance of **unallocated funds is \$1,132.**

e) **Membership** - Krista Pershall

We'll make another **call for action once fundraising takes into effect and to post it on the different Facebook accounts**. The rationale will be to encourage families as a gesture of support for the school during a particularly challenging school year.

f) **Fundraising** - Danielle Leggett shared on behalf of Brad Wilson

Both the TruEarth and Face mask fundraisers were approved at Governing Board in December.

- **True Earth environmental house cleaning products** - the link to purchase would be on the H&S web page and we would receive **20% of proceeds from sales**. The products have been well reviewed, no pressure to sell and zero administration over the fundraiser, can self run. The print materials are being finalized and will be sent out through our communication channels.
- **Face mask fundraiser** - The group discussed how to make this a viable initiative. Cost / mask should be around \$10. **The group agreed that a BHS / Bison branding would be best vs. event based**. Ms. Hill brought forward the idea that the Entrepreneur Project at the school can also support this initiative - develop the ad design, forms, etc.... **Action will be to engage the students and move forward**.

g) **Communications** - Corinna Rake

With the new year, the sub-team will begin their work. To date the team consists of Corinna, Danielle, Lisa and student representative Maya Orland. The first meeting will be to **review three draft designs** which have been developed.

h) **On-Line BHS Students** - Talib and Eliana Hussain

In December the students had the option to **participate in a number of holiday activities**. The group will also contact Mme Robitaille to connect-in with the **Bison News**.

5. **Other Business** arising from last meeting

6. **New Business / Open Discussion**

TSAW (teacher and staff appreciation week) is typically from Feb 8 - 12 - though we have flexibility on the timing. Anisha Shaffie has agreed once again to take this on. She will be supported by a group - Pavolina, Krista and others. The group will work on a Covid friendly solution for the team.

An **innovative fundraising idea** was to have a BHS puzzle made and sold to families. This idea will be shared with the Fundraising team for exploration.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Talib and seconded by Sue.