

## **Home and School Minutes**

**March 19th, 2025**

**Via zoom**

In Attendance: M Larocque, Allyson Shore, Talia D'Costa, Donna Coelho,  
Julianne Read, Anna Tataris, Kayla Jones, Nadia Sears, Nada Mercurri

1. Welcome and call to order

Allyson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:17

2. Motion to review adoption of Agenda

Motioned by Anna to Approval of the minutes with the addition of 8.18  
Holiday Market

Seconded by Nadia

**Resolution # H&S 2025 – 19.03.01**

3. Motion to review and adoption of minutes

Motion by Talia to approve the minutes of February 12th

Seconded by Julianne

**Resolution # H&S 2025 – 19.03.02**

4. Governing Board/H&S Liaison

- Report given by Julianne
- The Action plan was presented and approved. The Principal criteria was also discussed and agreed upon.
- We looked at the budget consultation for 2025 - 2026. Some of the suggestions were improving the infrastructure of the school, more funding for field trips/activities, investing in extracurricular activities and or sports, funding for technology and other educational material for students, investing in transitioning between elementary and high school
- The following field trips were approved
  - Grade 5 & 6 will be going to Clip 'N Climb for team building and healthy activities on November 4th 2025 from 9am to 3:15pm by school bus. It will be at a cost of \$45 per student at a ratio of 1:10.
  - The whole school will get to experience a Plateau Astro-Planetarium show (a mobile planetarium) to complement our STEAM theme of "SPACE". This is to inform and build excitement for our students about space. The K's and cycle one will be

experiencing this on Wednesday, April 23rd, and cycle 2 and 3 will be experiencing it on Friday, April 25th. They will be in 30 minute blocks all day. It will be at a cost of \$8 per student, and it will be a ratio of 1:8.

- There is an increase to the Grad QC Trip that was previously approved. Due to the amount of children signed up for the trip, the cost to parents will increase from \$315 to \$330.
- The Home and School requests were approved, they were Dairy Queen Ice Cream tickets, Grad Pool Party and Bake Sale for Talent Show.
- The income tax receipts have gone out via the parent portal for Daycare. Unfortunately, for some reason, students who have already graduated cannot seem to get access, but they are being mailed out to them. Due to the snow day earlier in the month, the ped day on March 24th which originally had daycare closed, will now be open. There continue to be many outstanding daycare/lunch program accounts. This will be getting further, closer attention.

5. Parent representative

- No representative

6. QFHSA update

- Rose was not able to attend but submitted a report
- Please let us know who are your "Golden Torches and Unsung Heroes". The Awards Banquet will be held at the Novotel Hotel on Saturday, May 24, at 6:00.
- Also, a delegate needs to be named to attend the Federation's AGM on Thursday, June 5, 7:00 to ensure a vote for St. Charles.
- The Board will meet this Saturday to accept the resolutions to go forth. As you know we speak to both the provincial and federal governments through our resolutions which are approved at the AGM by our membership. The Associations will receive the resolutions after the weekend to give you a chance to comment on them before voting at the AGM.
- QFHSA is very happy with the National Assembly's decision to join Canada's National Food Act. We have been asking the government to recognize that children are attending school hungry which leads to health and educational problems.

7. Principal Report

- During the month of February, the dental hygienist from the CIUSSS came by to do some dental exams with students in grade 2 and performed some follow-up work with some of them.
- February's big dumping of snow coincided perfectly with the rental of cross-country skiing equipment from the school board. Thanks to Mr. Cairns, some of the St. Charles students had the opportunity to try a new winter sport as they glided on the snow in the schoolyard and neighboring park.

- Also in February, Tealey Ka'Sennisaks visited with the students to talk about beekeeping as a form of medicine and the work that she does with bees. Thank you to Ms. Patricia for this special opportunity, which was complementary to the planting of the tulip bulbs back in the fall.
- Black History Month inspired many different classroom initiatives around the school in February. The various activities and learning opportunities included literature reviews in preparation for a biography pamphlet project, a Black History scavenger hunt, an art exploration of Alma Thomas's work, and the study of Viola Desmond's impact on Canadian society which will evolve into art projects such as a collaborative mural and the creation of personalized banknotes.
- On February 26th, St. Charles recognized Pink Shirt Day by wearing pink shirts. The Anti-bullying Club visited all the classes to deliver a presentation about bullying and the importance of being kind to others.
- Carnival week was a success this year. The large amount of snow we received made for a fun day of outdoor activities and the Bingo, cookies, and jokes were also a hit with everyone. Thank you to the Home & School volunteers and Ms. Brown for helping out and making sure we had delicious hot chocolate and cookies.
- For the past couple of weeks, I have had the chance to be a judge for an in-house robotics competition. I get to see our teams in action, as they attempt to complete several challenges within a timeframe. It is very impressive to witness how much the students have learned and what they are able to accomplish with this form of technology!
- Last Thursday, students in cycle 3 celebrated "Pi Day" (which is on March 14th) by making their own little pies. It was an exercise in precision and creativity as they designed their top crusts. Thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers for making this fun activity possible.
- Students in grade 4 had the opportunity to go to the Ecomuseum on Friday. It was a beautiful day, as the students received a warm welcome from the staff and the animals they were visiting! Thank you to Home & School for pivoting so seamlessly and making arrangements for those who had ordered Dagwoods on this day.
- Term 2 report cards were made available on Mozaik on March 10th. We are well into Term 3, which brings us to the last day of school on June 20th. Only 13 weeks left of the 2024-2025 school year!
- Finally, enrollment at St. Charles for the 2025-2026 school year stands at 279 students. This is very similar to our current enrollment of 285 students.

## 8. Sub committee reports

### 8.1 Donation Committee

- Talia gave the report
- Nothing to report.
- If someone would like to be on this committee with me, I would welcome the company and help!

### 8.2 Membership

- Nothing to report

### 8.3 Lunches

- Nadia gave the report
- All is going well with Pizza, Dagwoods and Amir Lunches.
- Grade 4 students that were at the field trip last Friday who ordered Dagwoods are rescheduled for this coming Friday.
- Our next scheduled lunch will be Amir next week Friday March 28th.
- And then Pizza Pizza Monday March 31st.
- Lastly we would like to let everyone know we have a lunch committee meeting Monday March 31st. We will be discussing dates and options for next year. If you have any new ideas, suggestions please feel free to join us. A Reminder will go out a week before the meeting.

### 8.4 Fundraising

- Allyson gave report
- Waiting on to get more information for jam
- Family Micro Photo Shoot Fundraiser: Our second annual family photo fundraiser will be held on May 3 with rain date May 4 in the St Charles Park. The cost is \$65 and includes 2 digital high resolution photos. The form will be sent to M Larocque to send to the community this week and the deadline to reserve will be Friday, April 4th.

### 8.5 Photos

- There is nothing to report
- Photos are booked for next year

### 8.6 Grad

- Anna gave the report
- The Principal For A Day draw was last week and they were notified. Date to be determined, it raised \$750. This is the most it has raised thus far.
- Yearbook is underway, hopefully will be done ahead of schedule.

- Grad retake photo day will take place on May 3rd - May 4th. There will be no issues to include it in the yearbook.
- The following is what has been raised thus far: Welcome Back BBQ Bake Sale = \$425, Dairy Queen Holiday Log = \$560, Pasta Lunch = approximately \$2800. Still waiting on Variety Show Bake Sale and Dairy Queen Summer Vouchers.
- Money that has gone out thus far: Grad clothing = \$375, Halloween Dance = \$165, covering additional \$15 for those grads going to Quebec City = \$750
- The Dairy Queen Holiday Logs are struggling. Anna spoke with the owner of Dairy Queen about ways to boost it for next year.

#### Grad Breakfast:

The Grad Committee requests approval to hold a grad breakfast on the last day of school on June 20th. The breakfast will take place upon agreement by the teachers and Mr Larocque. The breakfast will be organized by the grad committee and will be free of charge to the students.

#### Grad Dance:

The Grad Committee requests approval to hold a graduation dance on the same day as the graduation ceremony night in the school gym. The dance will be supervised by the staff. Dinner will be served as well as dessert from Pickrell's Ice-cream truck. There will be a DJ and photobooth for dancing and fun! The start time will be 30 minutes to an hour after the end of the ceremony and will end at 9 pm.

- Motioned by Julianne to approve the Grad Breakfast and Grad Dance as presented
- Seconded by Talia

### **Resolution # H&S 2025 – 19.03.03**

#### 8.7 Clothing

- Talia gave the report
- Will touch base with Joanne again to see if she has an update on getting baseball caps and more spring-like items. I think it fell between the cracks but I'll send a reminder.

#### 8.8 Allocation

- Nothing to report
- All teachers have been paid out.

#### 8.9 Breakfast with Santa

- Nothing to report

#### 8.10 Family Night

- There is a meeting on March 25th

#### 8.11 Newsletter

- Talia gave report
- QFHSA has welcomed Sarah Goblot as Communications Officer.
- There was an extension for the spring newsletter deadline and we are hoping to have ours sent in by tomorrow. As always, It is best to send newsletter your blurbs and photos as soon as your event is over. This helps tremendously in having interesting content to include.

#### 8.12 Staff Appreciation

- Kayla gave the report
- Staff appreciation is going to be April 14-17, and include events on each of the days. We have charcuterie boards, a coffee cart, a staff luncheon and minute to win it games, that were decided last night. We also intend to spruce up the staff room, and create a very cool Guess Who bulletin for the teachers to take part in.
- This year we raised \$2515 for the week, which is the best we have ever raised.
- The forms for both the teacher guess who questions and the staff sandwich orders should go out either this week or early next week.

#### 8.13 Carnival

- Julianne gave the report
- Home and School supported the school's carnival by providing Hot Chocolate, cookies and playing school wide bingo over the intercom. Thank you to all the volunteers, without you the events would not be possible. A huge thank you to Ms Brown for starting the water when she got in at 8:00 and making sure we had enough. The weather was beautiful that day and the children enjoyed the yummy hot chocolate. Bingo on the Friday was a lot of fun. We handed out 23 \$10 gift cards to the winners and cookies to all the children. Whoever does hot chocolate next year, all measurements and how it works is in the drive.

#### 8.14 Footloose

- Allyson gave report provided by Jasmine
- The planning is in full swing!
- the inflatables have been booked (4 inflatables: vertical rush, spiderman, bootcamp, ferris wheel combo)
- we have finalized the park games
  - most are staying the same, except 2
  - we are replacing the parachute game with a Body Spellers game
  - we are replacing the 3-legged-race with a Beach Ball Relay race

- we will be serving the same food as last year for lunch (hot dogs/veggie dogs, chips, juice)
- we are in the process of requesting the rentals from the city (tents, tables, chairs, extension cords, speaker system with a microphone)
- we will be doing inventory checks shortly to see what needs to be purchased for the event

#### 8.15 Treasury

- Please see PDF attached

#### 8.16 Welcome Back BBQ

- Request for approval to host a Welcome Back BBQ in September 2025 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM (date to be decided by Principal). The BBQ would be held in its usual format which will include an invitation to the local firemen and/or police officers and a BBQ provided by Home and School. We will likely have the magician again this year as the children really enjoy him.

- Motioned by Anna to approve Welcome Back BBQ as presented
- Seconded by Talia

### **Resolution # H&S 2025 – 19.03.04**

#### 8.17 Super Recycleurs

- A request has been made to have it in the school for June 13th. Waiting to hear back
- We should promote it more on facebook and all over as soon as possible

#### 8.18 Craft Fair 2025

- Talia gave report
- Home and School would like to request permission to hold a craft and vendor fair on Saturday, November 15th, 2025 from 10am-3pm in the school gym. We will charge vendors approximately \$75 per table + a prize donation. This is the average asking price at these types of events. We are hoping to have approximately 25-35 tables. We will advertise on social media and an email will go out to the community to let them know in advance.

- Motion by Anna to approve the Craft Fair Request as presented
- Seconded by Nadia

### **Resolution # H&S 2025 – 19.03.05**

#### 9. Business Arising

- Nothing

#### 10. New Business

- Nothing

11. Varia

Committee heads, please provide us with a list of volunteers that have helped you with your event so we can make sure

12. Correspondence

- Nothing

13. Question Period

14. Next Meeting Date

- April 9th

15. Closure

Motion to close the meeting at 7:53 by Julianne