

**Somerset Home & School Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 6pm**

AGENDA

Welcome

Approval of the agenda - Rob approved, Julia seconded

Approval of the minutes (February 4, 2025) Darcie approved, Rob seconded

Old Business

- School Play – Alice in Wonderland - April 10
- Indigo Grant - Val VanOostrum took a crew to Indigo and picked out a big bunch of new wonderful books for the library. She is trying to get some support to come in and help catalogue them to get them out on shelves. Darcie will come in to help.
- School Garden - Rob has seeds to distribute and will send them in.

New Business

- Correspondence
 - Email from parent regarding Grade 5 trip - Grade 5's are going to Get Air
- New Funding requests
 - Play committee - up to \$700 for play materials. Rob motions. Julia seconds. **PASSED**
 - Exploratories - \$2500 Planning it for May 23 - lots of confirmed people coming to do sessions with the kids. This is on hold waiting for a breakdown of costs. Rachel motions to pay the \$2500 and Mackenzie seconds. The vote will be on hold until there is a cost breakdown.
 - 4 and 5 teachers requesting \$1120 for Milk Fair May 9 - Courtney motions for Home and School to pay \$730 for the bus. Lindsay seconds. As a separate motion Rachel motions to pay UP TO \$390 for the fee. Courtney seconds. But teachers will send note asking for \$5 per kid for entrance fee. **PASSED**
 - Val - librarian requesting \$350 for support for extra library hours to get books out. Rachel motions and Julia second. **PASSED**
 - Class trip funding will be requested at the next meeting (rough idea of \$8000)
 - Funding issued last month update: Debbie Mailman bought the supplies with her grant money. \$1500 funding request. Tracy didn't use it as the snow disappeared. She's asking to use the money to restock the winter gear for the shed for next year. Amy and Shannon bought their rack and Jocelyn bought her paints. Carolyn ordered the items and should have the receipts.
 - Megan made a motion to increase the graduation budget up to \$1200 because there's 49 students graduating this year. Rob seconded.

- New Grants/Fundraising Opportunities

- Kings Co Grants

- Looking to get swings, including an accessible disc style swing. There is no fencing at the back of the school so an infrastructure project like that would be helpful. These two ideas would be things to consider for grant requests. We need a project before applying and have a sum decided that we could put toward it.
- A sign out front is another idea. Tracy will reach out to the procurement people to see the cost of signage and where Cambridge got theirs from to see how much we are looking at. Rob and Mackenzie can help with the leg work. Mackenzie could do all the framework.

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Upcoming School Events

- Home & School End of Year Dance - Will take place in the evening. June 12 - 6:30 - 7:30 in the gym. Brian Blackburn will DJ.
- Christmas Shopping Party 2025
 - Need bags and tissue paper - would make a funding request for that.
 - Potential injury from items was a complaint so we have to have themes for items.
- Grade 5 graduation planning - June 25 - Will be asking for parents to help decorate. Megan is heading the planning committee.
- Donation of tablets - Easson's have tablets and are willing to donate 10 tablets to the school. Courtney will reach out to Berwick school to see how they're using them.

Committee Reports

- Financial report - see Darcie's report
- Principal's report - see Tracy's report *For the family picnic day we should promote home and school.
- SAC Update - 3 school improvement goals around supporting student well-being. Paid to renew book creator.
- Nutrition program - will take this out as a standing item
- Fundraising
 - Apple pies (Easter) - pies will be here April 16. Pick up will be that day
 - Craft Fair - Friday November 21st and move out is the 23rd

Upcoming Meetings *meeting dates/times subject to change

- Home and School Meeting May 6 and June 3 (AGM)

Adjournment of Home & School Meeting