

**Minutes – Somerset Home & School Association
Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 7pm**

Call to order

A virtual meeting of the Somerset Home & School Association was held via Google Meet on October 14, 2021. Kristin VanHatten called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Members in attendance: 7

Introductions were made, as a few new faces joined us!

Approval of the agenda: Amie Johnstone moved that the agenda be approved as presented; Darcie Nauss seconded, motion carried.

Approval of the minutes: Darcie Nauss moved that the June meeting minutes be approved as presented; Amie Johnstone seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Correspondence: The grade 5's thanked H&S for their graduation gifts. Mr. Moores thanked H&S for his going away present.

Financial Update: Darcie gave an overview of the 2020-21 fiscal year, as well as the 2021-22 FY budget. The annual audit was partially offset by the HST rebate, which was less than usual due to having lower expenses last year. A cheque for \$3500 has been written for school fees; class funds will be paid to the school soon. We are waiting for Mrs. Litsas to provide an invoice for the agendas. Darcie will prepare a letter to Valley Credit Union to update the account signatories.

Fundraising: DFS has reached out about doing the Norcard fundraiser again; we should have the supplies by the end of the month. The group plans to do the Apple Valley Pies fundraiser again around Easter; Nadia Logie is the contact person at Apple Valley and will continue to help. The group also discussed the possibility of a Meadowbrook fundraiser later in the spring.

SAC: The SAC has not met yet in the current school year. The committee needs to hold an election, as the present terms are up. There will be a nomination period and vote. There are no plans to start up an after-school program this year.

Executive Positions: There are still openings on the H&S Executive Committee for a Vice President and Secretary. Anyone interested in these positions can contact Kristin.

2021/2022 Meeting Dates: H&S meeting dates for the current school year will be determined at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Principal's Report: Somerset's new principal, Mrs. Tracy Murray, shared that there are a total of 221 students enrolled in Somerset's nine P-5 and two Pre-Primary classes. Some normalcy has returned to the school in spite of Covid: the cafeteria is able to be shared again; the playground can be used by multiple age groups together; field trips and activities are being planned; and the first assembly of the year took place in late September. The school community is working on branding itself as Somerset Owls

who are kind and generous! The Harvest Festival will be taking place next week with a meal prepared by Mrs. Durno using food from the school garden. The outdoor classroom structure is almost complete! Mrs. Murray suggested she may be able to set up a Google Classroom for H&S.

Nutrition Report: The meeting was cut off before nutrition could be discussed in depth. However, Amie noted that the Mayor of Kings County is preparing another letter to the government ministers regarding the provincial school food program.

Craft Fair: Mrs. Murray confirmed that government protocols and AVRCE recommendations for Covid (e.g., distancing, admission numbers, sanitizing, proof of vaccination) would hinder hosting a craft fair this year. The group concurred that the 2021 event will be cancelled.

School Garden: N/A

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 25 at 7pm and will hopefully be a combination of in person and virtual.