

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. – February 10, 2021

Via Zoom

Open to entire Doyon Community

Attendees: Sheila Halloran, Sue Roge, Beth Gillander, Nikki LaRoche, Melissa Lees, Teresa Hohenstein, Jena Woodworth, Moira Kelly, Kathleen Simms, Chelsea Ford, Heather Leonard, Kerrin Nixon, Sarah O'Brien, Kristin McGinley, Rachael L'heureux, Hannah Wilbur

7:03 p.m. - Welcome & Introduction

Sue Rogé

Sue welcomes everyone, indicates months of upcoming meetings, shares slideshow

7:09 p.m. – Approval of 11/4/20 Meeting Minutes

Melissa Lees

Sue shares November meeting minutes in zoom chat, Melissa makes motion to approve minutes, Nikki seconds **-APPROVED-**

7:11 p.m. - Principal's Report

Sheila Halloran

Sheila welcomes everyone, introduces Sarah O'Brien (administrative intern), halfway through the school year, happy to be able to have as many hybrid students successfully (children are happy, wearing masks, social distancing); school will be closed and cleaned during school vacation week

7:14 p.m. – Teacher's Report

Teresa Hohenstein

Things are going well, ordering the free books (sponsored by FRIES) for Doyon Devours Books event, author visits went really well (good community event), next author event in May; will be putting in a teacher's request for an author visit in the fall

7:18 p.m. - Treasurer's Report

Nikki LaRoche

Nikki shares report on zoom (from November) and discusses breakdown provided on slide; mulch was previously ordered in 2018 through MassMulch for \$3,611.44, MassMulch neglected to invoice FRIES, Nikki followed up to pay, MassMulch apologized for the mix up

7:21 p.m. Teacher/Staff Funds Requests

Sue Rogé

No teacher requests

7:20 p.m. – Old/New Business

7:20 - November Gratitude Staff Celebration

Sue Rogé

Sheila thanks FRIES for the banner outside of the school and the pies for the staff, well received and thoughtful

7:22 p.m. - Enrichment Update

Moira Kelly

Moira says that if anyone has ideas but no time to do the legwork she is available to help and will bring the idea back to them (this year or next year), Heather and Kristin offer to help with this too; Jena Woodworth mentions sensory path inside of school, suggests an outdoor sensory path to provide an additional safe outdoor activity; Sheila mentions that walkways were paved in the fall and that the indoor path was well received by students

7:30 p.m. - Doyon Devours Books**Sue Rogé**

Sue provides details on slide and what raised funds will go towards (mentions Teresa's great suggestion of FRIES providing a book for each student to participate); event runs from March 2nd-12th, will be a virtual event this year (read-a-thon.com), parents will need to sign up their student, tracks minutes read; funds can go towards the library needs, future author visits, recess/playground needs (outdoor mulch, sensory path, etc.); possibly suggesting a school-wide community goal (as opposed to grades/classes competing), discussion around minutes read goal amount, decided that 50,000 would be a good amount; discussion about theme days to encourage reading such as zoom mystery read aloud, pajama day, crazy sock day, etc.;

8:00 p.m. - Playground Mulch/Equipment**Sue Rogé**

Sue says 2018 was the last time we mulched (cost was approx \$3500), not sure how much it has increased since then; other costs approximately \$500 for balls/hula hoops/ etc. not including a new swing set; Rachel says 120 yards is needed (tractor trailer only holds 103 yards), it helps to have volunteers come out the two weekends before to even out the current mulch; Sue says that we had a great turnout back in 2018 as long as we set the date and market it; Beth mentions high school students needing volunteer hours; Sheila mentions social distancing and group size, suggests a sign-up genius to get an idea of how many people will attend; Rachel offers to get quotes for mulch; Sue says we'll get quotes to be approved at next month's meeting; we will need to mulch this spring; a few parents reached out in the chat box offering to help, their names and email addresses were taken to form a group of helpers

8:10 p.m. - Fries Blanket Fundraiser**Beth Gillander**

Beth has reached out to local businesses for quotes, going with a new created logo (bringing back a retro logo from the 80's), once logo is created it can be used again for future fundraising items; different types of blanket choices (some better for beach as opposed to a winter blanket) so timing is important, Beth will provide more information during our March

Sidenote: Kerrin suggests lanyards for masks for students to wear; Nikki suggests not getting the ones with the metal clips (could be uncomfortable for the students); Sue mentions if anyone would like to take this on please email cost findings/timeline so we can present it during the March meeting for approval

8:23 p.m. - School Supply Kits**Nikki LaRoche**

Teachers from each grade would provide a supply list, EPI puts together the kits, everything the teachers want you to have would be included in the kit, convenient, not everyone needs to participate, any family who isn't able to purchase a kit FRIES would be able to provide one; teachers would need to compile their lists soon (list for each grade would be need to be submitted by March; would have to be ordered by the end of the school year for arrival in August); Chelsea mentions that her school has done this and it's been successful prior years (80% participation); Sheila thinks it's a great idea

Sidenote: Hannah mentions another teacher appreciation event, Sue says we have funds set aside and approved for it (usually around May), likes the idea of adding another event before then, would love to hear more about this, Hannah and Sue will connect offline

8:34 p.m. – Adjournment**Sue Rogé**

Sue makes motion to adjourn meeting, Nikki seconds **-APPROVED-**