## West Kent Home and School

Meeting Minutes Attendance: 14 people Start time: 6:30, Concluded 7:25

Date: Monday, October 28<sup>th,</sup> 2019 (6:30 pm)

## Location: West Kent Elementary School - Library

- 1. Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions
- 2. Additions/Approval of Agenda and meeting minutes (September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019).
- 3. WKHS Reports:
  - a. Loan Nguyen Learn about Vietnam!
  - b. Treasurer's Report –

## **Fall Fair Financial Report**

Expenses

Total receipts cash/cheque	
Online ticket sales	594.1
Cash ticket , 50/50 and food receipts	6647.4
Donations	50
	\$ 7,291.50
Plus cake sale	 25
(needs to be deposited	7,316.50

Expenses				
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Less Pizza tip		\$0.00	Cash	
Less Custodian cash		\$100.00	Cash	
Less square fees			Online	
Decorations-Donated by Dollar Store (Trine)		\$0.00		
Freezies-Sobey's -(Diana)	Fall Fair	\$57.44		
Kays-Food Supplies and prizes-(Diana)	Fall Fair	\$242.97	398	3
Sign printing-Staples-(Diana)	Fall Fair	\$0.00		
Long & McQuade-Sound system for cupcake walk (Julie)	Fall Fair	\$34.50	399	)
Face paints-Micheals-(Julie)	Fall Fair	\$72.21	401	L
Cotton Candy-PEI Inflatables -(Mirielle)	Fall Fair	\$80.00	393	}
Water 6x24 Donated by Sobey's-(Mirielle)	Fall Fair	\$0.00	404	ļ
Whipped cream 36 bottles 400ml donated by Upstreet-(	Mo) Fall Fair	\$0.00	400	)
Garbage bags-Donated by the school	Fall Fair	\$0.00	403	3

Total \$587.12

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Net proceeds			\$6,729.38
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Deposit			
	100	5	500
	50	12	600
	20	219	4,380.00
	10	25	250
	5	39	195
	2	125	250
	1	125	125
Coin		92.4	92.4
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	168,810,872	_	305
			6697.4
Auction			305
Previous balance			1,262.02
plus online auction		- -	
			8,264.42

Allocations

2019 -20 Notes

\*\* West Kent School spend:

Teacher allotments	\$3,500.00
Hackmatack	\$600.00
Grade 6 graduation	\$300.00
Garden project	\$200.00
TD Author visit	\$300.00
	4,900.00

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d. Principal's Report - Tracy Ellsworth

## **Principal Report**

Home & School Meeting Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Thank you to the **Home & School Fall Fair Committee** for all of their hard work. I have received a lot of positive feedback from the school community as well as the community as a whole.
- Thank you to all of the students and parents who donated food items to the FCC Drive Away Hunger campaign. West Kent families donated 857.5 lbs of food to the food bank.
- Congratulation to Grade 6 student York Byskstrek for placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the Provincial Cross Country Meet.
- We have worked with Home & School to find a compromise to the provide an opportunity for the students to wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school. There will be a Sock Hop on Friday, Nov. 1 from 5:30-6:30 hosted by the H&S to allow children to wear costumes to school.
- Thanks to the grade 2 and 3 teachers and Ms. Duncan for the lovely Thanksgiving Assembly.



- We are pleased to have the UPEI Athletes in our school 1/day/week reading with our students.
- Professional Development-teachers are focusing on reading, writing and math, with some teachers
  participating in special PD about Math projects, integrated curriculum at the grade 3 (French Immersion)
  & 6 (English) level. Support staff are focusing on TIC, brain breaks, mindfulness activities. The students
  are benefitting from this valuable work.
- The Department of Education is focusing on a change in which grade levels receive Provincial Assessments and in which grades. Staffs have been providing input and we will do our best to keep you informed.
- We are fortunate to be receiving mentor support from 16 Colonel Gray students through the BBBS program. The students love the friendships and social interactions.
- Thanks to Patti for all of the Library Week activities. The Pumpkin Walk was a true favorite.
- Playground Committee: working hard on several fundraisers which include a concert at Belvedere Golf Club, Poinsettia sales via Hot Lunches, t-shirt & sticker campaign, Grants & donations to name a few. The committee wants to thank all parents and students who have and continue to show support of this worthwhile cause. Hoping that the H&S has an update from the provincial body on the committee work around supporting schools with projects such as ours. The school committee recognizes that parents/families are busy but if anyone has a desire to help with 1 or more mini-projects the help would be appreciated.
- Staff Wish list for Home & School financial support this year includes the following:
   \$200.00 garden project
   \$600.00 Hackmatack Book Club (& TD Author visit)
   \$400.00 special in class projects, gr. 6, 4 and 3
   \$300.00 Grade Six Closing Events
   \$500.00 assistive support material for Resource Department
   \*(Home and school committee agreed to pay these projects listed above)
- A few bigger wish list items to consider include: Lobby rejuvenation to highlight the playground contributions; LCD projector and sound system for the gym/assemblies; Math and our learning support e-scriptions TBD.
- Thanks to the hardwork of **Julie Lynch**, **Patti Graham and Emma Boswell** West Kent received \$4000.00 to support our garden. New planter boxes have been ordered and partially delivered. Gravel and soil is to come. We now have two Ant farms and a composter. The work continues. Special thanks to Colonel Gray carpentry students and one of our parents, Rob Deacon, for all of their hard work in making this project a reality. They also built the shed we purchased last spring. The shed will house a lot of the gardening equipment.
- Despite a significant delay West Kent is now the proud owner of a new water filling station thanks to the grant won by the 3B, Emma Boswell's class 2 years ago. There was a lot of excitement in the school last week when the plumber arrived announcing that he was here to install it! Emma even gave him a hug!!
- November is full with continued fundraisers for both the Home & School Christmas families, the playground. It is also our Remembrance Day assembly hosted by our grade 4s
  - e. Playground committee Update by Genevieve Loughlin
  - f. Hot Lunch running smoothly, no holds on funds, most orders paid on Monday mornings. Suggestion to add a "donation" button to the Hot Lunch Program so that parents can add any sum in support of H&S at their leisure. Mireille suggested that this year's contributions be directed to the Playground committee tax receipt available for this purpose (comment to add address etc. could be added to collect necessary information)

- g. Christmas Shop: organized by Moe Duffy again
- h. Silent Auction we will start asking for donations soon, no date selected yet for this. Donation letters are available for asking for items.
- i. Fall Fair recap of event
- j. Halloween Sock Hop November 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-6:30 Parents must stay when they bring their children, kids can wear costumes, music system will be rented and play list is ready. Donation bin to buy more outdoor balls (optional) will be available. Tracy & Emily will send Leadership team to all classes to promote the event (with a common message) to try to create a buzz and get kids excited and increase attendance.
- 4. School Community Questions/Comments
  - Interest in 2019/2020 Home and School Executive?
    - Next Meeting Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019