



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Garden Creek School Library, 6:30 pm

Attendees

1. Marcia Franklin
2. Andy Han
3. Carie Grant
4. Nicki MacPherson
5. Emma O'Connor
6. Christine Ritchie
7. Samantha Robichaud
8. Lily Smallwood
9. Rebekah Thompson
10. Jennifer Ward

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved by Jen
- Seconded by Rebekah

Financial Report (Jen)

- Current balance is \$35,124, with estimated outstanding commitments at \$10,000.
- We are aiming to have \$25,000 in the Phase 2 Lilypad Playground reserve (of which we have already committed \$23,000).
- Floats for Movie Night are ready.

Movie Night Update (Carie)

- The Grade 5 movie will be this Friday, May 23rd. The movie will be *Moana 2*.
- They are not doing a BBQ. The teachers have committed to buying some snacks and Carie has the DVD at her house.
- Next year we may want to revisit the streaming service. (We need to investigate the licence in more detail.)

Fundraising Recap

- **Scott's:** We are currently waiting on the coupons to be redeemed in order to get a final total. Mrs. G might be off for the summer before the invoice comes through, so Emma will try to get an estimated date for the invoice.
- **Tailored Tots:** We raised \$285 in total, and the new items were a big success. 😊
- **Stickers/Jibbitz:** Marcia will have the remaining bags of 3 x frog stickers for sale at the next movie, for \$3 a bag. The stickers have been donated. She will also have the remaining jibbitz on sale (just under 70) for \$5 each.
 - **Action Item:** Marcia to tally up the total sales for both jibbitz and stickers after Movie Night.
- **Action Item:** H&S Exec to recap Phase 2 fundraising before the end of the school year.

Fundraising Plan for 2025-26

- Lily raised that traditionally, fundraising initiatives included the Bazaar plus Movie Nights only. People knew the Bazaar was *the* event for the year. There was some discussion about whether we want to nail down the plan for the entirety of the next school year yet or not.
- **Decision Made:** We will run Coffee in the fall, and then Scott's Nursery + the Bazaar. After the holidays we will likely run both Tailored Tots and Scott's Nursery Spring Edition as we did this year, but that will be determined next year. We will not run soup in 2025-26.
- **Bazaar:**
 - Christine has some ideas/plans for Santa's Workshop, and we may want to seek donations of items from parents as was done in the past (i.e., with the "White Elephant" table). We will discuss this again in the fall.
 - Marcia shared the "Creeker Closet" idea that was passed on by a parent: that we collect donations of used Creeker clothing throughout the fall and then sell them at a station at the Bazaar. There is interest in this idea, and we will return to it in the fall.

School Requests

- Alex wanted Samantha to share that we have some food money leftover and wondered if we had any ideas about running a healthy food event with the whole school. Some suggestions included:
 - A fruit tray for each class during the last week of school. Outdoor picnic time.
 - "Charcuterie" for kids. / Sandwich trays for kids.
 - Breakfast from the Y's Men.

Any Other Items/Questions/Concerns

- Hannah Steeves-Carney will be back in 2025-26 and can help with social media communications.
- We need to begin looking for a popcorn popper to replace Andy.
- We may want someone to take over Lily's "Outdoor Learning" position.
- The H&S end of year dinner will be **Tuesday, June 24th at 6:30 at Namaste.** 😊

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Marcia Franklin

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