

## Strembitsky Foundation Minutes

February 15, 2024

President: Samar Al-Hajjaj Vice President: Laura Ebbern

Treasurer: Janet Mitchell Secretary: Jessica Skoreyko

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm
  - 1.1 Quorum Established
2. Samar made a motion to approve the agenda. April approved and Nabila seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Samar made a motion to approve the minutes of the last SPF meeting minutes held January 10, 2024. Sam approved and Nabila seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Old Business
  - 4.1 Concession – Grade 9 Leadership would like to run a concession and will confirm with Samar the date. They would like to use the servery instead of setting up tables at each end.

Ideas have been discussed to streamline the process when purchasing items (to avoid doing math and working with money) such as:

    - Having concession tickets to purchase Monday – Thursday
      - *Concern:* this option may be difficult if kids lose the tickets
    - Have two tables on the day of the concession, one to purchase tickets and one for concession items
    - Have one continuous line of ticket purchase first then purchase concession items
5. New Business
  - 5.1 President's Update
    - 5.1.1 Communication – leadership reps from grades 7, 8 and 9 will be involved in all communication with teachers, this will lessen the load on the teachers.
  - 5.2 Fundraisers
    - 5.2.1 Concession – The first concession will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> (tentative) – this will be fun by the Parent Foundation.
    - 5.2.2 Healthy Hunger Pizza lunch – Parent Foundation will supervise the leadership class.

Cobbs has approached us to do a hot lunch for the school as they are setting themselves up in Healthy Hunger. This may be an option in the future.

- 5.2.3 Valentines Day Candygrams – The junior high sold candygrams in the servery which did very well. For next year we will make sure they are printed out and sent home with the Division 1 students to ensure they are made aware.

Samar discussed changing it up next year, let's get creative and bring forth new ideas! Perhaps, candy necklaces or bracelets that are individually wrapped (Party city or Bulk Barn) with any extras sold at a concession.

- 5.2.4 Heritage Popcorn – post cards have been delivered. They will be put in all the teacher's mailboxes soon. All orders will be delivered to the school and sent to each classroom.

- 5.2.5 Elk's Fundraiser – Student night on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Portion of ticket sales will go to the school. Janet will get this started.

### 5.3 School Requests

- 5.3.1 Summary of Requests:

Drumming residency – additional dates is an increase to requesting \$9750

Track and Fun Day – additional \$350

Div 2 – Team Time request – invest in resources \$1200

Div 2 Novel Studies - \$5000, note, this is widely popular and well received by students

Other Resources – Disney, streaming, etc. Copyright license

- 5.3.2 Marnie Musicale for Division 3 – requesting \$1000, approved by everyone.

Note: Janet will review the casino funds and will update us at the next meeting. School requests will be reviewed and approved at that time.

### 5.4 Events

- 5.4.1 Alberta opera – school-wide activity was well received.  
Feedback from students – it was more for younger students and not for the junior highs.

- 5.4.2 Junior High Valentines Dance – The DJ and photobooth were great. Papa Johns delivered brownies and Mathnasium donated gift cards. There was a bit of a lighting issue – but gift card giveaways got everyone dancing. Moving forward, we should get more money from donations for gift cards.

Feedback from students– better music (they take requests) and glow sticks – *Option* to put out a google forum for beforehand – give him ideas so he starts with what is on the list.

Post a special Thank You note to Mathnasium and Papa Johns for sponsoring the dance.

*Note:* Honeywell did a reset and lights don't turn off – but now we know where the room is and where the switch is (buttons are now known) so we can control this going forward.

- 5.4.3 Grade 9 Farewell Dance – Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Need to plan the dance!  
The Orchards will be booked again with the budget being \$1000. Be sure to plan a bottle drive to give the committee extra funds to contribute to the dance (extra snacks, food, etc.). Janet will touch base with Stacy for more details and look into the décor that is available.

Dance will take place Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> (tentative) and Kim will lead this event.

*Action:* Janet will email EventBrite information.

The day of the dance, the Orchards will have a list of all the Grade 9's.

*Note:* For students that forget to buy tickets, we are able to set up e-transfers and make tickets while adding them to the Orchards list.

*Action:* Samar will set up the volunteer page.

## 6. Financial Report

Janet provided an overview of the financial report. Highlights included:

- 6.1.1 Valentine's budget will be added. January is overall, quite quiet. Insurance renewal has been paid.
- 6.1.2 Have had issues with our current insurance company. Samar has found another company to provide a quote and we will be renewing with them in September.

## 7. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

### Attendees

Samar Al-Hajjaj  
Laura Ebborn  
April Kennett  
Julia Styler  
Jessica Skoreyko  
Sara Attwater

Samantha Miedreich  
Jenilee Woodfield  
Nabila Khelfa  
Kim Gruman  
Janet Mitchell  
Bonita Twigge

Principal: Chad Shephard  
Assistant Principal: Malti Verma