

Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

7:00 p.m. – March 13, 2019

Doyon Library

Open to entire Doyon Community

Attendees: Sue Roge, Jon Cormier, Melissa Lees, Moira Kelly, Justin Power, Sarah Marsella, Nicole Mazer, Kerrin Nixon, Katrina Robinson, Megan Penyack, Andrea Morris, Alycia Agzenay, Jeremy Nestor

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Owner</u>
7:03 p.m.	Welcome and Introduction No meeting next month, will approve any funds requests via email	Sue Rogé
7:05 p.m.	Ipswich Family YMCA representative visit Purpose of discussion was to help get the word out about what the local YMCA does an organization, things they don't, and getting feedback on things families in the community would like to see	Jeremy Nestor
7:45 p.m.	Approval of 1/9/19 Meeting Minutes Melissa made motion, Jon seconds -APPROVED-	Melissa Lees
7:46 p.m.	Treasurer's Report/Funds Requests Sue breaks down treasurer's report and provides handout; mentions a few outstanding fund requests (Change is Simple, cello rack, 15 Chromebooks, about \$8k that needs to come out of the \$35,131.00 total)	Sue Rogé
7:55 p.m.	Old Business Doyon Devours Books Winning classes receive voucher for a trip to Pencil Box (a class, not an individual student), event has earned over \$7k so far, participation is at 23% (compared to Doyon-a-Thon over 35%), Nicole is disappointed that the participation rate was so low but accepting donations online made it so much easier; Moira said it would be interesting to see how the minutes add up compared to what was donated; regarding funds raised from event- Sue says that Ms. Hohenstein is looking into another guest author at the end of the school year, there is also a need to replace a few older iPads and to purchase some new library books	Sue Rogé
8:10 p.m.	My Grandma's of New England Coffee Cake Sue discussed the next FRIES fundraiser- coffee cakes are \$15 each, nut-free varieties offered but it is not a nut-free facility, we'll be using Square Online to take orders (FRIES Square account); Britt asks what percentage we get back, Sue said she thinks \$8 per cake, preschool will be included in this fundraiser too; Sue said Kathy Simms suggested this fundraiser who had said it went well at the	Sue Rogé

daycare, samples of coffee cake passed around at meeting for people to taste test

8:20 p.m. Box Tops for Education (March 1st submission) Kerrin Nixon
Kerrin said the collection sheets worked well, lots of volunteer participation with counting, suggested that we use the bags in the classrooms

8:25 p.m. New Business Flatbread Dine-Out Benefit Night Kerrin Nixon
Kerrin said it's 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Flatbread Pizza in Georgetown, portion of proceeds go to FRIES, takeout ordered included; Alycia and Melissa will create the banner to provide to Flatbread, Melissa to create and print out the flyers; Kerrin mentioned that the owner suggested a cash prize as opposed to a Flatbread gift card, Britt mentioned that a permit would be needed in order to do that; Andrea offered to look into what the legal parameters would be for a different/cash prize; Nicole suggested maybe offering a different gift card as opposed to a Flatbread one; Britt suggested a scratch ticket tree, Kerrin suggested that she and Britt discuss the details together; Melissa asked when she should print the flyers, Sue said it should probably be after April school vacation; Kerrin asked when the Pomodori fundraiser should be- Nicole and Andrea suggested any time after May 1st, Sue said we should probably do the Ipswich Clambake fundraiser in the fall and stick to Pomodori's for the spring, Kerrin suggested having it in unison with another school-related event (last year it was an band-related event so the timing worked out well, a lot of people ordering takeout), Britt mentioned having a joint fundraiser with Winthrop FRIES, Sue said she's reached out to Jen at Winthrop but hasn't gotten a definitive answer, Kerrin offered to reach out to Jen

8:35 p.m. FRIES Green Team Update Yadira Ibarra
Yadira talked to the school cafeteria team, mentioned a program where the state offers healthy food options to schools ("Harvest Month"- each month is a different food theme, dairy, apples, etc.- provides a flyer), would like more advertising for this program and would like to see more green options in our school cafeteria and mentions that Doyon has a composting program, but most people don't really know about it, more advertising (in the school newsletter for example) would help; Yadira also mentioned that there is an issue with straws in the cafeteria (kids grab a bunch, play with them, wasteful, etc.), Andrea asked if we can eliminate straws completely, Yadira said they could be switched from plastic to biodegradable paper straws; would like to reach out to students to create posters indicating the pluses that come from "going green" (straws, recycling, etc.), Sue suggested reaching out to Maddie Marini to help with this movement; Moira said she works for NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), might have some materials regarding recycling and how it impacts the ocean; Yadira mentioned a movie that the middle school/high school showed regarding how waste negatively impacts the ocean environment, unsure if it's age-appropriate for elementary school students; Britt asked if we're connected with the Winthrop green team, Yadira said that's the objective (joint participation); Megan suggested introducing 3rd graders to green team leadership opportunities (they're not older kids, but they're not younger either), Yadira suggested having them be called the "Greenies" for Doyon, Moira mentioned that Brayden Marini will be in 3rd grade next year, could help be a part of it; Sue will send Yadira an

email to discuss in more detail, Kerrin offered to assist

- 8:50 p.m. Doyon-a-Thon Sue Rogé**
Katrina asked about the event, Sue gave a brief breakdown, will be held at the beginning of June (to be discussed in more detail at next FRIES meeting)
- 8:55 p.m. Ice Cream Social Moira Kelly**
Moira will be picking up the ice cream again this year from Richardson's, Sue mentioned that the slush was a big hit, Nicole said that Richardson's offers tubs of slush; all agree that having it in the back of the school was a big hit, Britt mentioned that some kids went into the woods, threw rocks/caused property damage; Sue said that Mrs. Halloran was open to having it in the back of the school again, all agree that it's much safer than being in front of the school near the street; Moira suggested more trash cans, more cups, scoops, better timing regarding delivering the ice cream (it started to melt); Yadira suggested having the green team assist with recycling efforts for this year's event
- 9:10 p.m. 'Schoola' Fundraiser Sue Rogé**
Sue mentions fundraising option that accepts donations of gently used children's and women's clothing; the group thinks it might be redundant since we have the clothing donation bin in the front of the school
- 9:15 p.m. 2019 Fall Fundraiser Sue Rogé**
Sue thinks the Genevieve/catalog-type fundraiser might be getting old (could use a break from this type of fundraiser), suggested a cookie dough kit fundraiser and hands out samples of cookies, Rebecca's Nut-Free is based in Georgetown and they deliver the kits, kits cost \$20 each (we don't set the price), they are a nut-free and dairy-free facility, orders can be placed online, Nicole mentioned that they promote allergy awareness and being an allergy-free option; Sue said if you purchase 150 kits we earn \$6/box, that amount goes higher based on how many we sell, not a huge moneymaker but we wouldn't have to distribute them; have to sell 150 kits in order to get free delivery and not pay the \$75 fee, Andrea asked if you can talk them down for amount we need to sell, Sue will find out; Yadira mentioned a business in Topsfield that can put artwork on a plate (children's art), might be a good fundraising idea around the holidays
- 9:25 p.m. Adjournment Sue Rogé**
Sue made motion to end the meeting, Melissa seconds