

Doyon FRIES – March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

Date: March 14, 2018
Location: True North Ale Company*
Time: 7:00 PM
Attendees: Sue Roge, Jon Cormier, Nicole Laroche, Melissa Lees, Britt Garland, Kerrin Nixon, Justin Power, Liz Seltenrich, Moira Kelly

**Meeting at True North due to Ipswich Public School closed for Snow Day.*

7:07 p.m.: Welcome and Introduction

Approval of 1/10/18 Meeting Minutes - Sue asks if everyone had time to review the minutes and if any changes required. No changes from anyone. Sue makes a motion to approve the 1/10/18 Meeting Minutes. Jon seconds - all APPROVED

Treasurer's Report - Nikki: haven't had a meeting in a while, started at the beginning of January of our balance, we are lower than what we started with (see spreadsheet that Nikki emailed to Chairs for details and breakdown of recent fundraising results); Nikki says that once Casino Night happens finances will be in better shape

Side discussion: Justin mentions an unused shed (over at the high school, by the project adventure), instead of purchasing a permanent shed, what about grabbing the shed that is currently unused; would have to go before the town, the school committee (no foundation for the shed, cost involved to move it?) Justin will mention to Sheila in the next week or two

7:15 p.m.: Old Business

Pomodori Fundraiser

Melissa: we made \$425.00; printed flyers to distribute to Doyon (Sue); Middle School/High School (Nikki); YMCA and YMCA Pre-school Melissa); EBSCO (Jon and Dave Lees); Sue advertised on Doyon FRIES Facebook page (coincided with school choir event, less families were cooking that evening- should consider coinciding with another school event in the future); very easy fundraiser to have

Doyon Devours Books

Event brought in \$3,300.00 (on par with previous); 30% participation (127 total); Liz asks 'do people feel like they can't turn them in if they don't include a donation?' 68,000 minutes read; Sue suggests setting a goal for next year; Nikki says she didn't know how to make a donation, maybe better clarification on that front next year; Liz suggests more prizes, like for all-class participation or dressing up like a character; Sue agrees next year we should try to plan earlier (suggests planning for event in November; Sue

would like to see 50% participation next year and move to an online pledge system options- 99pledges.com, pledgestar.com, readathon.com)

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

\$86.00 earned so far, fundraiser is still ongoing, Sue would love to get it lined up for the incoming Kindergarten class (orientation); Kerrin offers to assist with more social media presence; a push for upcoming summer camp (Melissa offers to get in touch with the Y to get the word out for their upcoming summer camp); Sue reiterates free shipping, can order any time; Kerrin suggests a flyer- April 7th is Kindergarten information night; Melissa will create a flyer based on info on small flyer and will send it to Sue and Kerrin for their review; to include information on what FRIES is all about. May use this during orientation if we can't get it done in time for info night)

Casino Night

127 tickets remain available; working on continuing to sell raffle tickets (wasn't much Casino Night discussion due to separate meetings specifically focused on this event)

7:40 p.m.: New Business

Teacher Funds Requests

Per Sue, no new teacher requests

Public Library Update

Doyon community doesn't utilize library resources as much as Winthrop, as per Kim Baker (she asked Sue to discuss since she couldn't attend the meeting) Sue spoke about how the library would like to have events for students during the school day and the Ipswich public librarian said that many times local businesses would be willing to pick up the cost for busing students to the library, would need someone to reach out to a local business to fund the bus rental; Justin mentions a Tuesday evening local business roundtable meetup, will look into details but this would be a good place to start to see if any business is interested in helping; Sue suggested possibly holding off until next year for this type of field trip as our own Doyon Librarian is expected to go out on maternity leave soon; Justin suggests more library presence on the weekly Doyon newsletter flyers, Sue noted that it is included.

Flatbread Co-Fundraiser

Kerrin thanks Melissa/Alycia for the flyer and banner; Jon and Dave Lees will circulate around EBSCO (Melissa will email flyer to Jon); Kerrin says very kid-friendly event, mentions radio advertising and will look into; also confirmed advertising in Ipswich North Shore Magazine; banner has been delivered and will be hung up; Melissa to print out flyers on colored paper (Sue suggests 24 per classroom); Justin suggests giving Cheryl Hill the head's up that they're coming to help get word out with the teachers; re raffle- Sue suggests including information about FRIES at the table when grabbing a raffle ticket; Britt has a roll of tickets that she can donate for the raffle; Kerrin says to Sue 'if you can't get them let me know, if not, I'll go to Staples'; set up for the table can be 4:30 p.m., event is from 5-9 p.m.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation

Sue is looking to book it the week of May 7th but will discuss with Amy Digby as she may have a better suggestion that would work; luncheon for the teachers as done in past years on the Thursday of that week (need to check if EDP is at Winthrop that day, if not, will need to schedule in a different week in May), parents are asked to donate gift cards, raffles (for the teachers); Sue heard that Panera is good about donating towards teachers (breakfast in the teacher's lounge); Liz suggested each child bringing in a flower (super cheap and easy, take it from the garden); or each child bringing in a piece of fruit to make a fruit salad; or an index card showing appreciation; will discuss further after Casino Night; suggested that Melissa/Alycia make a banner (Melissa to reach out to Kerrin/Alycia for more information)

Online School Store

Suggestions of added items to the store- umbrellas, paw print items, sweatshirts, water bottles; phone handles (for back of phone); Jon suggests two different types of water bottles (a good one and one that's more disposable); cinch plastic backpacks; beach towel; Nikki will bring idea to the next monthly meeting.

Ice Cream Social

Sue says it will be sometime in May (no date scheduled yet, Sue will work with Amy Digby to schedule); Britt confirms that FRIES pays for ice cream, parent volunteer to scoop; Sue suggests moving it to the back of the school, not the front (safety concern, one parent mentioned it); agree that it would be safer in the back, Britt mentions the insurance concern (after school hours at a public park), agree that it's more of a liability in front of the school (people don't watch their kids at these events); Sue suggests asking local business if they'd be willing to sell their ice cream at cost; Moira has agreed to take the lead on this community event.

Doyon-A-Thon

Sue mentions not yet scheduled (sometime in June, Sue will work with Amy Digby to schedule), Justin suggests before Memorial Day (people start 'checking out' right around then during the school year); Sue mentions MCATs are right around that time so June may be the preferred month; Sue said she'll reach out to Amy to get some dates; Britt mentions that FRIES owns a sound system that can be used for the event. Sue mentions Chrysler test drive fundraising opportunity, having it the same time as the Ice Cream Social (Chrysler will donate \$10 per person in the car, cap at \$2,000.00); everyone agrees that it sounds fun but would need to discuss logistics and safety.

8:35 p.m.: Committee Chairs

Enrichment Update

Rachel unable to make it to meeting but things are in the works;

Sustainable Education

Kerrin met up with Winthrop sustainably team who provided information; Kerrin said

it was A LOT of information, Kerrin said we're new to this and starting slowly, suggested a hike for Earth Day around the Ipswich Audubon (community get-together); beach clean-up for Earth Day; suggests a recycling event/yard sale (clothes, toys, etc.) if Sheila would be ok with us setting up on Doyon Front lawn and driveway, could be done as a fundraiser, or not (Jon mentioned \$25.00 per space in the past); Moira says leftover items can be sent to Savers; all in agreement that it's a good thing to look into, Kerrin says she'll pursue it

8:45 p.m.: Sue made a motion to adjourn, Jon seconds the motion, meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.