

Plaxton Busy Bees Fundraising Society
Minutes
January 15, 2025

Directors:

President - Maria Lindsay
Vice President - Heather Osmond Hoover
Treasurer - Jennifer Mackay
Secretary - Jaelyn Belisle

1. Maria Lindsay called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m.
2. Welcome/Introductions: Present = Maria Lindsay, Jaelyn Belisle, Jenn Mackay, Jessica Kaupp, Jan Davies, Andy Tyslau, Lois Van Roon (Vice Principal)
3. Additions to the agenda: N/A
4. Approval of Agenda: Jessica Kaupp motioned, Jenn Mackay 2nd.
5. Approval of Minutes from Oct. 2024; Jenn McKay motioned, Jess Kaupp 2nd.
6. Treasurer Report (Jenn McKay)
Starting balance = 0.00
Nov. 7 = \$2000
Nov. 21 Hive Night = 2286
Total = \$4286
7. Review of Hive Night Silent Auction: Total raised = \$2286. Overall positive response. Many donations from non Plaxton families due to use of online auction.
8. Insurance for Society:
 - a) Jaelyn shared update after contacting local insurance provider - Schwartz Reliance (Plaxton family connections). They are unable to match the price/coverage that was shared by Marsh Insurance through school division. Explained different types of coverage and importance of having liability and D & O coverage at this time due to type of fundraising and amount currently held in Society.

Discussion in group of cost and needing to plan/host other events to offset cost of insurance every year (over \$1000 per year for insurance).

Jan Davies motioned for Society to purchase Insurance through Marsh Insurance - with Liability and D & O (Directors and Officers) (approximate cost = \$1023) Voted - unanimous yes.

Plan: Jaelyn Belisle to complete the application form and submit with payment on behalf of Society.
9. Grant possibilities (Maria provided information on options)

Discussion: Grant for outdoor tables, etc. - could use some grant money, along with Rattlesnake coffee company sponsorship.

Potential to use chat GPT to support grant writing.

The Lethbridge Community Foundation - may be good place to start to support the outdoor seating.

- a. Ideas including round seating area - stumps (similar to Lakeview)
- b. Safe play area (e.g. hay bails; tires, etc.)

Need to be very specific in the grant; may need to review other outdoor spaces.
Design an outdoor space activity for leadership group students in grade 5.

Action Item: Schedule Society Meeting Feb. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Action Item: Andy to include Society meeting in Buzz newsletter and include information that discussion will be regarding outdoor learning/leisure space.

10. Future fundraising - planning

- a. Next time the whole school is together is the Spring Gala (May 15)
- b. 50/50 fundraiser (can also consider doing this at basketball games, etc.) Use QR codes.
Jessica Kaupp will send more info from what they use at Wilson Middle School
- c. Could also do another fundraiser e.g. Mother's Pantry, etc. (Check wth Heather Hoover for other ideas).
- d. Maria will follow up with Value Village; register for fundraiser there (Get a percentage for item donated, etc.)

11. Next Meeting: Feb. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Jenn McKay motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jan Davies 2nd.

- a. Maria adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.