

## **Friends of Elmdale**

### **Minutes from Nov. 12/15 parent council meeting**

In attendance: Colin, Marge, Anita, Jason, Sacha, Janet, Laurena, Joshelyn, Tess, Melissa, Jolene.

Regrets: Anne, Samantha, Jackie, Melinda

October 2015 minutes approved.

#### **Elmdale report:**

- The mural painted on the Klippenstein building along the Elmdale walkway was funded by Mr. Klippenstein. A pizza party to thank the students (grades 1-4) and the artist who participated in this project will be held on Dec. 18. Extra funds that were donated and not used for this project will remain with Friends of Elmdale.
- Princi-pals – It was clarified that grades 1 and 2 receive popcorn, juice, a certificate and pencil. Grades 3 and 4 go to A&W, get a certificate and a pencil. Estimated costs for providing popcorn and juice is approx. \$20 p/month. Laurena and Melissa delivered fundraising letters to Superstore, Sobeys and Walmart, requesting gift cards to help cover this cost. To date, Superstore and Sobeys have each donated one \$50 gift card. The names of these two businesses are to appear on the Princi-pal certificate as donors. Walmart has been followed up with two times since first letter was delivered, with no response.
- Current financial requests for Princi-pal: another \$100 for popcorn and juice, as well as \$200 for one year's supply of "Princi-pal" pencils. \$80 requested to pay Jake Epp Library for field trip craft supplies.
- Report cards issued on Nov. 12/15.
- Student Led Conferences held Nov. 13/15.
- More gravel has been placed along parking lot fence and new parking signs have been put up.
- Bus stop at Ellice and Lund – Mr. Campbell sent home a detailed letter with photo and directions for crossing safely. Mr. Campbell also recommended parents pick their children up from this bus stop.
- Dress rehearsal for Kindergarten Christmas concert will be on Dec. 16 in the a.m. Parents and guardians are advised the afternoon Kindergarten students will need to find a ride home at 11:30 on both Dec. 16th and 17th.
- Christmas concert for Kindergarten students to be held Dec. 17/15 from 10:00 – 10:30 at Elmdale School in the gymnasium.

- Christmas concert for grades 1-4 will be held on Dec. 14/15 at 1:30 and Dec. 15/15 at 7 p.m. at Steinbach Mennonite Church.
- Vaccinations will be on Dec. 10/15.
- Christmas Break - Dec. 21/15 to Jan. 1/16. Classes resume Jan. 4/16.
- Mr. Campbell requested that in future, communication from a single PAC member is preferred, vs multiple PAC members.
- Tess and Laurena agreed to attend the HSD Liaison meeting as representatives of Elmdale School on Nov. 17/15. Thank you ladies!
- Mr. Campbell requested the PAC to provide a list of fundraising initiatives for Friends of Elmdale for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Mr. Campbell requires a copy of the Friends of Elmdale Constitution. Whoever has a copy of this is asked to forward this to him.

#### **Treasurer:**

- Jason has agreed to work with ESquared Accounting to get the financial records up to date. Once this is complete, Joshelyn will take over as Treasurer. Laurena has agreed to help Joshelyn as needed. Jason will help produce financial statements so that the AGM can be held a.s.ap.

#### **Finances:**

- The parent/guardian and corporate fundraising campaigns held in Oct. raised a total of \$5620.00. Way to go!
- A one day Dominos discount card fundraiser held at the Student Led Conferences on Nov. 13/15 raised a total of \$625.00. Great work!
- Tax receipts must be issued for any donations received of \$20 or more. Donations received for \$100 or more are eligible to have their names on the donor board.
- Donations are to be used in same school year they are received, unless they are specified to be used for long-term projects such as future play structure additions etc.

#### **Members Items:**

- Melissa to contact Markus Reimer from Playquest to ask for drawings and discuss options for Phase 2 of play structure. Budget approximately \$15 - \$20K.
- The PAC discussed the possibility of running a Sunshine Nursery gift card fundraiser in early April, 2016. PAC members to discuss with Dorinda at Sunshine to organize.

**Newsletter Item:**

- Friends of Elmdale would like to thank the generous donor who provided agendas to students of Elmdale School for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. This provided a cost savings of \$10 per student per year! Thank you very much!
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**Next Meeting:**

Dec. 3/15 at 7 p.m. in the library at Elmdale School. New members welcome!