

Friends of Elmdale

Minutes from Oct. 15/15 meeting

In attendance: Colin Campbell, Sacha Barkman, Tess Doerksen, Joshelyn Doerksen, Laurena O'Connor, Melissa Friesen, Janet Mehling, Anne Barkman, Anita Sobering, Jackie Kauenhoven, Marge Thiessen.

Regrets: Jolene Thiessen, Jason Boulay, Samantha Dueck

New member: Melinda Dueck

Minutes from Sep. 2015 approved.

Elmdale Report:

- Gravel for entrance to family parking lot to arrive before snowfall.
- Signage for family and guest parking to be completed in the next month.
- Bus stop at Ellice and Lund – Mr. Campbell has attended this bus stop once and has been in contact with assistant superintendent regarding parent volunteer crossing guard. Mr. Campbell is awaiting response from assistant superintendent.
- Mural along sidewalk to Elmdale is complete. Total cost for supplies and labour = \$2220.00

A \$3000.00 cheque was originally issued to Friends Of Elmdale for this project. Mr. Campbell to contact Mr. Klippenstein for instructions regarding the remaining \$780.00.

- Students collected \$565.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.
- Mr. Campbell's bucket fillers - 28 students have been chosen to go to the Jake Epp Library with Mr. Campbell on Oct. 20/15.
- After school program- no plans at this point
- PD days this year will focus on SWOT analysis. (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) A 3-5 year plan of Elmdale's core values and mission statement will be put together.
- PAC received a financial request from Mr. Campbell for popcorn and juice (\$200/year) and pencils (\$200/year) for Princi-Pal program. PAC is considering asking Superstore for a charitable donation in the form of gift cards to cover these costs. Marge Thiessen to draft letter to be taken to Superstore.
- PAC was asked by Mr. Campbell to cover the cost of craft supplies for the students taken to the Jake Epp Library on the "bucket fillers field trip". Cost of these supplies TBA. PAC to determine if finances are available to cover this cost.
- Class sizes range from 18 – 26 students
- Operating costs for keeping Friends of Elmdale charitable number was discussed. PAC to determine if number is still needed, or if charitable number from HSD is sufficient. Mr. Campbell provided information regarding HSD charitable number. Anne Barkman to talk to HSD to sort out details. Tabled for later date.

- Treasurer spot is available. AGM cannot be held until this position is filled and financial statements are ready.

Finances:

- Letters went out to parents/ guardians as well as to local businesses for the Fall 2015-2016 Fundraising campaign. Awaiting results.
- A Dominos fundraiser was discussed to possibly take place at the Student Led Conferences on Nov. 13/15.

Members Items:

- Annual Christmas concert to be held at the Steinbach Mennonite Church on Dec. 14/15 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 15/15 at 7 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed at the Christmas concert to hand out programs as well as to usher. Please contact Janet Mehling if interested.

Newsletter Item:

- PAC would like to sincerely thank our charitable donor for covering the cost of each child's agenda for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. (\$10.00 per agenda)
- Please consider making a donation to Friends Of Elmdale School Inc. before 2015 year end. Fundraising goals outlined in letter sent home to parents/guardians.

Next PAC meeting: Thursday, November 12/2015. New members welcome!