

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thurs. January 19th, 2017

In Attendance: Jackie, Janet, Laurena, Joshelyn, Tess, Jacqui, Colin, Darlene

Regrets: Meg, Anne

PAC chair Laurena called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Welcome, minutes from Dec 15th, 2016 approved

Elmdale Report:

- Important Upcoming Dates:
- February 3 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- February 20 - Louis Riel Day (no classes)
- February 21-23 - Book Fair
- February 23 - Family Celebration of Learning

Building and Grounds:

- Looking at installing new cubbies and hooks into 3G and 3B classrooms

In School:

- Artist in the school Colleen Watchorn has been wonderful to work with again. Student art work will be on display for our family celebration of learning.
- Subway lunch orders went very well in December very organized.
- Thought exchange information went public January 18th. Overall very good review from parents. Colin reviewed Elmdale's results with us.
- Christmas break reading data - chocolate milk and cookies

2014-2015 122/211 students completed (57%) one class and all K's didn't participate

2015-2016 141/229 students completed (62%) grades 1-4 only

2016-2017 207/289 students completed (71%) k-4

- Elmdale school did a presentation at the HSD board meeting. Colin took a teacher, Mrs Thiessen and a couple students to introduce the Seasaw app the class has been using. This app is a communication tool with parents and the teacher. Set up an eportfolio for the student and teacher can send updates to parents what the child is working on etc. through the app throughout the day.
- Colin's presentaion at the meeting was on the school's goals

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. If needed please ask Joshelyn for report.
- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - provided annual financial report
- Volunteer status/hot lunch program report (Janet) - recruited 1 new mom for the hot lunch program, will be losing 1 volunteer next year. Look at maybe having PAC introduce themselves with a letter in the welcome package at the kindergarten welcome night, in hopes of recruiting more volunteers and PAC awareness.
- Laurena PAC Chair presented and read the constitution. Constitution was approved and signed.
- No new executive positions need to be filled this school year (2017-2018). The following school year all positions will be up for renewal. (2018-2019)

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- T-shirt pricing update (Tess/Janet) - PAC voted in favour of going with Oak Leaf to get the t-shirts made. Prices as of Jan 10th \$4.40 + tax/shirt with print on front, \$5.60 + tax for print on front and back, same pricing for adults and kids. This quote is good for 30 days. Get sample shirts from Oak Leaf so we can size up on the kids. Need 3 weeks for production.
- Subway lunch went much smoother in December. We will stick with the same plan in the future.
- Nate will come to our March meeting to present some play structure ideas.

New Business for Referral:

- PAC asked if we could be recognized or acknowledged in some way for the donation for

the artist in the school project. Colin thought this was a great idea and will get something done, possibly for the Family Celebration of Learning day.

Newsletter item:

- Oakridge Fundrasier

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

February 9, 2017 at 7:00pm