

Friends of Elmdale
Minutes from Sep. 16/15 meeting

In attendance: Colin Campbell, Sacha Barkman (Chair), Jason Boulay, Jackie Kauenhowen, Tess Doerksen (Fundraising Chair), Jolene Thiessen, Anita Sobering, Janet Mehling (Volunteer Coordinator), Melissa Friesen (Secretary), Joshelyn Doerksen, Samantha Dueck.

Regrets: Laurena O'Connor (Vice Chair), Marge Thiessen (PAC Teacher Rep), Anne Barkman, Judy Klassen (Treasurer, on indefinite leave of absence)

Minutes from June 2015 meeting approved.

Elmdale Report:

- A new fence and sidewalk were installed over the summer.
- There is now a new family pick-up and drop-off area located at the rear of the school.
- Wi-fi was installed over the summer.
- There is a new and improved website for Elmdale: elmdale.hsd.ca
- PAC to provide information to Colin Campbell for website re: PAC members, PAC e-mail addresses, PAC initiative
- A new grade two teacher (Cheri Thiessen) has been hired
- Strong Connections to take place Sep. 18th and 21st.
- New PAC Teacher Representative is Marge Thiessen
- Terry Fox Run to take place in the afternoon on Sep.25/15. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie for Terry and help fill Mr. Campbell's bucket. Grades one and two will go to Jake Epp library park, grades three and four will go to A.D. Penner Park.
- Addition to "Princi-pal": Each month, thirty "Way To Go" slips will be pulled from Mr. Campbell's bucket, and those students will go on a field trip to the Jake Epp Library.
- Mr. Campbell to have pizza party with 82 students for completing their summer reading bingo sheets. Pizza will be donated by Boston Pizza.
- School Picture Day will take place on Wed. Oct. 7/15.

Finances:

- Corporate fundraising campaign raised \$3566.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Annual operating costs estimated to be \$2500 to \$3000
- Minimum of \$10,000.00 required to start phase two of play structure.
- Fundraising letter to go out to parents and local businesses within the first two weeks of Oct. 2015.
- Fundraising goals identified as: Operating costs (including insurance and Quickbooks software), Phase Two of play structure, new books for classrooms, clothing for kids in need.
- The PAC has agreed to wait for the results of the parent/corporate fundraisers before considering any traditional fundraisers.
- All donations to be made to "Friends of Elmdale School Inc."

Bus Transportation:

- The bus stop at Ellice and Lund is very busy. Some people have been parking on private property while picking up or dropping off their children. Colin Campbell will communicate to the parents/guardians at this stop to discontinue parking on private property.

Members items:

- An answering machine service is available for parents/guardians needing to phone the school re: student absences.
- Subject of organized after-school sports activities was brought up – to be tabled for later date.
- Position of PAC Treasurer is now open, since the current treasurer is on a indefinite leave of absence. Because of this, the PAC has agreed to add Janet Mehling as a signing authority along with Sacha Barkman to the Friends of Elmdale account.

Newsletter item:

- Parents to watch for fundraising letter that will be going out within the first couple of weeks in October.

Next PAC meeting: (AGM) Thursday, October 15/2015. New members welcome!