

Friends of Elmdale

Minutes from Dec. 3/15 parent council meeting

In attendance: Laurena, Janet, Tess, Melissa, Marge, Colin, Jolene, Anita, Tyler (from Playquest)

Regrets: Sacha, Anne, Jason, Joshleyn, Jackie, Melinda

November 2015 minutes approved.

Plans for play structure:

- Tyler from Playquest attended the Nov. 2015 meeting to talk to the PAC about future plans for phase 2 of the play structure.
- He requested that the PAC come up with ideas of what types of playground equipment they would like added to the current structure, as well as any free standing equipment, so that the students can vote on what they would like to have.
- Once an option has been agreed upon, a 3D rendering can be placed on a wall in the school so that it is available for all to see.
- Tyler also suggested that the PAC look into applying for grants to subsidize the play structure.
- Additions can be done in phases, as funds allow.
- PAC must decide on either commercial or supervised install.
- Warranty on playground equipment needs to be looked into.
- Playquest does not take responsibility for volunteers on site during supervised installation.
- Phase 2 addition suggested to go on north side of current structure.

Elmdale Report:

- Dec. 10 – Grade 4 immunizations. Laurena and Melissa to volunteer.
- Dec. 14 – Christmas program grades 1-4 at 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 – Christmas program grades 1-4 at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 17 – Christmas program Kindergarten at 10 a.m.
- Dec. 21/15 - Jan. 2/16 - Christmas Break (no classes)
- Jan. 4/16 - First day of classes after Christmas Break

Community:

- Some parents of children at the Ellice and Lund bus stop have confirmed that there have been improvements regarding bus pick up and student street crossing.

In School:

- Remembrance Day assembly – received positive feedback.
- Student Led Conferences – 84% attendance rate. A suggestion was made to move time to evenings as well as day time to increase future attendance.
- Helping Hands – Students have been asked to bring non-perishable food items during a two week period to support this cause.

Current Financial Requests:

- Popcorn and juice – \$200.00 requested. Sobeyes and Superstore have each donated \$50.00 gift cards to assist with this. A cheque for the remaining \$100.00 to be written by PAC.
- PrinciPal pencils - \$200.00 requested. A cheque for this to be written by PAC.
- Bucket Filling Field Trip - \$80.00 requested. PAC has written a cheque to cover this cost.
- Bus Driver Appreciation - \$24.00 requested. A private donor has covered this cost. Thank you very much!
- Playground equipment costs (basketballs and soccer balls) - The PAC will look into paying for this in spring.

Other:

- HSD Liaison meeting Dec. 1/15 - Laurena and Tess attended. Thank you ladies for representing Elmdale! An information booklet was presented regarding how PACs need to adhere to legislation set out in the Education Administration Act.
- Laurena to ask Kevin Heide to attend the Jan. 14/16 meeting to give information regarding HSDs charitable number.
- Tess has sent out Thank You cards to local businesses who supported Elmdale's Fall 2015 Corporate Fundraising Campaign. Thank you Tess!
- Janet to contact Print Studio One regarding names on donor board plates. Thank you Janet!

Fundraising Goals for 2016:

- A fundraising timeline was discussed. PAC has agreed to go ahead with a spring 2016 fundraiser TBA.

Newsletter Item:

- The PAC would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Next meeting: Thurs. Jan. 14/16 at 7.p.m. at Elmdale School.
- New members always welcome!