

# Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thurs. Apr. 7/16

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

New Members: Jaqui Plett, Meg Pfeiffer-Brandt

Regrets: No regrets were sent.

PAC Chair Laurena called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome. Minutes from Mar. 8/16 approved.

## **Elmdale Report:**

- Important upcoming dates:
- Apr. 8/16– PD Day – no classes
- May. 4/16 – Kindergarten Orientation 5:30 or 6:30 p.m.
- May. 5 & 6/16 – Kindergarten screening by appointment
- May. 19/16 - Grade 5 orientation at CMS & SMS
- May. 23/16 – Victoria Day (no classes)
- May 26/16 - Run, Jump, and Throw Day ( grades 1-4)
- June 3/16 - Volunteer Appreciation Event 8:30 a.m.
- June 28/16 - Family Picnic Day and swimming
- June 29, 30/16 - Admin Day – No classes

## **Building and Grounds:**

- Very wet

## **Community :**

- Thought Exchange - A parent/guardian survey from HSD sent by e-mail – This new tool will enable our school as well as HSD to better identify what is collectively cared about the most by our school community. Results from this online platform will create learning opportunities and help inform our future decisions.
- Parents/Guardians are asked to participate in three steps:
  1. Share – Answering open-ended questions about education in the school
  2. Star – Reviewing ideas from other parents/guardians and starring ideas you like the most
  3. Discover – Learning what is important to the school community as a whole

**In School:**

- Hanover School Board visited Elmdale on Apr. 5/16. The visit went very well, with participation from Elmdale's Media Team.
- Transition year (adjusting to new principal) and school plan presented by  
Principal Colin Campbell
- Changing our learning environment – presented by Vice Principal Marge Thiessen
- A \$10,000 grant has been applied for for new classroom furniture.
- Grade 2 swimming lessons have begun
- Elmdale's Children – A 3-5 year plan involving characteristics such as skills, values, knowledge, and disposition that we teach our children.

**Current Financial Requests:**

<b>School Requests 2015-2016 School Yr.</b>	<b>School Request Amount</b>	<b>Funds Provided to School From PAC to Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Additional Notes</b>
Popcorn & Juice	\$200 total (Oct)	\$100 +\$100=\$200	\$50 Sobeyes GC \$50 Superstore GC
PrinciPal Pencils	\$200 total (Oct)	\$200	
Bucket Filling Field Trip	\$80 total (Oct)	\$80	
Bus Driver Appreciation	\$24 (Oct)	\$30 cash	
Playground Equipment	\$215 (Dec)	Requested Dec meeting	spring time purchases
Materials for artist in the school	\$425 (January)	\$425	
Staff Treats	\$50/month	\$250	

- Additional funds for staff treats to be taken in May 2016.

**PAC Executive Reports:**

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. If needed, please ask Joshelyn for report. Accountant still needs to wrap up 2015 year end financials for FESI.
- Secretary (Melissa) - Update on Phase 2 of play structure provided. The three options that were provided by Play Quest were above our budget. A request has been re-sent to Play Quest for options in our original budget of 15-20K. Three items that were mentioned that the kids liked from the proposals were: Comet II spinner, tunnel feature, climbing wall feature. It was suggested we look at other companies for price comparisons.

- Sunshine Nursery/Chinos Bistro Fundraiser update (Laurena) – A total of \$26425.00 in gift cards were sold, making a profit of \$2642.50 for Elmdale. The class with the most in sales was 4M, so they will receive the gelato party donated by Dorinda from Chinos Bistro. Party date = TBA.
- Laurena asked Dorinda if she would donate seeds and starter plants for Elmdale's garden project, and Dorinda has agreed to do this. Thank you!
- A suggestion was made in regards to fundraising for the 2016-2017 school year that option be provided to either participate in the fundraiser, or give a donation toward the fundraising project if not participating in the fundraiser.
- New PAC Secretary for 2016-2017 school year will be Jaqui Plett. Thank you Jaqui!
- HSD Board- PAC Liaison meeting to be held Tues. Apr. 12/16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the HSD Admin office. Laurena, Janet, and Joshelyn to attend.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Jackie K. called the Doener Grille to see if they would be willing to sell hot food at the school picnic. More info such as prices and permits would be needed if this were to be a viable option.
- Melissa contacted Classic Car-B-Que as a possible hot food vendor. With the school's permission, they would agree to offer their services and include a meal deal consisting of a children's jumbo hot dog, bag of chips, and drink for \$5.00. No extra cost for being present at the event would be charged.
- The hot-food vendor idea was ultimately voted against.
- **The majority of PAC voted in favor to have sub sandwiches from Subway as a pre-order lunch option for the school picnic in June. Cost of each 6" sub is \$3.50 (tax included). More info on pre-order forms to be sent home. Those not ordering subs are asked to bring their own picnic lunches.**

#### **New Business:**

- A PAC member is required to take over from Melissa to become the new main contact for Phase 2 of the play structure. Jackie K. said that time permitting, she would take on this role.
- Marge Thiessen suggested creating and selling green slip T-shirts (neon green) for purchase in hopes to make a small profit for the school. She has received a quote from Creative Print All with prices of \$5.00 plus tax for children's sizes (per shirt), and \$5.50 plus tax for adults sizes (per shirt). Marge to get comparison quote from Oakleaf. The idea was to possibly sell these T-shirts at the school picnic. Janet, Tess, and Meg to follow up with this once Marge has quote from Oakleaf.

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

- **May 5 at 7 p.m. at Elmdale School.**