

# Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

**Wed. June 1/16**

In Attendance: Anita, Jackie K, Meg, Collin, Janet, Melissa, Tess, Joshelyn, Marge, Laurena,  
Jolene, Jacqui, Anne

Regrets: No regrets were sent

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

Welcome. Minutes from May 5/16 approved

## **Elmdale Report:**

- Important Upcoming Dates:
- June 2 - Run, Jump, & Throw Day (Gr. 1-4)
- June 3 - Volunteer Appreciation Event 8:30 am
- June 28 - Family Picnic Day & swimming
- June 29,30 - Administration Days (no classes)

## **Building and Grounds:**

- Storage room converted into an Art Supply Room
- these art supplies are supplies for all classes

## **Community:**

- No Report

## **In School:**

- School enrolment in Grade 3 has dropped and we will now plan for two grade 4 classes and not a 3/4 multi aged classroom. If numbers dramatically near the end of August, we will consider introducing a 3/4 multi aged classroom.
- Student Agendas: For the 2016-2017 school year, we will have 100% of our students using school agendas. For the 2017-2018 school year, we won't be looking for sponsorship. Our teachers might begin to phase out agendas for a technology option.
- Year - end swim: According the Provincial School Division it is now required and grade 1 and 2's going swimming with school must wear a PDF and grade 3 and 4's goes based on their swimming abilities, therefore we have had to change our last day of school activities

Grade 1's will go to the splash park at the library

Grade 2's will decide June 2 pool or field trip

Grade 3's will go to the pool and parents are to provide PDF's

Grade 4's will go to the pool and parents are to provide PDF's

- We were not successful in securing the \$10000 Innovation Grant. Through conversation with the Assistant Treasurer of Hanover School Division, he has purchased approximately \$10000 in new furniture for the Elmdale School. This furniture was part of the Innovation Grant application. Furniture purchased includes, collaborative learning tables, standing desks, Hookie stools, and Rocking Chairs. This furniture will be going into 4M, 3B, 2F and 1E. This is year 1 of 4 in remodelling the furniture in our classroom.

**Current Financial Requests:**

- Students are loving the new soccer balls and basketballs that were purchased for them, thank you to PAC

**Reports from PAC Executives:**

- Treasurer (Joshelyn)- monthly update with account balances provided. If needed, please ask Joshelyn for report.
- In regards to our Friends of Elmdale status, the quotes keep changing that we are receiving from Edna's office. We are going to take care of what we owe with Edna's office and get the paperwork back from them. We as a PAC voted in favor of going ahead with different accountant that was recommended to us.
- Green slip t-shirts will only be offered to the grade fours this year.
- Play structure update will come in September from Janet and Nat

**Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:**

- We have enough volunteers for both the Subway picnic and to count funds on June 21 @ 1:00.
- PAC voted in favour of funding the staff breakfast this year that's held at the end of the school year at the Fly in Golf Course.
- Meg presented a new fundraiser idea, La Cocina chips and New Bothwell cheese
- We as a PAC voted on what fundraisers and what the timeline would look like for these fundraisers for the 2016/2017 year. We decided to go ahead with the corporate letters again in Sept/Oct. The family letters will be sent out with each fundraiser giving families the option of participating in the fundraiser or to just donate money. The PAC and staff fundraiser will be selling Funscrip gift cards and will take place in November in time to get the cards for christmas. The green slip t-shirts sales will also be a fundraiser and will be done in Sept or Oct. We voted in favour of selling Oakridge Gift cards in spring 2017 instead of Sunshine just for something different, a letter or some form of communication will be had with Sunshine just clarify why the change. There was also discussion of possibly doing one more fundraiser as we felt the t-shirt fundraiser would not bring in a lot of funds but a decision will be made in the new school year.

**New Business Referral:**

- Thank you to Anita and Melissa, PAC members who are leaving Elmdale, for all your work on PAC in the last few years

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:**

**September 15, 2016 @ 7:00**