

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday September 15/16

In Attendance: Laurena, Collin, Janet, Tess, Joshelyn, Jacqui, Meg

Regrets: Anne Barkman, Jackie Kauenhowen, Sacha Barkman

Jolene Thiessen has resigned from PAC

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

Welcome, Minutes from June 1/16 approved

Elmdale Report:

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 16 & 17 - Strong Connections
- September 29 - Terry Fox Run
- October 6 - School Photo Day
- October 10 - Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- October 21 Manitoba Teachers Professional Development Day (no classes)

Presentation:

- A video presentation was shared with PAC regarding Elmdale's mission statement and the school plan outline.
- Elmdale School's main focus in its mission statement is "to serve the children, students, and families"
- Elmdale's 4 pillars are :
 - 1) Serving
 - 2) Relationships
 - 3) Professional Growth
 - 4) Student needs
- 4 Outcomes:
 - Learning partnerships - teacher to teacher is the main focus this year

- Learning Environment - physical classroom
- Pedagogical practices - How can we bring more inquiry into our school?
- Leveraging digital - Student access to technology

Building and Grounds:

- Concrete ramp out grade 1 doors
- shelving in library
- Sound Proofing in Supply Room
- New windows and door along grade 4 wall

In School:

- Strong Connections: Continue with Kids in Know Program taught by Marge and Student Services <https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/>
- PAC teacher Rep: TBA - we will have one for the next meeting
- Terry Fox: Bring in a toonie for Terry

Grade 1/2 will run to the library park, do a lap or two of the park and then return to Elmdale to play running games on our playground.

Grades 3/4 will run/walk down to the bike path beside the clinic halfway to A.D. Penner Park. Approx. Georgetown neighborhood just before the bike path crosses Valerie Lane.

- Bucket Filling Field Trip: Providence College - Student athletes will be organizing games in their gym for our students. Names will be pulled and we won't go every month because we need a full bus.
- Summer Reading program celebration: 80 students will have a pizza party with Mr Campbell, pizza will be donated by Boston Pizza

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. If needed please ask Joshelyn for report
- In regards to the Friends of Elmdale status, we have been taken on as a client by a new

accountant, she has charged us very fairly. The account has been closed down at the SCU and the charitable and GST return for 2015 has been filed. Once we have received the bar code from the RCA then 2016 can be filed. We as a PAC voted in favour of sending the new accountant flowers for all the work she has done for us.

- Volunteer Coordinator (Janet) - There are a few volunteers needed for different events happening in the school, we will need a few volunteers for the Christmas Concert, need 1 volunteer for immunization- Tess volunteered, and two volunteers for picture day - Laurena and Janet volunteered
- Play structure update will be provided in the new year

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- The feedback we received from the Subway picnic lunch was very positive
- Decisions were made by PAC regarding fundraising for the school year. It was decided to go ahead with corporate letters this year again, which will be handed out in person - Janet and Laurena volunteered to do this
- We voted in favor to sell the green slip t-shirts to students in February, in time for spirit week, but will not use this as a fundraiser.
- We will be doing a cookie dough fundraiser in October aiming for delivery date being Nov 10, agendas will be stuffed with parent letters by October 7th - Joshelyn and Jacqui volunteered to take the lead role in this fundraiser.
- We will also be doing the funscript fundraiser together with the Elmdale staff in November. We can customize which gift cards we want to sell, we will talk more about this at October's meeting.
- We as a PAC will work on the constitution for the 2016-2017 school year, we will use the Manitoba Advisory Parent Council Guide as a guideline, a date will be set for PAC to get together.

New Business for Referral:

- The idea to do hot dogs as a hot lunch was brought forward, we as a PAC voted and it was not approved.
- PAC voted in favor of rotating pizza and subway for Thursday hot lunches, one month will be pizza next month subway. For now it was decided to stick with NIakwa pizza but will look into Little Ceasars.

- Collin's wish list for 2016-2017 to start budgeting for:
 1. Colleen Watchhorn works as an artist, she comes in and works with K- 4 classes, no time has been set as to when she is coming. \$1500 is the max she will cost
 2. Bucket filling prize - trip to Providence College approximate cost \$800
 3. Books
 4. Sand toys (for the new sand box)
 5. Play structure
- Someone from PAC will go to Superstore and Sobeys to ask for donations for the principal awards - juice boxes and popcorn

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

October 20 2016 @ 7:00