

# Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

**Thurs. October 20/16**

In Attendance: Colin, Darlene, Laurena, Janet, Joshelyn, Tess, Meg, Jacqui

Regrets: Anne, Jackie

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

Welcome. Minutes approved from Sept. 15/16

## **Elmdale Report:**

- Important Dates:
- October 21 - Manitoba Teachers Professional Development Day (no classes)
- October 28 - Costume Parade after 2:30 pm
- October 31 - Divisional PD Day (no classes)
- November 10 - Picture retakes
- November 11 - Remembrance Day (no classes)
- November 14 - Student Led Conferences (no classes)
- November 25 - First Report Cards Issued (Gr.1-4)
- December 20 - (k-4) Afternoon Performance 1:30 pm (1-4) Evening Performance 7:00pm

## **Building and Grounds:**

- New Sandbox for students to use for recess, we will wait for spring before buying toys for the sandbox.

## **In School:**

- Thank you to Darlene Remple for being the PAC teacher rep for the 2016-17 school year.
- We added a home reading video series to our monthly eNewsletter
- Provided the bus drivers with a Tim's card for a free coffee for Bus Safety Week
- Note this year our report cards are going home after Student Led Conferences, this

- gives teachers more time for assessments
- Terry Fox fundraising = \$340.05
  - Christmas Concert - Kindergartens are involved in the opening of the afternoon performance at the church.
  - Fundscript Fundraiser - Recieved handouts ( was discussed later in the meeting)

#### **Reports from PAC Executives:**

- A motion was brought forward regarding setting guildlines for meeting attendance and sending regrets. If a PAC member has missed 2 or more meetings without sending regrets they will no longer receive correspondance through email, (eg. meeting agendas, minutes, etc.) PAC committee present in the meeting voted in favor of the motion. This is effective immediately.
- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balance provided. If needed please ask Joshelyn for report.
- No new updates on the Friends of Elmdale status
- 16 Corporate letters were handed out, some by mail and others face to face. There have been a few replies back from the businesses, aslo a few new businesses were added. Joshelyn will take care of a spreadsheet to keep track of what's coming in.
- Cookie dough fundraiser is now complete and students have handed in there money and envelopes. A few members of the PAC committee will get together Tuesday October 25 at 1:00 to count the money and get the forms organized.

#### **Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:**

- A subway lunch will be offered starting on Nov 24th. Subway will be offered the last Thursday of the month at a cost of \$3.75 per sub. Volunteers will be taking the students orders and money on those mornings as well there will be a volunteer to hand out the subs to the students at lunch time.
- PAC voted in favour of switching our pizza provider for pizza days. Starting November pizza will be ordered from Little Ceasar's instead of Niakwa Pizza. For the same price of \$2 the students will receive a little more pizza. Janet has volunteered to go speak with the owner of Niakwa and let him know of our decision.
- Laurena has volunteered to take a lead as a contact person in the Fundscript fundraiser. PAC committee members compiled lists of there own favorite gift cards that they would like to see on the fundraiser. Laurena and Collin will get together the week of Oct 29th to narrow down the list and set up the account with Fundscript. The goal is to send letters home and start the fundraiser the week of Nov 7th and have all orders in by the end of November and have them back to the students middle of December in time for

Christmas.

- Constitution has been drafted we are still waiting for executive input and follow up.

**New Business for Referral:**

- Collin no longer needs funds for the bucket filling field trip. We have decided then to rather help out with treats for the students for special activities throughout the year.
- Money is not needed for the staff monthly treats but the staff will need money for the end of the year breakfast.
- There has been parent interest in a math club. Much like reading club but with math as the focus. Collin feels a discussion needs to be had with the staff and get the staffs feedback. We would have parent volunteers available to help if needed. Collin will report back to the PAC next meeting.
- Life Touch approached the PAC to see if Elmdale was interested in doing a yearbook. PAC committee voted not in favour of doing a yearbook at this time.

**Newsletter Item:**

- Hot lunch and Funscript

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:**

- November 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm