

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thurs. Dec. 15th 2016

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

Regrets: Anne

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

Welcome, minutes from Nov. 17th 2016 approved

Elmdale Report:

- Important upcoming dates:
- December 20 - (K-4) afternoon performance at 1:30 pm
- (1-4) Evening performance 7:00 pm
- February 3 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- February 20 - Louis Riel Day (no classes)
- February 21-23 - Book Fair
- February 23 - Family Celebration of Learning (Artist will have been in school already so parents will get to see what the students have done)

Building and Grounds:

- Concrete pad beside the flagpole will be replaced in the spring time.

In School:

- Teachers are interested in having a school wide Green T-shirt plan. Recieved postive feedback from the teachers, thought it would be nice for new students coming in as well.
- Teachers liked the numeracy club idea but had some hesitations. Teachers are not sure how this would work with the volunteers as math works so differently than reading.
- Teachers are very thankful for your fundraising efforts and also funding the Artist in the school. PAC voted all in favour to give funding to the school for the artist. Artist coming

in January, cost is approximately \$1500.

- Christmas concert - students are working hard and ready to go.

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. If needed please ask Joshelyn for report.
- Friends of Elmdale status (Laurena) - Received barcode from CRA and we are on to the final step.
- T-shirt update (Tess) - Looked into pricing at Creative Print All - for 300 shirts it would be \$4.50 +tax/shirt plus an extra \$1.50/shirt for printing on back. A decision was made to look at a few other businesses to see if we could get any better pricing. We would be ordering a minimum of 400 shirts - ordering for current students plus kindergartens coming in next year. PAC is in favour of going ahead with the t-shirts but would like to get better pricing.
- Volunteers in place for both Christmas concerts (Janet) - Enough volunteers are in place. For the afternoon performance volunteers should be there by 1:00 pm and the evening performance by 6:15 pm.
- Donor board has been updated and thank you cards have been sent out. Laurena and Janet made our own signs for the board which saved us a lot of money.

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- A few changes will be made to make the subway lunch run a bit smoother - forms will go home with the students to fill out and bring them back on Thursday. Feedback regarding subway lunch was very positive.
- Oakridge gift card fundraiser will be in March. Jacqui has agreed to take a lead role on this. Letters will be sent out the first week of March. A decision was made to have no incentives for students on this fundraiser. Jacqui will look into seeing if Oakridge would give a donation for Elmdale's garden as a thank you.

New Business for Referral:

- Merry Christmas no new business until the new year!

Newsletter Item:

- AGM January 19th 2017

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

- January 19th 2017 @ 7:00pm AGM