

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday March 9th, 2017

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

Regrets: Anne Barkman, Darlene

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

Welcome, minutes from the Feb 9th, 2017 approved

Elmdale Report:

- Important upcoming dates:
- March 10 - Administration Day (no classes)
- March 17 - 2nd Report Card issued (Gr.1-4)
- March 20-24 - Elmdale Extravaganza Week
- March 27-31 - Spring Break (no classes)
- April 7 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- April 14 - Good Friday (no classes)
- May 3 - Kindergarten Welcome evening 5:30-6:30 pm
- May 18 - Grade 5 orientation at CMS and SMS (evening)

Building and Grounds:

- Wet and Icy

In School:

- February was I love to read month
- School wide music video-larger number of parents and staff involved this year. Excellent video!
- Guest reader, March 2 assembly - Corny Rempel - Awesome assembly kids loved it!
- Family Celebration of Learning- Excellent turnout. 84% turnout. Students who did not

have a family member attend, were partnered up with a staff member or another family.

- Elmdale Extravaganza week March 20-24: Crazy hair day, PJ pancake breakfast, Normal Day, Superhero Day, and surprise assembly day!

Staffing:

- We received a 0.5 Guidance Counselling position - Tara Klassen has transferred to our school to start in September. She has her Masters in Counselling from the UofM. Brings experience and passion for the position.
- We have been given an additional .5 resource: possibly breaking this up internally.
- Colin is meeting with Randy the first week back from spring break to discuss additional grade 4 teacher.
- Provincial Gov - has said that they will support the idea of K3-20 but will not be putting additional money towards this. Previous Gov did not fund grade 3, new Gov is only supporting K-2.

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balance provided. If needed please ask Joshelyn for report.
- T shirt update (Tess/Laurena) - T shirts have been picked up and organized. Some extras have been made, will need to make up an inventory of left over t shirts so we can keep track.
- Hot lunch program update (Janet) - We will be losing a couple of volunteers this year so we will be needing a couple of new volunteers for next year, they would be needed on Thursdays from 11:5-1 (not every Thursday). Need to add sticky to agenda reminding parents of Sub day. Switch June 22 to pizza day instead of Subway - needs to be changed on the school calendar.

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- Oakridge fundraiser money counted Tuesday morning March 14th - Meg, Tess, Jacqui, Laurena, and Janet volunteered to help.
- Colin was updated on decisions that were made at the last meeting regarding fundraising. Fundraising for next year: Spent pizza - Sept second week of school, Cookies - November, Sunshine - March. A parent letter will be sent out again with the first fundraiser giving families a chance to give a one time monetary donation instead of fundraising. Will also do the corporate letter fundraiser at the start of the year again and may consider sending a letter home with new kindergartens regarding this. Decided on who would take care of which fundraiser - Janet/Laurena - Corporate Letter,

Joshelyn/Jacqui - Pizza, Meg/Joshelyn - cookies, Tess/Jackie K - Sunshine.

- Green slip t shirt assembly - Corny Rempel will be at the assembly to help reveal the t shirts to the kids. T shirts will be handed out in there classes. A big school picture taken at the PM recess.
- Updated Colin on PAC's decision regarding the play structure - PAC has decided to shelf the play structure until we have more money saved.

New Business for Referral:

- PAC has voted in favour of doing Subway at the school picnic again this year.
- Start thinking what we will be fundraising for in the next school year as it will be indicated in the fundraising letters. Need the school's wish list. Asked to have this by the beginning of June.

Newsletter Item:

- Oakridge Fundraiser thank you for your donations and announce amount made

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

April 13, 2017 @ 7:00 pm