

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday April 13/17

In Attendance: Colin, Darlene, Anne, Tess, Janet, Laurena, Jacqui

Regrets: Joshelyn, Jackie, Meg

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

Welcome, minutes from the March 9, 2017 approved

Elmdale Report:

- Important Dates:
- April 14 - Good Friday
- May 3 - Kindergarten welcome evening 5:30-6:30
- May 4&5 - kindergarten connections
- May 18 - Grade 5 orientation at CMS & SMS
- May 22 - Victoria Day (No Classes)
- May 25 - Run, Jump, & Throw Grades 1-4
- June 2 - Volunteer Appreciation Event
- June 28 - Family Picnic & Activity Day
- June 29, 30 - Admin Day & Final Report (No Classes)

Building and Grounds:

- New soccer nets installed on each net
- Colin has requested gravel to create a baseball diamond
- wagon with sand toys has been purchased
- request for family parking sign has been made

In School:

- Thank you again Parent Council for all your support during our surprise assembly.

Wonderful feedback from staff/students/parents/media and other principles.

Staffing:

- Kindergarten enrollment is significantly down - We will have two kindergarten classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Tammy Klassen & Nichelle Doerksen will be teaching full day every Monday/Wednesday and every other Friday.
- Susanne Penner will be working at Elmdale School in a support role, working with resource.
- Bethany Dueck (Grade 4)
- JoAnne Giesbrecht (Grades 3/4 Multi-age)
- Gavin Barkman (Grades 3/4 Multi-age)
- Mike Martens (Grade 3)
- Darnell Thiessen (Grade 3)
- Grade 1 and 2 teachers staying the same.
- .50 Guidance Councillor Tara Klassen

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - No financial report, Joshelyn not at meeting
- Green slip assembly was an amazing experience. All shirts have been logged on an inventory sheet which is in the t shirt box. The atmosphere was great. Already a few new students have benefited from the green slip t shirt and the student and parents were very happy.

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- Staff have approved having subway on the last day of school for the picnic. We will book our sub day with Anil asap.
- Tess and Laurena will be at the kindergarten information night. They have been asked to decorate with some balloons and also just say a few words on behalf of PAC and mention the fundraising letter that comes home at the start of the year.
- Oakridge fundraiser was disappointing in comparison to last year with Sunshine - Why? Discussed the fact that we did a lot more fundraisers this year compared to last year.
- Due to the poor sales for our Oakridge fundraiser we talked about our thoughts moving forward for next year. We were asked to think about changing the fundraisers for next year, maybe eliminating one. We will continue with the corporate letter and parent

letter for next year.

- School is still needing some more sandbox toys. A wagon with sandbox toys was brought out today and it was a hit. The school will be given another \$250 to buy quality toys that will last.

New Business for Referral;

- Tess, Laurena, and Jackie K have offered to attend the PAC liason meeting April 25, 2017 at the HSD admin office. This meeting is open to all PAC members. There may be opportunity for questions, some ideas were shared as to what quesions to ask. Safety and class size to be brought up at the meeting. Safety re: splitting a bus stop that has already been brought up to the superindentant, and ask if the school board will be setting there own threshold for class size.
- Parents have requested for the option to purchase green slip t shirts. At this time we have said no to parents. Maybe consider this for next year when we place an order. For future orders do we send a letter out to parents to let them know this is the once a year opportunity for families who are needing additional shirts prior to this once a year bulk order. The larger the order the lower the price.
- PAC voted in favour of funding the staff breakfast at the end of the year.

Newsletter Item:

- Subway picnic lunch

Next meeting Date and Adjournment:

May 11, 2017 @ 7:00 pm