

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday September 14, 2017

In Attendance: Joshelyn, Laurena, Tammy Klassen, Tess, Janet, Jacqui, Karla, Jackie, Colin, Kelly, Ann, Mia, Charlotte

Regrets: Meg

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

Welcome, minutes from June 8, 2017 approved

Elmdale Report

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 15 & 18 - Strong Connections
- September 29 - Terry Fox Run
- October 9 - School Photo Day
- October 11 - Thanksgiving day (no classes)
- October 20 - Manitoba Teachers Professional Development Day (no classes)
- October 30 - PD no classes

Building and Grounds:

- All classrooms have new furnishings. These new items include but are not limited to, new shelving, tables, chairs, hookie stools, etc. Purchases were to focus on Reggio classroom design.
- New concrete pad and walkway
- New baseball diamond
- Basketball net (can we use PAC money)

In School:

- PAC teacher rep Tammy Klassen

- Strong connections with the kids in the Know Program taught by Marge and Tara <http://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/>
- Terry Fox - fill Terry's bucket for chance to crack an egg over Mr Campbell's head, this will be promoted in assembly next week Friday.

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

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

- Bucket Filling field trip - Providece College - Student athletes will be organizing games in their gym for our students.
- Summer reading program celebration - 91 students will have a pizza party on Wednesday September 20th, with Mr. Campbell - pizza donated by Boston Pizza
- Registration numbers are up so Mrs Penner is now back in kindergarten, 3 kindergarten teachers will be teaching 2 classes

Upcoming Financial requests:

- Providence College \$2.50/student
- Artist in school \$1500
- School lunches
- PrinciPal popcorn and juice
- Freezes for Terry Fox and RJT - PAC voted in favour
- Student Green Shirts - right now we have.... Is it possible to have t- shirts on sale during Student Led Conferences November 13th. A decision was not made on this in the meeting.

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. Please ask Joshelyn for report.
- Friends of Elmdale (Laurena) - It is done and final tax forms are complete. Ann has offered to keep box of forms and will destroy at appropriate time.

- Corporate/Parent fundraiser letter (Janet and Laurena) - Parent letter has gone out already and corporate letters will go out next week, W/E September 23.
- Hot lunch program/ Volunteer coordinator (Janet) - right now there are enough volunteers and one person waiting to help when needed.

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- Feedback from subway picnic was positive.
- Next thing needed for the loose parts play structure is a shed. This needs to go to the school board first because of a policy in place of only allowing one shed on school grounds. There is a shed available however not quite as big as Colin would like.
- Funds will be counted on Oct 3rd for the cookie fundraiser. Tess, Joshelyn, Kelly and Jacqui have offered to count the money.
- Feedback on green slip tshirts is positive. A couple of parents have asked about getting one. A decision was not made as to when the next order would be placed.

New Business for Referral:

- We need to redo the corporate donations recognition board, still would like the board in the front corridor where it is highly visible. We will think on this.
- Colin's wish list from PAC for 2017/2018 is in the school report earlier in the minutes.
- Janet and Laurena have volunteered to help on picture day Oct 11
- There will be no vaccinations for grade 4's this year.
- Question was asked how the \$30 for school supplies was received by parents and how it went for teachers. Colin said it went very well and had no complaints from parents.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

Oct 12, 2017 @ 7:00

