

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday October 12, 2017

In Attendance: Mia, Charlotte, Laurena, Janet, Kelly, Tess, Joshelyn, Tammy, Jackie, Colin, Jacqui, Meg

Regrets: Anne

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

Welcome, minutes from Sept. 14, 2017 approved

Elmdale Report

Important Upcoming Dates:

- October 20 - Manitoba Teachers Professional Development Day (no classes)
- October 30 - PD (no classes)
- November 10 - Picture retakes
- November 13 - Student Led Conferences
- November 24th - Grade 1-4 report cards

Building and Grounds:

- Colin has spoken with Randy regarding a shed install for the loose parts play area. Colin will now speak with Chris G Divisional Workplace Safety and Health Representative. This is a new and unique proposal for HSD, but the superintendents are very supportive of this idea. It has been mentioned that we would like the shed built before winter also PAC has asked for a quote to build the shed.

In School:

- Colin Has sat down with the middle school administrators in Steinbach to discuss transitions for our grade 4 students to middle school. There is a need to spend a little more time during the second half of the school year in grade 4 transitions. Colin will speak with Elmdale staff prior to Christmas break to come up with some transitional ideas.
- Sign up for student led conferences will be the same as past years, online.

- Thank you PAC for all your efforts in fundraising and collecting donations.
- How do we want to recognize donors? - Spoke about this later in the meeting

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provided. Please ask Joshelyn for report.
- Corporate/Parent fundraiser letter has so far raised \$1550, still waiting on some corporate donations coming in. Parent donation was up this year over last year.
- Hot lunch program/ Volunteer coordinator (Janet) - Subway lunch orders went up from last year and went very smoothly.
- Cookie fundraiser update (Joshelyn) - profits were \$2592.00, a little down from last year but parent donations were up so it balanced out.

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- Green slip t shirt order forms were sent out, order will be placed week of Oct 16, there is a slight profit on the adult t shirt sales.
- PAC voted in favour of giving funds for principle treats and bucket filling field trip funds.
- Money was taken out of the outside equipment account to cover basketball net expenses. (\$65.14)
- We are still looking at options for our corporate donor recognition - Laurena looked into Vista Print as an option, seems like a good option. Please share if anyone has any other ideas.
- Popsicles were handed out at the Terry Fox run. They seemed to be a hit with the kids. (\$55.73 expense)

New Business for Referral:

- We need 2 volunteers to attend the Board/Liaison meeting on Oct 24th at 7:00. Tess has volunteered to go, need one more person by the end of the night.
- We have volunteers in place for our cookie fundraiser delivery day on Oct 17.
- PAC can use the hut for cookie pick up.
- AGM will take place on Jan 18, 2018 at 7:00 in the school library. We need to start

thinking of who might be interested in filling the executive positions for the following school year as all terms are up and will be nominated and voted on at our AGM.

- Need to make teams and start connecting with the businesses for gift card fundraiser. Businesses will include Sobeys, Superstore, Shell, Supersplash, and Sunshine. Tess and Meg - Superstore, Jackie K and Janet - Sobeys, Laurena and Jacqui - Sunshine and Joshelyn and Kelly - Supersplash/Shell. Come to the next meeting with what the return is on the fundrasier, dollar amounts for gift cards and copy of the order form.
- Question was brought up regarding the multi age classrooms, how are they doing? Colin wants to send a survey out to parents. Teachers have given positive feedback and feedback from PAC was mostly good.

Newsletter Item:

Cookie fundrasier, thank you for your support, we raised \$2592.00

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

Nov 9, 2017 @ 7:00pm