

Elmdale School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday December 7, 2017

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

Regrets: Jacqui, Anne

PAC chair called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Welcome, Minutes from November 9, 2017 Approved

Elmdale Report

Important Upcoming Dates:

December 19 - Christmas Program: Performance 1 (K-4) 1:30pm

December 19 - Christmas Performance 2 (1-4) 7:00pm

December 25 - January 5 - Christmas Break

January 8 - First day of classes after christmas break

January 18 - Parent Council AGM 7:00pm

February 2 - PD Day (no classes)

February 19 - Louis Riel Day (no classes)

February 20-22 - Book Fair

February 22 - Family Celebration

February 23 - Professional Development Day (no classes)

Building and Grounds:

- We have been approved by the superintendents to move forward with our loose shed in a couple weeks. Then Colin will arrange delivery. Plan A is to put the shed by the grade 1 doors.
- Materials to start collecting and keeping our eyes open for - pvc piping (elbows, T's, different lengths of tubing), Mill work scraps (different lengths and widths), sticks, wooden crates, coffee cans, slices of logs, milk crates, tires (car or go- karts)
- 6 sleds have been ordered for all students to play with. These sleds will also be used for the setup and clean up crew.

In School:

- In school Christmas concert rehearsals will start Wednesday. There is a skit during the first portion of the concert that is called "Sharing Christmas". The play in the 2nd half of the concert is called, "The Bell that Could Not ring".
- Multi age survey was completed by 34 families. 91% (31/34) of families are satisfied or very satisfied with their child's experience in a multi age classroom at this point in the school year. Another survey will maybe be sent out in April again, this will not have an impact on staffing.
- Elmdale Counsellor Page - <http://elmdalecounsellorpage.blogspot.com/>
- SeeSaw - As parents, what have you appreciated most about SeeSaw? What do you want to see in your child's portfolio? Opens up dialogue at home.
- Principle and the Cart - December Kindergarten Gingerbread house making.
- January sign ups for Grades 1-4 has begun.
- Rocks and Rings - Olympic Celebration - Mid January. This is a school program curling Canada puts on, they come in and teach grades 1-4.

Reports from PAC Executives:

- Treasurer (Joshelyn) - monthly update with account balances provide. Please ask Joshelyn for report.
- Corporate fundraiser letter updated total \$2450 Parent donation \$2410

Unfinished Business for Decision and Action:

- Thank you cards have been sent to our corporate donors.
- Staples is another option to print a corporate donor poster. Meg is possibly willing to to design the poster and have it printed.
- Spring Fundraiser incentives and prizes - 1 ballot per family for every \$100 sold, there will be 3 grand prizes and one class party possibly a gelato party from Chinos. Everyone needs to help with getting prizes, some ideas for prizes - Subway willing to give a \$50 gift card, Oakridge gift card and snoozies, movie night, Days Inn, Pizza, sundae pack, movie card from Video Max. Email Laurena with prizes.
- Tess has volunteered to create the order sheet and parent letter.

New Business for Referral:

- PAC voted in favour of covering the cost for the new sleds, funds will come from the outside equipment funds.

Newsletter Item:

- AGM to be held January 18, 2018 in the school library at 7:00pm

Next Meeting Date:

January 18, 2018 @ 7:00 Pm