

## **Elmdale School PAC Minutes Thursday, November 15, 2018**

In attendance: Jacqui, Janet, Heidi, Vince, Cheree, Tammy, Tracy Marian, Nicole, Stacey, Kelly  
Regrets: Anita

PAC chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Welcome, Minutes from October 18, 2018 approved.

### **Elmdale Report**

Important Upcoming Dates:

- November 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Report Cards issued
- December 10 – Grade 3 & 4 choirs performing at SCU 10:15 AM
- December 18 – Christmas Program: Performance 1 (K-4) 1:30 PM
- December 18 – Christmas Program: Performance 2 (1-4) 7:00 PM

Building and Grounds:

- Library reading pit approved – timeline TBD

Community:

- Family Parking Lot morning drop-offs improved after email sent out. Signage has been ordered. Worse on rainy/snowy days. Will continue to monitor.

In School:

- Monkey bars
  - Old ones removed because they were no longer safe (40+ years old)
  - Few options of new ones we could purchase. Vince has website.
  - Possibly set up near where the old ones were – a bit further set back?
- Student LED Conferences were a success with 89% participation.
- Report cards will be available through Parent Portal or printed copies can be requested from the office.
- Field Trip Permission Slips will also be available on Parent Portal soon.
  - Payment online must be more than \$10.
  - Can we pay lump sum annually? This could also include school supplies for the year?
  - If we pay more than what is required, account will have credit.
  - If extra money at the end of the year, could have a pizza party?
- Remembrance Day Assembly – thanks Ms. Redekop and the Grade 3 & 4 students
- Christmas concert practices are beginning in music class.
- Cookie Dough fundraiser – still 6 boxes left. Donate them.

- Fundraiser ideas from teachers:
  - Outdoor drinking fountain. Approximately \$3,300.
  - Makerspace
  - Outdoor classroom
    - Bouldering wall (horizontal climbing wall)
    - Tunnels, hills
    - Nature playground
    - Pocket parks (benches, trees)
    - Mini town (like streets, stores, etc. at Steinbach Family Resource)
    - School pet (counselling tool). Not likely to happen due to allergies, fears, etc.
    - Weighted lap pads/blankets/animals

### **Reports from PAC Executives**

Treasurer (Jacqui):

- Monthly update with account balances provided. Please ask Jacqui for report.
- Total corporate donations \$2,650

Volunteer Status/hot lunch program report (Janet):

- Janet would like somebody to take over scheduling.
- Subway delivery could be 15 min. later (11:30 AM).
- Continuing to consider other hot lunch ideas for last Thursday of each month (starting in February?):
  - Main Bread & Butter. Can teachers take orders?
  - Country Meat & Deli
  - Diner on 52 (prices vary, make them the same across the board for simplicity, can teachers take orders?). Not leaning towards this option.
- Chocolate milk
  - Delivery once a week
  - Teachers like this idea

### **Unfinished Business for Decision and Action**

- Gift for janitor, Mr. Johnson (just because for going above and beyond) \$50

### **New Business for Referral**

- Need ushers for Christmas Program
  - 1:30 PM – Kelly, Stacey, Heidi, Jacqui
  - 7:00 PM – Kelly, Stacey, Heidi, Jacqui, Tracey, Nicole, Anita(?)
  - Reserved seating for ushers – 2 benches

- Bring food/snack for teachers that day?
  - Chili and buns
  - Fruit/veggie trays
  - Soup
- Upcoming online survey for parents on variety of topics coming in February.
- Elmdale Instagram account? No more Twitter. Nobody uses it.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

Thursday, December 13 – Go out for supper? Heidi will think about it and let us know.