

Elmdale School PAC Minutes Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

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

Welcome, Minutes from January 17, 2019 approved. (No meeting in February).

Important Upcoming Dates:

- March 25 to 29 – Spring Break (No Classes)
- April 1 – first day of classes after Spring Break
- April 5 – Administration/Professional Development Day (No Classes)
- April 19 – Good Friday (No Classes)
- May 1 – Kindergarten 2019 Welcome (5:30 PM)
- May 8, 9 – Kindergarten 2019 Connections (by appointment)

Building and Grounds:

- Budget cuts – projects potentially on hold

Community:

- Divisional calendar not being printed anymore.

In School:

- Elmdale Counsellor Page: <http://elmdalecounsellorpage.blogspot.com/>
 - Approximately 39 students, 22 regulars
 - Not enough time for all of them to have more regular meetings
- Staff Changes for next year
 - Mandy Murphy – permanent position
 - Eric Fast – 2nd term
 - Cheri Thiessen – pregnant, will finish this year, away next year
 - Wendy Thiessen – retiring
 - Melissa Fry – ½ time Grade 2, ½ time literacy
- Gavin Barkman – still away sick, Lois Reimer will likely finish this year
- No split classes next year
- Teachers will alternate teaching different grades (ex. Grade 3 one year, Grade 4 the following, then back to Grade 3, etc.)
- Staff list will be published in May newsletter
- Class lists: Friendship requests will be sent home for parents' input
- Grade 4 students will be visiting CMS/SMS April 4 and May 2 for 1 hour each. On May 14, the Vice Principals from each school will visit our school to do a short presentation in

preparation for the parent info night on May 16. In June there will be another longer visit/orientation half-day.

Fundraising/Recent Purchases:

- Providence College Bucket Filler Field Trips – invoice is coming.
- Grade 4 Farewell is \$5/student. PAC will help pay.
- Staff Breakfast coming up in June.
- Reviewed monkey bar quote. \$19,816.81 for 2 sets, but could increase if any upgrades/changes. Heidi working on proposal letter to get final approval to move forward.
- April fundraiser – Sunshine gift cards
 - Heidi working on letter to go home April 8/9.
 - Return forms by April 23.
 - Top class to get gelato party again? Donated by Sunshine?
 - Need to collect donations for prizes (items or cash).
 - Post prizes on Instagram.
- Goals moving forward:
 - Books
 - Lunches
 - Art (Colleen Watchorn)
 - Bucket Filler Field Trips
 - Birthday pencils
 - Recess equipment
 - Replace/repair wooden play structure
 - Water trough (school orders, PAC pays)

Treasurer (Jacqui):

- Monthly update with account balances provided. Please ask Jacqui for report.

Volunteer Status/hot lunch program report (Janet/Tracy):

- www.hotlunches.net is an option. \$250/year. Will attempt a 2 month free trial.
- Hot lunch survey to go out in all agendas asking yes or no to online ordering/payments. Will have results by next meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next meeting April 11, 2019 at 7 PM.