

Elmdale School PAC Minutes Thursday, September 12, 2019

In attendance: Vince, Tammy, Heidi, Janet, Jacqui, Nicole, Tracy, Kelly, Marian, Cheree, Stacey, Bethany, Laura, Erin, Karla

Regrets: None

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

Welcome, Minutes from June 13, 2019 approved.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 13, 16 – Strong Connections
- September 27 – Terry Fox Run
- October 7, 8 – Picture Days
- October 14 – Thanksgiving (No classes)
- October 25 – MTS Professional Development Day (No classes)
- November 4 – Superintendent’s Inservice Day (No classes)
- November 11 – Remembrance Day (No classes)
- November 12 – Student Led Conferences (No classes)
- November 29 – First Report Cards Issued (Grades 1-4)
- December 17 – Christmas Program (K-4) 1:30 PM
- December 17 – Christmas Program (Grades 1-4) 7:00 PM

Building and Grounds:

- Staffing shortage over the summer and some issues with projects at other schools meant certain projects not done
- Monkey bars completed
- Water fountain received

In School:

- PAC Teacher Rep – Tammy Klassen
- Staffing Update
 - Gavin Barkman (1/2 time)
 - Anna Hocking (1/2 time)
 - Lauren Laninga (Grade 3)
 - Laurena O’Connor (Secretary)
- Very good attendance for Meet the Teacher (91%)
- Strong Connections
 - Focus on building relationships
 - Some assessments happening
- Terry Fox Run

- Grades 1 and 2 will walk to the library park to run a lap or two, then return to school to do some running games
- Grades 3 and 4 will run/walk down the bike path beside the clinic to Les Magnuson Park
- Hand out juice boxes after, Heidi to pick up
- Picture Day Volunteers:
 - Monday: Kelly, Tracy, Marian
 - Tuesday: Kelly, Bethany
- Continuing with Bucket Filling field trips to Providence College
- Summer reading program celebration – pizza party donated by Little Ceasars
- Skating (Grade 3 and 4)
- Swimming (Grade 2)
- Feedback on student supply fee increase very positive. Still cheaper than most schools.
- Elmdale “schwag”
 - For sale hopefully in October and November for 2 weeks
 - \$7-8ish per t-shirt
 - Will need help in the future for organizing/sorting
- Grade 4 Farewell
 - Larger celebration?
 - Ask parents for their thoughts in January/February
- Create more “small” positions within PAC for specific things (ex. Fundraising coordinator, volunteer coordinator, special events coordinator, etc.)
- Get parents involved in other ways than PAC (one-time commitment instead of ongoing)
 - Send questionnaire home to parents to see how we can get them involved

Fundraising/Recent Purchases/Upcoming Purchases:

- PrinciPal popcorn and juice (\$20/month = \$200)
 - Gift for A&W sponsor? Elmdale schwag? Steinbach Online story?
- New Book Event (\$500)
- Birthday pencils (\$200)
- Providence College (\$2.50/student)
- Artist in the School (\$750)
- Sleds – replace broken ones (\$120)
- Kindergarten t-shirts (\$7 each)
- Grade 4 Farewell (\$5/student)
- Spent Pizza fundraiser
 - Money due September 30
 - Volunteers to count money October 3 (AM) (Cheree, Tracy, Stacey, Heidi)
 - Volunteers to hand out pizzas October 11 (3:30-5:30) (Nicole, Heidi, Stacey)
 - Need folding table outside at first hut?
 - Classroom prizes (3)
 - \$50 x2 (Grade 1-4)
 - \$25 (Kindergarten)

- Blizzard machine (Kelly)?
- Corporate fundraiser to launch
 - Need to send out letters (keep copy in Minutes binder)
 - Do not use school logo
 - Create new PAC logo? Nicole to check into this.

Treasurer (Jacqui):

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

Hot lunch program report (Tracy):

- Current volunteers: Erin, Stacey/Emilyn, Bethany, Melissa Plett, Tracy
- New lunch options: Pita Pit, ZaPizza, Subway, Boston Pizza, Main Bread & Butter
 - Voted to try Main Bread & Butter – best prices
 - Keep price the same across the board
- Need to have more volunteers in order to make it worth ordering through new online system (having a second day/lunch option)
- Launching new online ordering system for October and November
- Credit card/cash/cheque to school to put into account
- Leave extra pizza at office for kids who didn't get? (If volunteer needs to leave early)

Newsletter Items:

- Kicking off fall fundraiser selling Spent Pizzas
- Launching online lunch ordering system
- Looking for more hot lunch volunteers

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, October 10, 7 PM.