

Elmdale School PAC Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2019

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

Regrets: Bethany, Laura, Erin, Kelly

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

Welcome, Minutes from October 10, 2019 approved.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 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:

- Parking lot drop-off
 - Some improvements noted.
 - Will likely have to wait until spring for any new signage, as ground is now frozen.
 - Discussed handing out “rewards” like small gift cards to the parents who DO listen to the rules.

In School:

- Elmdale “schwag”
 - PAC approved spending funds on Kindergarten t-shirts now in order to save some money.
 - This is not an annual sale. Maybe alternate years?
 - This is not a fundraiser. Will likely just break even.
- Student-Leds (November 12)
 - Approximatley 92% turnout
 - Positive feedback from Grade 4 teachers and parents for trying 15 minutes one-on-one with parents (no child present) and then child showing parents their work for 15 minutes. Was nice to be able to talk openly without being concerned what the child is hearing.
- Christmas Concert/Music
 - Discussed options for Kindergarten students during the afternoon performance so that they don't have to sit through the Grade 1-4 portion of the program. They are very restless during this time.
 - Have them wait in the gym
 - Send them back to school
 - Volunteers
 - Afternoon: Cheree, Stacey, Karla, Marian
 - Evening: Stacey, Jacqui, Erin, Nicole, Heidi, Marian

- Auditions have happened and speaking parts assigned.
- Different students will speak at the AM and PM concerts, to give the opportunity to more students.
- Rehearsals and practices have begun.
- Separate choir will perform at SCU. Other suggestions of places to perform?
 - Seniors home

Fundraising/Recent Purchases/Upcoming Purchases:

- New playground equipment – final invoice received and paid
- Heidi and Nicole to meet to discuss future play structure options
- Additional Booster Juice fundraiser?

Treasurer (Jacqui):

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

Hot lunch program report (Tracy):

- Orders are lower than last year, but increasing each week/month.
- Need to double check credit card fees. 3% or 4%?
- Increase costs for food next school year, not after Christmas as previously discussed.
- Send reminder email to parents that they can bring cash/cheque to the office if they do not want to pay with their credit card online. This would also avoid us paying the credit card fees, which means more money to the school.
- Can we share website with other schools to split the cost?

Other:

- Heidi attended the Hanover School Division Board meeting for PAC volunteers recently. Brainstorm about topics she could bring to the Board at their Spring meeting.
 - Bus stop concerns
- Marian will order/organize staff lunch for Christmas concert day.
- Cheree will bring future staff snacks instead of asking others to help volunteer.
- Buy Christmas gifts to Mr. Johnson and secretaries. Mr. Johnson likes chocolate.
- Marian organized bus driver appreciation and delivered \$10 Tim Hortons gift cards to each one. Gift cards were donated by Andrew & Becky Heidebrecht.
- Spirit Days in December
 - Hats
 - Christmas sweaters
 - Red & Green
 - Christmas character
 - Christmas PJs
- Jets jersey day

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, December 12 at 7 PM.