

Elmdale School PAC Minutes Thursday, January 16, 2020

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

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

Welcome, Minutes from December 13, 2019 approved.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- January 20 – Milk and cookies
- January 23 – Bucket Filler Field Trip #2
- January 31 – Professional Development Day (No classes)
 - Jenni Donohoo
- February 13 – Bucket Filler Field Trip #3
- February 17 – Louis Riel Day (No classes)
- February 20 – Bucket Filler Field Trip #4
- February 21 – Professional Development Day (No classes)
- February 24-27 – Book Fair
- February 27 – Family Celebration of Learning
- March 12 – PJ's and Pancakes (tentative)
- March 13 – Administration Day (No classes)
- March 20 – 2nd Report Cards Issued (Grades 1-4)
- March 27 – Superhero Day
- March 30-April 3 – Spring Break

Building and Grounds:

- Library pit in progress, hope to be finished by end of February
- Next priority is cubbies/closet upgrades in all classrooms

Community:

- HSD Budget Consultation – February 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM
 - Online Thought Exchange
- Education Review will be made public in March
- New Child Abuse Registry and Criminal Record Check Policy

In School:

- Kindergarten registration now open at hsd.ca
- Kindergarten orientation date changed
 - Have PAC representatives there to encourage others to join
- Amber Slips
 - Meant for data tracking

- 70% of slips handed out after lunch
 - 70% of slips handed out to boys
- 2020-2021 preliminary planning
 - Hoping to continue “looping” teachers so they remain with current students for a second year
- Out of Province PD www.deeper-learning.org
- Artist in the School was a highlight this month. Art will be displayed at the Family Celebration of Learning day.
- I Love to Read month is in February
 - Guest readers lined up
 - Activities are being planned
 - DEAR time
 - Reading challenges
 - Reading BINGO
 - Theme days?
 - Prizes?
- School Supplies fee for next year – keep the same
- Tara Klassen preparing for “Worry Workshop”
 - Possible parent night in February – video with tips how to deal with anxiety, etc.

Fundraising/Recent Purchases/Upcoming Purchases:

- Artist in the School was \$700
- Booster Juice fundraiser in February
 - Quick 1-2 weeks only
 - Have table at Family Celebration Day selling booklets
- Need to hand out corporate fundraiser letters still
 - Marian?
 - Tracey
- Sunshine fundraiser in early April
 - Top class gets gelato party
 - Individual prizes?
 - PAC provides 2 prizes?

Treasurer (Jacqui):

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

Hot lunch program report (Tracy):

- Tracy was sending reminders to parents who had not paid for orders yet.
- Vince to send email to parents that payment must be made for Munch A Lunch orders, or orders will be cancelled. No more reminders/extensions for payment.
- Discussed cancelling Munch A Lunch for next year – agreed. Too expensive, not enough orders to make it worth it.
- Options for ordering next year:

- Ticket books (pre-paid, students bring ticket to school instead of cash on hot lunch day)
- Drop option for wraps from Main Bread & Butter? Soup only?
- Discuss again in May.

Other:

- 2018-2019 year in review
 - Munch A Lunch
 - Cookie fundraiser changed to pizzas
 - Increasing size of PAC
 - Staff appreciation/gifts
 - New monkey bars/water fountain
 - Artist in the School
- Reviewed the Constitution and Mission Statement
- Vote in new 2020-2021 positions
 - Chair – Heidi (continued)
 - Vice Chair – Janet (continued, last year)
 - Treasurer – Jacqui (continued, last year)
 - Secretary – Erin
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator – Stacey

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Next meeting Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7 PM.