

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held September 21, 2021

PART 1 – WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Andrea Minarchi, Laura Lee, Jessica Koehli, Christina Likely, Brittany Faux, Jolene Johnsen, Angeline McLaughlin, Norily Jardeleza, Erin Jessica, Catherine Cake, Dani K.

Staff: Ed Kucy – Principal

Opening Prayer – Ed Kucy

Treaty Acknowledgment – Ed Kucy

Introductions

Approval of May 18, 2021 Minutes – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Catherine Cake

Approval of September 21, 2021, Agenda – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Catherine Cake

Nominations for 2021-2022 Parent Advisory Council

Secretary – Laura Lee

Co-chairs – Andrea Minarchi and Catherine Cake

Treasurer – no volunteers - Ed will post position in Smores

PART 2 - SCHOOL UPDATE – Ed Kucy

- Kindergarten students are getting into routine and reviewing colours and days
- First Grade students are getting used to full school weeks, beginning reading centres and loving time with Ms. Braken.
- Second Grade students are settling into their routines. Enjoying their science unit of small crawling and flying creatures.
- Third Grade students are learning about culture, tradition and identity in social studies.
- Fourth Grade students are doing hands on learning by growing plants and learning about the 13 moons of the Cree calendar.
- Fifth Grade Students are learning about living vs nonliving creatures and studying Canada in social studies.
- Sixth Grade Students are learning about Canadian Government in Social Studies and began a novel study in Language Arts.

- Seven Grade students are learning about ecosystems, adding/subtracting integers in math and pre-confederation in Canada.
- Eighth Grade Students are studying the properties of fluids and began short stories in Language Arts.

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

- Good start to the new year. Most routines still in place. School was able to have an assembly while maintaining cohorts.
- Team sports started up (volleyball) for grades 6-8 and grade 5s are participating in learning to play. They will be able to play other schools. Parents cannot watch due to restrictions. There may be a plan B for the parents to watch possibly by video.
- Hot lunch okay to proceed this year with limited volunteers. Parents are allowed in school as long as there with a purpose. No parent social gathering within the school.
- Shout out to PAC for the purchase of sensory stickers up in the halls, previous subscriptions to RAZ kids and Mathletics. Photos of sensory stickers shared in Smores newsletter. Working towards school assurance plan (school plan is a one year plan with three year scope).
- September 30 – no school to observe Truth and Reconciliation Day. Next week leading up to Truth and Reconciliation Day school will concentrate on that with having Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, massive map set up with Indigenous history and elders will come to set up teepee in gym.
- Trustee Ted Paszek will be joining future PAC meetings
- Cameras now in our school building as well as all EICS schools
- Letter from AHS indicating school absences above 10%. Two days later absences went back down. AHS will be doing another walk through
- New Staff Brianna Fischer - teacher grade 5, Tess Guerin – secretary, Jenna Braken - Mental Health Capacity Builder (she is working to build relationships within the school and help with overall school wellness)

End of Report

PART 3 – PARENT COUNCIL-PROJECTS:

a) Fundraising:

Andrea recommends focusing on approximately five fundraising projects.

Readathon: Possibly starting end of October or early November.
Librarian, Tracy Scoggins is organizing readathon and would

like at least one parent volunteer to act as contact person.
Christina Likely volunteers.

Purdy's Chocolates: Andrea Minarchi will up with last year's organizer, Angela Morin to see if she is interested in organizing again this year.

Christmas in the County: put on pause, probably not going ahead due to restrictions

Re-evaluate additional PAC fundraisers in January.

- b) **Yearbook 2020-2021** – Need volunteer. Teachers took photos and are saved. Just need volunteer to put together yearbook. Will post in Smores.
- c) **Hot Lunch** – Volunteers: Erin Jessica could act as hot lunch co-ordinator. Additional volunteers Angelina McLaughlin, Jalene Johnsen, Christine Likely. Laura will email volunteers any previous information on hot lunches
- d) **Grade 8 Farewell** – need volunteer. Can be looked at on a further date
- e) **Treasurer's Report** – Andrea read update previously emailed by Shelley Leroux

Balance at \$43,180.00. No income or expenses as of September 20, 2021
Profit/Loss May – Aug: \$5.86 profit in interest, expenses Amazon gift cards for HR staff end of the year gift, grade 8 farewell expenses
Books reconciled as of august 31, 2021

f) **How to get more parent involvement**

- Facebook group, let friends know
- Connect through Smores
- Parents found it helpful that teachers put meeting reminder in students' agenda

Andrea will attend CPAC meeting this week on Thursday. This meeting is all chairs within EICS community. Anyone need information to attend, let Andrea know.

PAC will continue to meet third Tuesday of each month. Ed will put into website for each meeting date.

End: 8:04 p.m.