

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held February 15, 2022

PART 1 – WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

Jess Koehli, Ed Kucy (principal), Catherine Cake, Brittany Faux, Andrea Bohn, Lauren Unrau, Laura Lee, Angelina McLaughlin, Brianna Fischer (teacher), Brant Driedger (Asst. Principal), Andrea Minarchi

Opening Prayer – Brant Driedger

Treaty Acknowledgment – Ed Kucy

Introductions

Approval of January 18, 2022 Minutes –Approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Catherine Cake

Approval of February 15, 2022, Agenda – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Jess Koehli

PART 2 - SCHOOL UPDATE:

Brianna Fischer – Teacher Report

Kindergarten is learning about emotions and feelings. Also learning how to use rekenrek.

Grade one students had fun sharing valentines and spreading love. They just had an in school science field trip and have been asked to bring in 100 items for the 100th day of school. They are also excited to start the read-a-thon.

Grade two students are learning adding and subtracting to 100 and just enjoyed a snowshoe field trip.

Grade three students just started a new science unit on building and materials.

Grade four students enjoyed a snowshoe field trip and an in school field trip in science. They began a novel study on the book “Fatty Legs”.

Grade five students are finishing their chemistry unit, multiplication and division unit and reading Harry Potter for their novel study.

Grade six students are learning angles and triangles.

Grade 7 and 8 students participated in speed dating with a book. In Language Arts, they are continuing their novel study on the book, *The Outsiders*.

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

- New Assistant Principal, Brant Driedger
- Grade one students back from online learning
- Basketball three quarters through the season
- Nature Kinder open house last week
- Kinder open house tomorrow, link available on website
- 23 kinder students registered. Parents have indicated some glitches /not user friendly when registering so Mrs. Guerin will be calling all individual registrants.
- New covid rules. Students no longer have to wear masks. Teachers and staff still wearing masks.
- EICS not allowing spectators as of yet to sports games

PART 3 – PARENT COUNCIL-PROJECTS:

a) Treasurer's Report – Andrea Minarchi:

- Current Balance: \$43,185.00 – no transactions but \$1.41 in interest
- Several items owed to the school (\$5500 Artist in Residency/\$500 sports packs) after items owed balance would be \$40,813.00
- Waiting on several cheques (Purdy's/Healthy Hunger for Jan.)
- Andrea finished audit and will forward books to Lauren to submit annual

b) Yearbook – Jess K. discussed yearbook with Chris at Lifetouch. She also requested photos from Country Nuts. It will take time to upload photos from school and arrange. Andrea M. will follow up with Angela Morin to see how long it takes for printing. Jess will also ask if the printing company will require a minimum order of 50 again.

Ed indicated at his last school they offered Spirit Packs. Every student gets a t-shirt, yearbook and agenda at the beginning of the year and it is paid through student fees on Powerschool. Would parents want to do Spirit Packs? School will send out survey.

c) Alberta School Council Grant – ASCA given \$500 towards parent involvement activities (workshop or presentation). It can be on a variety of topics. ASCA offers presentations 1.5 hours long costing approximately \$200 or we can do an

external workshop on mental health or coping with covid. If the grant is not used by June, it goes away. Parent suggestion for a topic – Deescalating at Home or On-line Safety, Learning more about what councils do, Mental Health and Anxiety

d) Fundraising:

Options received by Andrea:

- Cookie decorating fundraiser \$20-\$35 cost of cookies amount fundraised 35% of amount sold
- Safety Supply Kits \$5-\$90 cost of kits. Unsure of percentage amount for fundraising
- Plant Fundraiser – Order through Healthy Hunger. Plants range from \$16-\$35. Amount raised per plant ranges \$4-\$12

Spring Fundraisers towards outside improvements. Ed indicates parent, Andrea B. could get stencils and PAC could buy the paint for stenciling activities on sidewalks. Ed is also wondering about a scooter rack. Many kids scooter to school and need a place to store their scooters. Cost is approximately \$500-\$600.

Meat Fundraiser – Ed spoke with a parent willing to donate a cow. It could be a possible raffle. Discussion about the butchering, how to divide and store. Ed will follow up with parent for more information.

Andrea Minarchi makes a motion for PAC to hold plant fundraiser.

Seconded by Catherine Cake

Motion approved.

e) Other items – Discussion: Can we have a Spring Dance? We will have to wait and see on restrictions.

Acts of Community Service – Andrea Minarchi suggests it would be nice for students to volunteer within the community. She will get more information on what was done in the past.

f) Hot Lunch – A few other options to throw in for the next hot lunch ordering would be nice. Other options include Booster Juice, Mucho Burrito and Tim Hortons. Laura Lee indicates DQ will trade the free ice cream cake coupons for dilly bars. These coupons will be used for fun ice cream treat day in spring/summer. We can arrange a convenient date with teachers.

Next meeting is scheduled March 15.

End: 8:11 p.m.