

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held April 19, 2022

PART 1 – WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Attendance:

Jess Koehli, Ed Kucy (principal), Catherine Cake, Laura Lee, Brant Driedger (Asst. Principal), Andrea Minarchi, Jenna Twohey (teacher)

Opening Prayer – Brant Driedger

Treaty Acknowledgment – Brant Driedger

Introductions

Approval of February 15, 2022 Minutes –Approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Catherine Cake

Approval of April 19, 2022, Agenda – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Catherine Cake

PART 2 - SCHOOL UPDATE:

Jenna Twohey – Teacher Report

Kindergarten had fun baking resurrection buns for Easter. They had a field trip to Clay Hut to make Mother's Day gifts.

Grade one students had a field to trip to Nitza's Pizza and got to make their own pizza. Parent, Sarah Junck brought the chicks to their classroom.

Grades 1 through 4 will be partaking in swim lessons beginning the first week of May.

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

Grade four students began their new science unit on gears, pulleys and belts and began a new novel study.

Grade five students are working on their poetry unit and just finished their novel study on Harry Potter. They just began a film study on Diary of Anne Frank. They will be going on a field trip to Telus World of Science.

Grade six students began their unit on aerodynamics and will be taking a field trip to the Alberta Aviation Museum.

Grade 7 students began their unit on forces and building bridges.

Grade 8 students began their unit on light and optics. They will build their own periscope, pinhole camera or museum.

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

Ed went over how to locate School Assurance dashboard on the school website. Parents can see the survey to see how the school is doing. Ed went over results with parents.

Draft Assurance plan is drafted and will be presented to EICS next week.

Budget Planning discussed.

Forms for enrollment will be sent out to grades 4, 5, 6

Projected enrollment for next year 174

Kinder enrollment 26

Book fair raised \$5,000.00 which will go towards school literacy.

PART 3 – PARENT COUNCIL-PROJECTS:

a) Treasurer's Report – Andrea Minarchi:

- Current balance \$46,320.00
- Fundscrip was opened for a one-time purchase of gift cards for a parent which raised \$510.00
- Purdy's cheque will need to be deposited as well as a couple Healthy Hunger cheques Laura will leave it in PAC mailbox at school.
- Plant fundraiser raised \$986.40. Funds not in yet.

b) Yearbook – Jess K. uploaded school photos. Would like another person to take a look once organized for yearbook. Jess indicates that Lauren may be able to.

- c) Spirit Packs where every student gets a t-shirt, yearbook and agenda at the beginning of the year and it is paid through student fees on Powerschool. Ed checked government rules and there cannot be a forced fee on school fees it must be optional. This would be difficult not knowing how many students would be interested which would be difficult to pre-purchase a large quantity and get a cost effective price.
- d) Alberta School Council Grant – Andrea spoke with a registered psychologist who could present at our school speaking on a variety of mental health issues. Quote was \$250.00 for a 90 minute session. Could be a possible event in the gym. Concern about parent attendance - wouldn't want to arrange for the presentation and 3 or 4 parents attend.
- e) Fundraising:
- Beef/Cow Fundraiser may be a good option to hold in the Fall and tie into a back to school dance where we could hold a raffle.
- f) Outdoor Improvements:
- Scooter racks – Ed will find out costs
 Outdoor play stencils – Ed will find out about paint, Parent, Andrea B. indicated in previous meeting she could get stencils we could use.
 Sensory Pathway extension – Ed and Rachel McMaster will look into cost
 Basketball nets – Need rims and nets as well as backboards. School already purchased partial. Ed will find out further cost from Sport Factor
 Buddy Bench – Ed indicates there is a buddy bench in the schoolyard. Would need a fresh coat of paint. Andrea M. will find out about paint
- g) Alberta Music Theatre – cost \$1,000. Jack and the Beanstalk in person.

Andrea Minarchi makes a motion for PAC to pay for the Alberta Music Theatre presentation.

Seconded by Catherine Cake

Motion passed.

- h) Acts of Community Service – Question asked whether grades 7 and 8 would want to help with necessity packs for shelters. Brant Dreidger indicates they would or even the leadership team would be interested. Andrea M. will look into where to donate.

- i) ASCA Conference – no one able to attend.

Next meeting is scheduled May 17.

End: 8:13 p.m.