

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held September 13, 2022

WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:33 p.m.

Attendance:

Ed Kucy (principal), Nancy Morgan (vice principal), Christine Likely, Laura Lee, Andrea Minarchi, Lauren Unrau, Marysia Waritsky, Tabitha Skaronek, Donna Zons, Nicole Hartley, Darin Kresanoski, Carli Mercier, Donna Zons, Dani K., Elaine G., Ashley Taylor, Amy Hill

Opening Prayer – Nancy Morgan
Treaty Acknowledgment – Ed Kucy

Introductions

Approval of June 13, 2022 Minutes – Need to correct teacher names Paula Reid and Keirra Vellow. Approved by Andrea Minarchi

SCHOOL UPDATE - Nancy Morgan:

- K – busy building new friendships ,learning colours and shapes, sorting in math
- 1 – adjusting to full days learning new routines
- 2 –learning new routines
- 3 – settling into routines, discovering their own development as learners
- 4, 5, 6 – getting into routines, back to school normalcy
- 7 - adjuster to faster pace and learning Canadian history
- 8 - getting back into routines

ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Ed Kucy:

- Brand new theme “Better Together” for EICS
- New trustee – Dean Sarnecki, blanket invitation to attend PAC meetings
- Meet the teacher night went really well. Great opportunity for parents to come into the school, 240 hot dogs disappeared. Casual evening.
- Enrollment up from last year 164 students to 175
- **Projects completed:**
School had \$93,000 to spend in the last two months of school year. School looks to assurance plan to choose spending. School goals on assurance plan found on website.
20,000 new books, new subscriptions because of new curriculum

Landscaping at front of the school
 Courtyard landscaping
 New equipment K-8
 Handball and pickleball equipment
 Indigenous wall at front of the school
 Audio/visual – getting a new projector and audio system approx. \$50,000 with completion approx. Oct-Dec
 Library – some new furniture, new circulation desk
 New Banners in the gym for championships
 Redone trophy case
 Activity stickers in jr high hallway
 Update to sign and insert at front of school
 Bench at front of school sanded and painted
 Buddy Bench near the playground, sanded and painted
 Part of a new sports league EIAA (Elk Island Athletic Association) –both EICS and EIPS will play in league

Projects not done:

Faith assurance plan – chapel, classroom portable right now, raise the bar to update the chapel to a room with reverence
 Sidewalk stenciling – parent who is also a teacher will lend stencils, PAC could buy paint
 Basketball boards – we have rims but need backboards
 AV install – discuss later in treasurer's report
 Scooter rack - \$500-\$600

Q: Is the new curriculum for K-3 mandatory?

A: Mandatory for K-3, Grades 4-6 phys ed and wellness mandatory, school chose to do the optional implementation of LA and Math for 4-6 because school would receive some financial support before it is mandatory

School is part of the pilot for science 1-6

Phys ed and health will now be combined

Grade 6 PAT will be exempt this year because of new implementation

Q: When will get more information on new sports league?

A: Ed will touch base with coaches to provide more information

Nominations:

Andrea M. – retracting her position as Co-Chair and nominating to swap for Treasurer

President – Open for nomination – no one interested

Treasurer – anyone interested in treasurer for parent council? No one interested.

Lauren – Would swap Treasurer and become Chair or Co-chair

Last Year's Co-Chair Catherine Cake (absent) she can confirm at next month's meeting if she wishes a Co-Chair or Vice Chair position.

Laura – Retract secretary position, No one interested

Laura – accepts secretary position

PAC Projects:

Treasurer's report – balance \$42,894.46

Cheque for musical theatre production still needed to be cashed. When Andrea followed up she was told it was deposited May 30 and we only owe \$797 in November. Need to check up on that.

PAC projects supporting:

- Electrical install quote for A/V: \$8749.45. Funds were to come out of what we raised last year
- Last year PAC raised \$7,331.00. Amount of \$1,117.00 to go towards outdoor improvements

Q: Will electrical quote change.

A: Quote is pretty solid unless they run into something on school's end

Outdoor improvements:

Basketball boards still needed

Stencils (PAC approved) – parent lost contact for stencil. PAC will need to find new stencils and paint.

Action: Maryisha Waritsky will research cost of stencils online.
Carli Mercier will look into stenciling information from previous school.

Hot lunch

Q: how is nutrition program funded?

A: Nutrition Program – government grant funded

Parent would like to see healthier food choices. Now that we have more volunteers we can even pick up from restaurants who charge for delivery.

Hot lunch will be held every Friday and a few Wednesdays.

Action: Laura will propose a schedule to Ed. Target start date of October 14.

Yearbook

Jess Koehli handling yearbook. Left meeting at time of discussion.

Close to minimum order at 47 yearbooks. Will leave it open for rest of week. Approximately 6-8 weeks for delivery. Parents commented it would be nice to see a sample yearbook.

Last year Jess Koehli committed to last year's yearbook 2021-2022. Is she still committed?

Action: Follow up with Jess Koehli to see if still committed.

Fall fundraising

Beef fundraiser - cow donated we could quarter or half a cow and raffle it off. Could we get the cow owner's information? Ed will forward contact information to Lauren and Andrea.

Maybe another meeting to discuss beef fundraiser. Carli Mercier has a lot of experience with cattle. Once we get more information from farmer, can Carli help with beef fundraiser?

Need to find out if the beef fundraiser is a go before deciding on further fall fundraisers.

- Maybe Purdy's chocolates
- Maybe gift card fundraiser

Previous years PAC also fundraised through Christmas in the County on a Saturday. PAC ran a bake sale and concession.

Q: We have a large balance of funds. Do we fundraise for specific projects?

A: PAC needs further volunteers to establish plan for spending projects. Would be nice to have a fundraising committee.

Action: At next meeting everyone could come with what committee they want to be on.

Fall Dance – September is out. Only two dates in October 21 and 28. An afterschool dance. Parents could order pizzas through hot lunch. Tracy Scoggins is also a DJ. Take time to plan a spring dance. Spring Dance Committee: Donna Zons offers to be on Spring Dance Committee

Christmas Concert – TBD, possibly concert

Next meeting is scheduled to be determined.

End: 8:36 p.m.