

Parent Council Meeting held October 10th/2023

Part 1:

Welcome, Prayer and Approval

Call to order @6:40pm by Lauren Unrau

Attendance: Ed Kucy (Principal), Marysia Wantsky, Andrea Minarchi, Jess Koheli, Tabitha Skaronek, Stephannie Spilchak (Staff), Lauren Unrau, and Ciara Stickle

Welcome and Opening Prayer by Andrea Minarchi

Treaty Acknowledgement by Ciara Stickle

Introductions by All

Approval of meeting minutes September 11th/2023- Approved by Marysia/ 2nd Andrea

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Part 2: School Updates

Teacher Report by Stephanie Spilchuk:

Classroom News: Kindergarten- Mrs. Stephanie Spilchak

Kindergarten is having a great start to the year! They have established routines and in reviewed colours and shapes. Today they celebrated all the colours with Rainbow Day and are looking forward to Safety City this Friday.

Classroom News: Grade 1- Mrs. Rachel McMaster/ Jenna Miller

Grade ones have worked hard to adjust to long days and routines. Recent changes have been made by adding a 0.5 teacher to support literacy and numeracy by making two classrooms in the mornings. We welcome Mrs. Jenna Miller to the team! There are now 2 grade one classrooms in the mornings starting today! Class size of 14 and 15 then combined of 29 in the afternoons.

Classroom News: Grade 2- Mrs. Brouwer

We are having a great start to grade 2! Everyone has been working so hard on learning our place value to 1000 and learning all about urban and rural communities. Students have been enjoying learning about investigating matter. We are very excited for our field trip to Strathcona Wilderness Centre on Thursday to learn more about the First Families in Canada and investigate nature in the Fall.

Classroom News: Grade 3- Mrs. Morgan/ Mrs. Vellow

Grade 3 is off and running! We had a quick classroom changeover to accommodate our grade 1 addition. Students were very excited and they are loving the new classroom space. Students enjoyed an in-school field trip investigating all about matter. Students continue to build in routines and are engaged in developing their ownership as learners. We have discussed what it means to have a fixed and growth mindset and how this mindset can have an impact on how we approach our learning tasks.

Classroom News: Grade 4- Mrs. Tess Cossey

Our class just had an in school field trip for science about waste management and helping our earth. We are also adjusting to routines and enjoyed our house teams last week. We have been working on stamina in reading and writing, as well as, finished our place value unit in math.

Classroom News: Grade 6- Miss Evans

The Grade 6 class is currently completing a genre unit in Language Arts and will soon be moving onto expository writing. They've also enjoyed exploring Alberta's beautiful boreal forest ecosystem in Science. We have a lot of new students and everybody is slowly getting to know each other and many new friendships are growing.

Classroom News: Grade 7- Miss Emilie Sarnecki

The grade 7s are finishing up their Short Story Unit in Language Arts. They had a blast learning about style and plot choices in narrative writing and creating their own short stories.

Classroom News: Grade 8- Mr. D

The grade 8s are finishing up a unit on the Middle Ages in Social Studies. They'll spend the week doing an in-depth analysis of the factors that threatened the feudal system in Europe.

Hockey Program (Hawkes/ Cossey)

The hockey academy is well under way. Our athletes have now completed on ice and off ice testing, power skating, and have had many special guests. The skaters have been working on small group drills and our Free Fitness Fridays have been beach

volleyball, capture the flag, basketball, and tennis. This month we look forward to our corn maze field trip, mindfulness and stretching with a trainer, spin class, outdoor ball hockey, and strength and speed training on the Ardrossan track.

Administration Report by Ed Kucy:

-Thanked Mrs Spilchak for the teachers report and are very thankful for everything has done for our school.

-Every early out last hour of the day- There is 5 house buddy groups gr 1 to gr 8 to celebrate and work together as teams. There was great energy for the first one and the kids loved it. Building a community and family atmosphere is the goal with these teams. They are doing challenges, skills, crafts and a big variety of different things.

-Spin to Win last 10 min before home time will be starting changing the board a bit with nutrition in mind.

-Cafeteria Assistant new hire is Marysia Waritsky

-Trustee Leanne got an invite to our meeting. She couldn't make it today but will attend in the future.

-Asphalt will be in the Spring and EICS has locked in they are paying New basketball posts/ back board will be put in place of the old one. EICS or PAC will pay for this.

Sports Academy for future:

-Hockey academy and to be added is Baseball/ Softball after an information night for 2024. Fall/Spring ran here using the batting cages and diamonds and winter to be at Sherwood Park Athletics that built a new facility.

- Ed Kucy met with Devon Needles about Jui Jits Ju at Ground Control shooting for 20 kids to par take in this program is a potential.

-Keep at these ideas for now as we don't want to many options happening and our school can provide these facilities.

-Goal is to add a few more options to give other students opportunities to try our other options we currently offer (Digital, Rec & Leadership, Fine Arts, and Hockey Academy.)

-Could add portables and move things around if the school grew too much as this was a question.

- Will not give up boys and girls club for parents to not worry.

- Will have to cap numbers to accommodate if lots of interest. HR kids first, EICS 2nd, and last everyone else in public or out of bounds.

- Options order priority goes gr. 8, gr. 7, gr. 6, then gr. 5. Growing the school and variety will allow more grade levels involved for the 4 or 5 choices we will offer.

-This will open up more space for those students whom may not be sport savvy and want to try the other options.

-Money from programs goes to programs and there could be a small portions put aside maybe for future expenses for that program.

Part 3: Parent Council Projects

Treasurer's Report by Andrea Minarchi:

-Bank Account balance of \$37,960.

-\$600 christmas in county desoposits for tables and yearbooks we sold were expenses paid.

-Interest was \$1.13 for the account

-Outstanding for November is "the play".

-Still No answer about the Butcher calling back.

-Books need to be audited from last year. Submitting needs to be done by January 2024. Tabitha and Jess said they will do it.

Nutrition Program Update by Marysia Wantsky:

-Went great today and kids were very excited. Simple but following the nutritional guidelines needed for the program. Food was brought to class to save instructional time.

-She will figure out a more efficient way to hand out to classes with reducing waste in mind.

-Going with the flow and gauge portions as she goes and will make changes when needed.

School Apparel:

- Our supplier Randy needs to show Ed Kucy the items first for approval then they will be live on the site.
- Will get us more information on deadlines and usually 3 to 4 weeks timeline to receive.

Hot Lunch Update:

- Healthy Hunger is still what were using but costs are rising for vendors.
- New platform for 2024/2025 is \$200.00 a year for the website ordering system and less mark up needed.
- More freedom, fundraising money coming in and vendors with less costs is the goal.
- May look into making food here in the future was brought to the table.

Parking: New plan and should hopefully be final one. Truck is by dumpsters at the front and hockey bus is now moved. Still training the enter and exit only sides. 7:50 busses pull in, transfer 7:53 all traffic blocked and then town busses leave, last bus moves up for vehicles to go by, 7:59 HR students released, once complete busses exit. Warning bell is at 8:10 a.m.

Fall/Yearly Fundraising – Update by Lauren Unrau:

Fundraisers/Updates:

- Christmas in the County (Dec 2)- 24 tables so far paid and 20 still coming in for payment
- Hot dogs for food, have to figure out the price still (chili is an option too) popcorn, and a concession.
- Leadership group may be able to volunteer, we will be asking.
- Asked if we can send out letters for Volunteers, vendors, etc with the teachers

Fundscrip and Purdys:

- Dates to start Fundscrip is End of Nov for 2 weeks to order. Lauren will get us the exact dates.
- Purdys ordering Andrea will log in and find out how long it can be opened. EICS wants to place purdys through us asap and we will find out when they need it. Start Nov 3rd to Nov 28th for our families potentially.

Yearbook:

- Contact person will send Andrea a contract for this new years book.
- Jess wants to know if same format is good? Everyone agreed yes.
- She wants to add group photos for the programs and pre k added.
- Carmen did an amazing job this year for photos and everyone agreed.
- Final numbers is 73 for this past yearbook sales. We will bump dates up for orders to roll in earlier next year.

Track and Field:

- PAC approved last year a school wide planned event end of the year for Regular Kinder to Gr 8, bbq, ribbons and parents involved.
- May 31st/2024 date is set but needs to be changed. EIAA is on May 28 so gr 7/8 will have to be done all there events to qualify for this.
- Will send a new date for PAC for invoice to pay for the day. Motion made by Lauren for PAC to pay for it all. Vote was unanimous to pay for it all.

Next meeting date November 14th/2023 @ 6:30pm

Adjourned at 8:19pm