

Elm Creek Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31, 2024

7:00 pm at Elm Creek School

Present: Kristi Theilman, Bree Voesenek, Brook Beck, Kaylee Goertzen, Jack Foot, Lindsay Enns, Andrea Ladouceur, Robyn Frost, Monica Tkachyk, Jackie Devries, Michelle Lepp, Cara Veldman, Ashley Cooke
Regrets: Lisa Nickerson, Brandi Martens, Jill Klassen, Krista Simonson.

Welcome – Meeting called to order at 7pm

Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed.

- Motion to accept meeting minutes as circulated - Kaylee G.
- Seconded by Kristi T.

School Report – Ashley Cooke

- Varsity basketball – Girls 1st at Treherne Tournament and boys placed 2nd.
- Sources of Strength – Gr. 7-12 students working on next campaign.
 - o Gr. 7 students planning to be guest readers for I Love to Read Month.
 - o K-6 – Mr. Findlay and Mrs. Chambers have been delivering lessons.
 - o Almost all teachers have completed their training.
- Noon skating has started for Grades 3-6.
- Secured Westman Communications Grant for \$2700 for new gym equipment, and the Healthy School Grant for K-6 outdoor basketball court.
- Gr. 7-10 been enjoying gym classes at local curling rink – very popular with students.
- Gr. 1-3 classes added on to literacy initiatives by using. UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Initiative)
 - o Doing 30 min. per day of mixed grade group lessons and practice.
- K-3 are doing “bucket filling” on classroom doors – positive ways students have been helpful, kind, and include others.
- Outdoor learning – some classes have been doing lessons outside in outdoor classroom spaces and on the playground.
- New music teacher – Mr. Collins. – Will begin band program in semester 2 and Spring concert May/June

Upcoming -

- February – I Love to Read Month. – Staff committee has been busy making plans. – Dress up days, guest readers, etc.
- 100 Day for Grade 1-2.
- UNESCO – Stories of Place – Past/present/future – UNESCO club will be inviting community members in to share their knowledge of Elm Creek School in the past.
- PAC Liaison Committee met to gather ideas that can be implemented at the school.
- Pricing for new Gaga ball pit – Approx. \$2500 – Would PAC be able to help, or provide volunteers for project?
- PC Charity Grant – funds available that can be used by PAC for upcoming events. Food purchased needs to be use for food benefiting student population.

4) School Trustee - Jack Foote

- Discussed budget consultations review – Waiting on provincial funding announcement.
- Provided details on challenges that they are encountering recruiting and retaining staff, and projects being explored for Elm Creek School. E.g. – staffing- vice principal, additional resource, Capital Projects - gym, science lab
- Response form collected and being reviewed and taken into consideration when decisions on funding are being made.
- -Post budget consultations will be held then presented to public, and release draft budget.
- Jack will be bringing forward discussions and collaborations had with Elm Creek PAC and Ashley.
- Reviewed Elm Creek PAC - Budget Consultation presentation.

Committee Status Reports

1) Finance – Kristi

- Current total in account - \$6052.41.
 - \$1700 earmarked for Missoula
 - GPAC - \$200 – donation for Missoula
 - MNP \$500 - donation for Missoula

2) Missoula Update -Michelle

- \$8900 in contributions have been collected to date for Missoula, (gift cards, donations, etc.)
 - o In kind donations –
 - Toews printing – Programs and tickets.
 - Lisa Salazar – Thank you cards.
- Few more sponsors coming in and will apply for Carman Area Foundation grant.
- Registration forms for Missoula will be sent home with students Feb. 5th to see what interest is, and if auditions are required to reduce numbers.

3)Outdoor Projects – Andrea

- o Meeting will be held with outdoor revitalization project team - regarding equipment to be purchased for the outdoor playground.
 - PAC budgeted \$1000 for outdoor equipment, \$500 for Gaga Pit – K-6, \$500 for boulders, \$250 for rain barrels, irrigation.

4) Governance (constitution) – Andrea

- Current PAC By-Laws reviewed are not current.
 - Brooke, and Kaylee will revise and bring to a future PAC meeting for review.

5) Events

- February - I Love to Read Month –
 - o Will contact EC student council to see if they have something planned to implement and discuss partnering with them.

Adjourned by – Andrea

Next Meeting: Feb. 28th, 2024

Submitted by: Robyn Frost