

Elm Creek Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2024

7:00 pm at Elm Creek School

Present: Michelle, Andrea, Lisa, Kristi, Lindsay, Brooke, Robyn F. Robyn Woytowich, Ashley Cooke

Regrets: Monica, Bree, Cara, Brandi, Jill

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Andrea.

Minutes:

Michelle makes a motion to accept January meeting minutes as circulated. Seconded by Lindsay. Carried.

School Update

Ashley Cooke and Robyn Woytowich

- March parent teacher conference dinner was well received by all staff.
- Varsity boys and girls basketball teams attended provincials, played hard, and represented our school well.
- Badminton season is underway.
- Book fair was a success, with approximately \$4000 in sales.
- Gerald Laroche visited the school on Monday, March 18th, and Tuesday March 19th, to complete 7 acrylic 7 teachings painting workshops with our grade 5-8 students. Funded through the French Revitalization Grant

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Spring Outdoor Learning Day for K -8 students - March 21 (10:30am - 3:00pm)
- Talent Show K-8 - Monday, April 15th- 2:00 - 3:30pm
- Gr. 7-12 Fun Day Scheduled for Friday, April 19th - permission forms went out today, March 20th, and will be due March 22nd (Westwood Lanes – Bowling, Activate) in order to finalize numbers - student council may do a fundraiser to help cover costs if needed.
- STRIVE Expo - Thursday, May 30, 2024, 4:30 - 6:30 pm for families and community members.
- Mr. Collins in process of planning K-8 Spring concert and fine arts night- Tentative date May 22nd.
- Backboards purchased for basketball court are made of a composite material and can not be painted by Lisa Salazar as initially planned. GPAC has an artist that can paint new backboards. Lisa will instead paint current backboards in basketball court.
- Job openings at Elm Creek School will be posted in upcoming weeks. Very helpful for parents/PAC members to share.

Post Budget Consultations– Andrea

- Reviewed 2024/2025 Draft Budget Presentation from March 18th session
- Highlight - Vice Principal position– 0.3 FTE (Elm Creek), 1 teacher for each K-6 classroom, and more resource and EA positions.

- Elm Creek PAC will send out a link to parents/guardians to review the 2024/2025 Draft Budget and Feedback forms, as well as the PowerPoint presentation created by Elm Creek PAC and a summary of what was presented and requested to school division.

Committee Updates

Financial – Kristi

- Current bank balance - \$8,352.41
- \$4000 earmarked for Missoula and more funds are incoming.

Governance - Draft Constitution Kaylee and Brooke

- Draft Constitution - Presented by Kaylee and Brooke
- Decision made to hold AGM at end of each school year and elect new executive members.
- Terms of office will be for two years.
- Voting eligibility – will be for PAC members of good standing that have attended 1/3 of PAC meetings.
- Revisions will be made to constitution and a final copy presented at April PAC meeting.

School Projects playground - Andrea

- Request from Gr. 5 to PAC For \$800 floor mats in Gaga Ball Pit
 - Class has already fundraised approx. \$700 for project.
 - PAC proposed contributing \$500 for Gr.5 Gaga Ball Pit and \$500 for the K-4 Gaga Ball Pit
- New basketball nets will be installed in basketball court once ground thawed.
- Rain barrel fundraiser options explored and presented by Kaylee.
 - Possible options -individuals make a monetary donation so school can purchase rain barrels, or to purchase for own use.
 - Ashley will come back to PAC with how many rain barrels are required on outdoor playground, and we will revisit this at April meeting.

Bathroom Improvements - Andrea and Cara

- No mirrors currently installed in gender neutral washroom in school.
- Mirrors have been purchased, but have not been installed.

Missoula – Michelle

- Pre- registration ran in Feb. – Approx. 50 children registered to take part.
- Kari-Ann Friesen will be sending information to cast members who have registered with more details regarding next steps and schedule.
- Tickets are printed and are at the school.
- Families are required to sell 2 tickets per show (2 shows= 4 tickets) for every child participating in production.
- Tickets will also be on sale to public in community – at Prairie Roots, etc.

- Heidi Esau working on advertising posters etc.
- \$11,124 in donations have been collected – additional donations incoming – financial and gift in kind.
- Missoula project will receive Carman Area Foundation Grant – Amount of grant unknown at this time.
- Net proceeds to go back to PAC -predicted at approx. \$7500.00.

Meeting adjourned: – 9:00pm

Next meeting – April 24, 2024

Submitted by – Robyn Frost