

Ecole Regent Park – Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Attendance:

Corinne Wyatt – Chair	Lucia Grande - Principal
Heather Fleming - Vice Chair (regrets)	Chris Coppinger – Vice Principal
Michelle Ritsema – Treasurer	Patricia Pare
Gisele Cox – Secretary	Xenia Oze
Samantha Kuzyk	Coral Dance

1. Call to order/Welcome: Call to order by Corinne at 6:33pm

2. Approval of Agenda: Gisele Cox

3. Review and adoption of minutes:

Motion to adopt minutes: Patricia Pare

Seconded by: Michelle Ritsema

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4. Chair Report: given by Corinne Wyatt

-Naomi Kruse from RETLife had to reschedule tonight so she will join us at our next meeting.

5. Vice Chair Report: (Heather Fleming – regrets)

-no report

6. Principal Report: given by Lucia Grande

School population- 520 students

Highlights

- It has been officially announced, ERP will have grade 2-8 students for the 2023-24 school year. We are excited to be welcoming these new grades

to the ERP family and we are beginning to prepare our school (ensuring we have age-appropriate library books, math manipulatives, classroom furnishings, Phys.ed equipment etc.)

- Our Festival du Voyageur has been going great thus far, and we continue with our Maple taffy and grade 8 activities this Friday! Our pancake breakfast was a huge success as we served fresh fruit and over 1000 pancakes to our students. A great way to kick off the festivities.
- Feb. 22nd (Anti-bullying- Pink T-shirt Day). Grade 8 students will be presenting, and we will have cross grade activities to build community and spread kindness amongst grade levels.
- We are hosting an open house for all incoming grade 2,3 and 4 families on Monday, Feb. 27th at 6:00 p.m.
- We are hosting our first ever **Wellness Day** for our students on March 1st. A detailed letter will be sent home to parents shortly.
- All of our grade 6 students will be participating in a 2-day Band Clinic on March 2nd and March 3rd at ERP.
- Mme Jones will be going on Maternity leave on March 3rd, and we are pleased to announce that Mme Daisy Pastrick will be coming back to teach in the grade 7 classrooms (7A-7C)
- Our grade 8C students have been chosen to participate in a PCAP (Pan-Canadian Assessment Program). examination. This program assesses at regular intervals, the knowledge, and skills of Grade 8 students across Canada in the core subjects of science, reading, and mathematics. This will occur in April.
- Grade 8 students (30) have signed up for a QUEBEC trip in May.
- Grade 8 (and a few grades 7) band students will be attending the Brandon Jazz Fest in March.
- We will be hosting our ERP EXPO celebration of learning on March 22nd (5:00-7:00 p.m.). It is a school wide event, and students will be demonstrating their learning not only to their own families, but to the whole ERP family. A detailed letter will be sent home.
- Spirit Week (March. 20th to March 24th). Student leaders are looking at having another dance for grades 6-8 (with other options) plus an outdoor scavenger hunt and outdoor adventures for the grade 4-5 students. More information to follow.

Construction update:

Construction is progressing as planned. During the spring break, the small gym renovations will begin (transforming it into the large band room). Once completed, the existing band room will be renovated into a Home Ec. Room.

Dates to remember:

- No school on Friday, March 17th (coordinated day off)
- Term 3 begins on Monday, March 20th
- Expo evening of Celebration on Wednesday, March 22nd (5-7:00p.m.)
- Parent Portal open for report cards on Thursday, March 23rd
- Spring Break- March 27th- April 2nd
- School resumes on Monday, April 3rd (Day 5)

Requests:

Focussing on the Playground Structure this year. Please divert funds there.

Vice Principal Report: given by Chris Coppinger

-Lunch program looking to replace sports balls and equipment; if anyone is wanting to donate any equipment (i.e. Timbit soccer balls) it would be greatly appreciated

-Everything is good with patrols; will be having a celebration for the patrols before spring break

-There is a paid adult crossing guard position available; needed for 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon

7. Secretary Report: given by Gisele Cox

-nothing to report

8. Fundraising Report: given by Corrine Wyatt

-no fundraisers at this time

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report:

-still vacant

10. Playground Report: given by Gisele Cox

-Kelly has applied for 2 new grants

-Gisele has sent another email to City of Winnipeg to follow up on the grant application as still no word if we need to resubmit

11. Treasurer Report: given by Michelle Ritsema

-Playground account balance is \$4000.00 (received a donation for this amount)

-Main account balance is \$14,087.70; paid out \$491.55 for festival du voyageur activities

12. Old Business: nothing to report

13. New Business: none

14. Motion to Accept All Reports:

Motion by: Michelle Ritsema

Seconded by: Gisele Cox

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15. Meeting Adjourned at 6:54pm

16. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm