

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm

MS Teams

Attendees: Leigh Stachniak Whalen, Deanna Michaleski, Jenna Tenzsen, Deidra Smith, Marcela Popowich, Brandy Zelinsky, Bev Crothers, Shannon Hiebert, Amanda Sachvie, Celina Almeida Shlafman, Lesley Hall, Leslie Scarcello, Trish Thiessen, Karen Dolyniuk, Bryce Beilman

Regrets: Larissa Peitsch

i. Welcome and Call to Order – Jenna

- Call to Order at 5:31 pm

ii. September minutes approved.

iii. Guest – Bryce Beilman

- How Math Teachers Can Communicate with Parents, essentially how to be on a team to support child
- 3 workshops
 - Knowledge and Understanding
 - Mental Math and Estimation
 - Problem Solving
- Held in-person at EJH library.

iv. Principal's Report – Leigh Stachniak

- Halloween Dance
 - Success
 - DJ fantastic and well received by all.
 - Canteen sold out.
- Remembrance Day
 - Students extremely well behaved
 - Band students played.
 - Service Member attended.
 - Bag piper

- There was a pre-teaching for newer students who might have come from war zones.
- Conferences – 385 families came.
- December 8th – report cards out
- Choice Day – last day before winter break
 - All sorts of different activities
 - Gateway rented.
 - Grade 8's choose first, then 7's then 6's
- Interactive Start
 - Swifty Thursday HUGE! (making bracelets and listening/singing along to Taylor Swift)
 - Chess club another huge success
 - Still playing soccer outside
 - Indigenous drum being built.
- Reconciliation Residency – work in each Grade 7 classroom
- P.E able to raise \$677 through EJH clothing sale.
- Pie in the Face fundraiser – staff volunteers
 - Money goes to Christmas Cheer Board
- Snack Attack
 - Thank you to PAC.
- Thank you to all who helping with the fundraising.

v. Treasury Report

- Bike cage has been paid off now we will start the 80/20 split.
- A Field Enhancement line needs to be added to report.
- A School Account line needs to be added to report.
- Sobey's \$42329.50 in gift cards sold.
- Feedback received that strategy to share tangible items fundraising efforts going towards is good. It might be worth itemizing items/goals as we move forward.
- Made over \$7000 in profit.
- It was a good strategy to send a couple of different options.
- Availability of parents for 23rd – Amanda, Deidre, Celina

vi. Fundraising Report – Jenna

- Winter/Spring Fundraiser
 - Lottery license to run from February 1st to 15th, draw the 16th (TY Lesley)
 - License is good for 3 years.
 - Can link to houses (as an idea to motivate sales)
- Plant Sale on April 15th
 - May 10th pick up.
- Lesley, Shannon and Deidre will work on developing constitution for EJH by end of school year.
- Field enhancement project
 - Leslie and Jenna on committee
 - Meeting scheduled for near future.
 - It is not considered a playground enhancement.
 - List sent to superintendent, and they'll get back to us/Leigh.

vii. New Business/Roundtable

- Snack Attack
 - Received a Thank You email from teachers.
- Next PAC meeting: January 9th on MS Teams

viii. Adjournment 6:25 – Jenna Tenszen