

Ecole Regent Park – Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Attendance:

Corinne Wyatt – Chair

Lucia Grande - Principal

Heather Fleming – Vice Chair (regrets)

Chris Coppinger – Vice Principal

Michelle Ritsema – Treasurer

Paula Vosper

Gisele Cox – Secretary

Carlynn Bryga

Samantha Kuzyk

Tracey Ginter

Coral Dance

1. Call to order/Welcome: Call to order by Corinne at 6:32pm

2. Approval of Agenda: Michelle Ritsema

3. Review and adoption of minutes:

Motion to adopt minutes: Paula Vosper

Seconded by: Michelle Ritsema

MOTION CARRIED

4. Chair Report: given by Corinne Wyatt

-nothing to report

5. Vice Chair Report: given by Corrine Wyatt for Heather Fleming

- Michelle will report on the chocolate numbers. Everything looks good. Still waiting for a bit of money but whoever is missing has received a phone call today.

- When is a good time for the pizza party? Lucia said 25th or 28th.

- When should we do the draw to see who the winner is? Decided it should be done this week.

- What to do with the leftover chocolates? Price? Lucia suggested selling in the canteen and it was brought up to sell at the book fair or donate to a food bank. Decided to sell \$1 per box.

- What are we wanting for Halloween treats? Lucia suggested drink and a healthier snack but it is up to PAC.

6. Principal Report: given by Lucia Grande

School population- 529 students

A huge shut out to our PAC and their chocolate fundraiser! Much work and this is appreciated!

Highlights at ERP

- Out of school outings have begun- wonderful news!
- Cinémental – grade 4-8 attending during the week of Oct. 24th to Oct. 27th. Cinémental will be paying for the transportation costs.
- Grade 7 WPS session on gang prevention this week.
- Municipal elections at our school on October 26th.
- Halloween activities set for Oct. 31st. As a school, we are being cognisant that not all families celebrate this day, so we are linking curricular outcomes to all activities, plus offering a variety of engaging activities to ensure we celebrate diversity and equity at our school. Transcona Food bank will be our focus to give generosity to others.
- We are looking forward to our OCTOBER STRENGTH BASED conferences on Oct. 20th. A great way to have your students celebrate their goals, strengths, and abilities as a learner (Virtual and in person so families have a choice)
- Nov. 2nd- Grade 6-8 Immunizations
- Nov. 4th- Grade 8 Band Clinic- All day at EAST END. Students in Art-Drama will have an altered day schedule with activities as well.
- Nov. 7th- Grade 6 students will attend NO STONE LEFT ALONE Remembrance Day ceremony at Transcona Cemetery. Veteran Peter Martin coming in to speak to our students.
- First assembly (face to face) for our students- Remembrance Day- Grade 4-5 period 1 (9:05) and period 4 (12:50) for grades 6-8 on Nov. 10th.
- Small numeracy groups have begun this week. We will focus on numeracy skills and open-ended problem solving with our grade 4-5 students (twice a week).

- RETSD has hired 2 teachers to support grade 6 across the division (re-engagement and support). Our grade 6 teachers will have release time to work with small groups of students to assess, support and build further connection to learning.
- Clubs- Activities- lunch hour schedule has been sent. We will be having a school assembly (on TEAMS) on Thursday- Main Theme- Participation and a video will be sent to students so they can view all the clubs- teachers- rooms etc.
- Canteen up and running this week- letter sent and grade 8 leaders trained (Hot Lunch and Yogurt sales once a month continue).
- We will be once again surveying our students with OURSCHOOLS (to determine if they feel safe, a sense of belonging and strategies to deal with bullying, anxiety, and goal setting for future careers). This data will drive our actions for the year.

Construction update:

Construction is progressing as planned.

Dates to remember:

Nov. 10th- Remembrance Day Assembly (grade 4-5 period 1) grades 6-8 (period 4)

Nov. 11th - No School- Remembrance Day

Nov. 14th- No School at ERP – PD Day

Nov. 15th- Picture Retakes

Nov. 24th- Report Cards available on Parent Portal

Nov. 25th- No School- Coordinated Day

Dec. 6th – Concert d’hiver- **6h00 (grade 4-5)**

Dec. 7th Concert d’hiver

- **6e – 6h00-6h30**
- **7e – 7h00-7h30**
- **8e – 8h15-8h45**

Winter Break- Dec. 22nd to Jan. 4th

First Day Back- Jan. 5th (Day 3)

Requests:

1. Snacks for Halloween day (equity) (approx. \$300.00 for 530 students)
2. 2 Microwaves purchased for grades 6-8 (approx. \$400.00)

Vice Principal Report: given by Chris Coppinger

- Patrols from grades 5 & 6 with teacher supervision at all times
- 2 more microwaves have been added
- Leadership program for grade 7 have been participating in the lunch supervision of grades 4 & 5; groups of 2-4 students rotate; hang out with the younger classes and helps build community as well as having extra eyes on the younger students
- Grade 6 composting program has started with grades 7 & 8; grades 4 & 5 will be introduced at a later date; composting is used in the interior courtyard, butterfly garden and the garden boxes at the front of the school

7. Secretary Report : given by Gisele Cox

- nothing to report

8. Fundraising Report : given by Corinne Wyatt

- Heather has done a fabulous job for this chocolate fundraiser!
- Chocolates have gone very well. There are 14 unopened boxes to be returned for a refund. There are 13-14 opened boxes that we will try to sell at the book fair, canteen. There are 15 full boxes of just raisins. The raisins did not go as well and Corrine has mentioned this to the chocolate representative.

9. Special Events Report : no special events at this time

10. Hot Lunch Report: no hot lunch at this time

11. Volunteer Coordinator Report:

- It would be great if this position could be filled for future activities as it is always Corrine or Heather who are trying to arrange volunteers.

12. Social Media Report: no social media at this time

13. Playground Report : given by Gisele Cox

- grants are still being worked on
- I did not have my notes in front of me so dates may not be accurate. We will be doing another raffle in November with the draw date in mid December. The prizes will be a Costco gift card, gas gift card and one more prize. The raffle went over really well last year so we thought we would try it again.

14. Treasurer Report: given by Michelle Ritsema

- Playground account is the same. \$3600.00. I have heard we will be getting a cheque soon from the other account. Just waiting for that.

-Main account balance is \$13,117.29.

-We transferred \$396.08 out to pay for the bbq treats.

-We made 6 deposits so far for chocolates totaling \$36,186.75. We have paid the bill for the chocolates in the amount of \$24,808.35. Profit so far \$11,378.40.

-Bit more money to come in for chocolates. Will get a refund as well for full unopened boxes returned. Couple of expenses still outstanding to be paid, Terry Fox treats and minor PAC expenses. Coin rollers, pens, etc.

Michelle put forward one motion:

-We spend no more than \$400 to purchase 2 microwaves as per the principal's report.

- Seconder: Paula Vosper

MOTION CARRIED

Michelle did not have to motion to spend money on Halloween treats as it was already approved at the September 20, 2022 meeting.

Corrine said Heather mentioned we should have a sticker made that says "supplied by PAC" as this contributes to a healthy school environment. Lucia said that can be done.

15. Old Business: nothing to report

16. New Business: nothing to report

17. Motion To Accept All Reports:

Motion by: Paula Vosper

Secoded by: Michelle Ritsema

MOTION CARRIED

18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:08pm

19. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15 , 2022 @ 6:30pm