

**Dr. Elliott Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 11 , 2023 at 7 pm**

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:06pm
In attendance: Jody, Cheyenne, Dianna, Matt, Chantelle, Nelson, Shauni, Nastia, Malia, Jen, Joan
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Acceptance of Sept Meeting minutes
Minutes accepted by Malia and Matt
4. By-election
 - **Jody accepted EA position at Dr. Elliott School and is choosing to step down from her role as President for the PAC as a result**
 - **By-election called by Joan Boles**
 - **Dianna Gerritsen and Jen Aoki put in names for President**
 - **Dianna to take over Presidency with 6 votes**
 - **Nominations for Vice President**
 - **Jen and Mali**
 - **Mali steps down and Jen takes Vice President Position**
 - **Mali puts her name for Secretary**
 - **Jody motions for Malia to be Secretary, Matt seconds, all in favour**
 - **Stephanie remains as Treasurer**

PAC Executive:

President - Dianna Gerritsen
Vice-President - Jennifer Aoki
Secretary - Malia Welton
Treasurer - Stephanie MacNeil

5. Principals Report - Joan Boles
 - **See Principal's Report 2023 - provided by Joan**
6. Teachers Report- Chantelle Bieber
 - **Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ - Land-based and place-based learning - focusing on their community and how they are part of the land. Daily land acknowledgement and how they fit into their place here.**
 - **Grade $\frac{4}{5}$ got a hedgehog and are sharing it with Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ class - daily care, be involved, etc.**
 - **Grade $\frac{4}{5}$ is creating a Grateful Tree - leaves are filling out leaves for what they are grateful and thankful for. Will be on display at the front of the school.**
 - **Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ - first market is gearing up - classroom management and financial literacy.**
 - **Grade 4.5 will be running a market in the winter**
 - **Requests from PAC:**
 - **Whole group activity (Cake Walk, Whole School, Parent with parent council to create a winter community event)**
 - **Jr. High student council started: planning spirit days for the school**

- Kindergarten CoCo Brooks fundraiser will be starting soon
- Remembrance Day Ceremony will be coming up on November 9

7. Treasurer's report -

- a. Balance General PAC Account: \$3919.39
- b. Breakfast Program Account: \$4452.68

Balance of Accounts should be reported as:

Opening Balance: 500.00
Income: 300.00

- Donation: 50.00
- Hot Dog Fundraiser: 250.00
- Expenses: 125.99
- Hot Dog Supplies: 125.99
- Ending Balance: 674.01

8. Old business

1. Read a thon fundraiser full swing
2. 2 hot dog hot lunches went well (made approx. \$430)
3. Update on wilson ball courts and basketball hoop (we have money from last fundraiser for jr support of this **The basketball hoop will need a pole put into the cement and then maintenance will install The wilson ball courts have been delivered. I am in contact with the people who provide the "turf" for the elementary court. The ballpark cost for turf for the elementary court is approx. \$2200 - 3000)**
Mr Wade was able to get a basketball net
Discovered a bracket is needed for that - drilling into the school would make the school unsound
Mr Wade talked to Mike Stapely about creating a pole for the new net
Basketball pole/hoop will not interfere with the fire lane
Cost of the turf for the wilson ball court for elementary plus the cost of the glue \$2500 range to complete the project on the cement
Suggestion to put both Wilson courts on the grass and then move them onto turf once we have it. Possibility of applying for grant from Kal Tire for their rubber lining (Three Hills)
Matt will ask his source for Baseball turf on pricing - possibility of splitting it with Acme Baseball Association
Timeline is based on the glue and the clearing
4. Food for sport events
Snacks, drinks etc organized for Basketball Season
5. Working towards a big project was mentioned last meeting. (sound system, projector screen) fundraising funds

9. New Business

- a. Birthday book program for elementary (vote on this item)

- Funds requested by Joan for Birthday book program
 - On the student's birthday - they come to the office and choose a book
 - Initial request was \$500 from Parent Council
 - 111 students in elementary
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- b. Jr. High birthday program ideas
 - Books/Journals/Stationery/Candy?

Suggestion to donate \$500 to start the birthday program
Jody motions to accept the request
Dianna and Shauni 1st and 2nd - all in favour

- c. Curriculum questions and jr high going to carbon friday questions
 - Reconciliation question asked about where this curriculum is coming from for students
 - Jen will ask about parent access to resources being used in schools in GHSD

GHSD Curriculum Resources - Truth and Reconciliation

K-3 RESOURCES

Overview of possible resources- please review and see what would be an appropriate fit for your class and grade level, as some may trigger strong emotions.

LESSONS FOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY: EMPOWERING THE SPIRIT (GR. K-1)
 This [lesson](#) allows students to investigate the history & legacy of residential schools.

LESSONS FOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY: EMPOWERING THE SPIRIT (GR. 2-3)
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Math Activities
 This resource focuses on Phyllis Webstad's story and includes activities for students to make mathematical representations of length of time spent from family.

LILIAN ELIAS: A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR STORY.

Please watch the [video](#) of Lillian's experience with your class.
Optional extension questions:
If you could send a message of love to Lillian, what would it be?
How can that love live in our own school community? What can that look like?

TREATY 7 STORYTIME
CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
PLAYLIST

IMC Resources:
 (these have been curated with grade level and theme's in mind with teacher resources included)
 Credit Rosalind Schnieder

4-6 Resources

Overview of possible resources- please review and see what would be an appropriate fit for your class and grade level, as some may trigger strong emotions.

LESSON FOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY: EMPOWERING THE SPIRIT (GR. 4-6)
This [lesson](#) allows students to investigate the history & legacy of residential schools.

Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada: [Residential Schools History](#).

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WHAT IS RECONCILIATION? LEGACY OF HOPE

This [video](#) highlights diverse definitions on what reconciliation could be.

Optional extension questions:

- 1) What does reconciliation mean to you? your class? your community?
- 2) What would people in Canada need to know to move reconciliation forward?

METIS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE (GR.5-12)
Rupertsland Institute's [Orange Shirt Day presentation](#) with Metis history/definition & the Metis experience in Residential Schools.

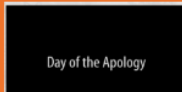
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7-9 Resources

OVERVIEW OF POSSIBLE RESOURCES- PLEASE REVIEW AND SEE WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE FIT FOR YOUR CLASS AND GRADE LEVEL, AS SOME MAY TRIGGER STRONG EMOTIONS.

Legacy of Hope Foundation: [Letters to Residential School Survivors](#)
Students write letters to survivors through the foundation. Aligns with ELA outcomes.

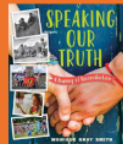
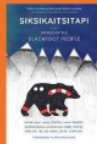


This [video](#) would be for GR.9 Students as it explores the political complexities of the Government of Canada's apology to Residential School Survivors.

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LESSON FOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY: EMPOWERING THE SPIRIT (GR. 7-9)

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Willing to come to Dr. Elliott (4 Day Week)
December 18-21 (K-9 participation)
\$500 donation request from Joan
Dianna moves that the PAC provide funding
Jen Seconds, All in Favour

Alberta School Council (ASAC Guide is online)

- Modules
- Engagement in School Council
- How to be more of an effective school council
- \$700 - Division paid for their training
- If you do the self directed modules online - reduced cost \$500
- Jen will look into the process and ask questions to see if this would be something our division would consider

Matt - Alumni Association

- New School in Acme
- Community meeting on October 17
- Alumni is trying to push politically to get things done
 - Community input
 - Design
 - Facility
- Community access
- Government funded (365 person school)
- Gym
 - Court is bigger but there is no room for seating
- Alumni association is going to fundraise through the community
 - 1.5 million needs to be raised - looking for community support
- Community engagement is required at this meeting
- It's one shot at community engagement
- Hope is it have it done in 2026
- Goal is for 920 sq. meters
- Funding is due when the school opens

Adjournment **Meeting adjourned at 8:45**

Next Meeting

Tri-campus October 23 @7pm in Carbon