

Dr. Elliott Parent Advisory Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7pm
Dr. Elliott Home Ec Room

Attendance: Dianna Gerritsen, Malia Welton, Joan Boles, Jen Aoki, Matt Price, Cathy Price, Cheyenne Stapley, Chantelle Bieber

1. **Call to Order** - Dianna Gerritsen at 7:03pm
2. **Additions to and Acceptance of Agenda**
Motion to accept the agenda Moved by Matt Price, seconded by Cheyenne Stapley, carried.
3. **Acceptance of December 6th, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
4. **Motion to accept the minutes** Moved by Jen Aoki, seconded by Chantelle Bieber, carried.
5. **Principal's Report - Joan Boles**
 - Christmas Concert at the Alliance Church went really well - thanks to Mrs. Bieber and all amazing staff involved.
 - Jr. High Council did a fun countdown to Christmas with dress up days, and a dance
 - Elementary students went to Lodge on Dec 20 to sing Christmas concert songs. Seniors appreciated this, more activities coming up.
 - Chris Smeltzer was here to teach karate the week before Christmas, kids really enjoyed it
 - Birthday book program has been great, students are excited to come get their books. Currently handing out books for September and January birthdays. Pictures for social media will be coming.
 - Mr. Wade and Mrs. Wilson with the Gr. 9 students delivered Gifts for Grandparents and food for the Food Bank.
 - Mrs. Price and Mr. Bogle organized a very successful "Bad Caroling" event and received lots of donations and food for the Food Bank.
 - We have welcomed Brenna Sanders to our staff, she will be teaching Gr. 8 & 9 ELA and options.
 - Assurance Measures report and Dr. Elliott Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report. This is an annual survey that goes out to Gr. 4, 7, and 10 parents each year. This year we had 11 parents respond. The Education Results Report uses information from the assurance measures report and provincial results to develop effective strategies for our Three Year Education Plan.
6. **Teachers Report- Chantelle Bieber**
 - Lodge visits - upcoming visit will be a show and tell type event, probably demonstrating something they have been working on in class
 - Grade 1 class is having fun working on a cardboard village of Linden (for LA and Social)
 - Grade 2-3 class is going to use Read Write (extension tool built into Google chrome to support understanding documents) and then will do a presentation on India
 - Grade 3-4 Christmas market on Dec 22 went really well, kids loved it
 - Grade 5-6 class is enjoying working with their kinder buddies. Currently doing Sky Science unit.
7. **Treasurer's report -**
 - a. General PAC Account
 - Money In: \$100 (a missed Read-a-thon Donation)
 - Money Out:
 - \$630 - classroom libraries
 - \$420 - birthday book program
 - \$500 - Chris Smeltzer karate
 - Balance: \$6157.15

- b. Breakfast Program Account
Money In: \$1500 Aspen Leaf Donation
Balance: \$6541.23

Money pending to go out shortly

8. Breakfast Program Report - Deanna Bailey

Deanna not in attendance tonight, report postponed

9. Old business

- 1. Literacy Programming - Update
 - a. Classroom Libraries Update - Jen Aoki
Unfortunately Scholastic sent all Kindergarten sets instead of the correct sets, so new classroom library sets were not here before Christmas but will be coming.
Birthday Book Update
Ordered another batch to keep up the supply
- 2. Food for sport events - update Jen & Cheyenne
Basketball teams are away a lot coming up, may pause concession at times
 - a. Goal for these concession funds discussion
 - There was discussion about the sign on the gym wall that says "Home of the...[blank]"
Jen suggested a vinyl sign from VistaPrint that could be temporary and also portable, with the STARS logo
 - Another suggestion was to chat with Mel Wade to see what else is needed.

Motion to use up to \$200 for the purchase of an athletic banner

Moved by Jen Aoki, seconded by Matt Price, carried

Jen will move forward with purchasing the vinyl Stars logo sign.

- 3. LPA / Fundraising Parent Association - update - Jen Aoki
 - Joan Holmes has everything sent in to the government
 - Expect to hear back within the next month that everything past will be closed out and that we can revamp and move forward with this Association.
- 4. Project Discussion - Update
 - a. Project - Space improvements - capital project ideas.
 - Bathrooms and change rooms are on the list with Maintenance for painting, they need to do it on a day when no kids are here. Elementary bathrooms for sure, probably Jr. High as well
 - Boot room/entry areas as better breakout spaces for kids (possibly display cabinets, vinyl covered cushions for benches), other gathering spaces
 - Deep display cabinets for showcasing 3D art and woodworking projects, etc.
 - Easily changeable frames for on a wall.
 - Joan is trying to gather some information from other schools to see where they source their breakroom furniture and what is working well.
 - The school Facilities Committee could probably pursue planning and ordering updates if the Parent Council wanted to commit funds to a project

-Jen suggested the idea that our Jr. High shop program could possibly take on a project like a display cabinet or other legacy piece that could be helpful, and Parent Council could possibly pay for some of the materials.

b. Fundraiser Ideas -

i. Highway Clean-up - decided not to move forward with this fundraiser

ii. Other ideas

-Cathy mentioned that having a goal and a budget is motivating for kids, if PAC came up with a big project idea that Jr. High staff could get behind, they may be able to do a fundraiser to work toward that with the students

-PAC to work towards coming up with a project and plan

5. Reading Club - discussion

-Dianna suggested we could see about running an 8 week program on Tuesdays at lunch. Put out a mass call for volunteers to check interest, and start in February if there are enough volunteers. She will touch base with Joan Holmes to check the requirements for volunteers. Dianna will put out the request and see where it goes.

10. New Business

a. Request from Miss Neufeld - Ski Trip Feb 16 Grades 1-6

Asking for \$15 per student - 87 potential students - \$1305 total

Benefit students for equal opportunity to participate in this sport

Price went up \$1000 this year - current cost is \$69 per kid with bussing

Request says trip will go forward this year regardless of PAC financial support

Discussion:

-High cost per kid for one day, but especially nice for the kids who don't otherwise get the opportunity

-Suggestion that school could consider in future offering alternate activities on the ski day

-Much of our PAC funds are already designated towards literacy and other things

-Swimming lessons and bussing are also coming up and are expensive for parents.

-Last year PAC contributed \$5 per student for Jr. High ski trip and Elementary ski trip

-Reasonable for PAC to suggest a doable amount to contribute per kid and parents can decide whether or not to send their kids

Dianna will crunch the numbers and then do a vote with the executive and see what we can do.

11. Questions/Additions

Jen Aoki - Jr. High Birthday Party on Jan 30 - Pool is booked for an hour in the afternoon. Jen will call and confirm the amount and then maybe Stephanie can create a cheque that one of the teachers can bring to the pool.

12. Adjournment at 8:23pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th @ 7pm

Next Tri-Campus: Monday, February 26th @ 7pm in Acme