

Parent Council Minutes for Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Present: Jim Seutter, Leah Schmidt, Heidi Peters, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Raelyn Mellick, Devon Marshall, Elaine Reed, Aileen Bozic, Gillian Orquia, Sarah Goertzen, Andrea Breitreuz, Darlene Janzen, and Francis Poole

Absent: Adrienne Drebert, Jaime Peters

Devotional – Heidi

Motion to accept previous minutes by Gillian, seconded by Aileen and approved by Parent Council.

Reporting:

1. Welcome to new council members
2. Overview of council binder
3. Accessing minutes – password is eagle
4. Reporting to EIPS
 - a. Talks about meetings, who is involved, finances (and what it's spent on) and goal.
5. Budget – Leah
 - a. Operating Budget: \$2,201.51
6. COSC – Devon
 - a. Nothing to report
7. EIPS Trustee Report – Jim Seutter
 - a. Board Chair: Trina Boymook
 - b. Vice Chair: Heather Wall
 - c. Superintendent: Mark Ligouri
 - d. Education Act
 - e. New Policy: Policy 24, personal communication devices
 - f. AP 145: how each school applies the policy on personal communication devices
 - g. School Nutrition Program to be reinstituted and refunded. EIPS to rehire the staff to run it.
 - h. Seclusion Rooms are allowed under strict regulations
 - i. School Fees: more liberty granted. No longer have to be approved by Minister
 - j. Budget coming out end of October. Hoping EIPS has been conservative enough
 - k. "Public" removed from school board name... EIPS now to be called Elk Island District
 - l. Heritage Hills to open next September
 - m. Waiting for Sherwood Heights Junior High to be approved for a replacement school. Hoping for funding from the province in the budget.
 - n. SouthPoint School is the fastest growing school in the district.
 - o. Ardrossan Elementary has been completed and is operational
 - p. Ministik school sold to Strathcona County for a community center

Action Items:

1. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chair: Devon
 - b. Vice-Chair: Sarah
 - c. Secretary: Heidi
 - d. Treasurer: Leah
 - e. Parent Ambassador: Raelyn
 - f. Hospitality Ambassador: Aileen
2. **Council Picture to be taken October 16!**
3. 3-year plan (SEP)
 - a. Reading: The year of reading! Looking closely at grades 4-6. Met as a group and Darlene is meeting with each grade group individually. STAR coming up this month. As parents you can request the information.
 - b. Math: Math has been the big push for the past 2 years.
 - c. Missions: Johnny and Addy to visit and share in every classroom about how things are going in Mexico.
4. Staffing:
 - a. Mrs Mol back
 - b. Mrs Dawe rejoined 2A
 - c. Mrs Jenkins joined for 3B
 - d. Mr Obrien joined for 5B
 - e. Mr Cook joined for spiritual curriculum
 - f. New Secretary position still to be filled, keep praying!
 - g. Mrs Sanday new EA
5. Council Jackets
 - a. Devon hoping to secure new jackets for the new members
6. Grade 6 Camp Out
 - a. Has been going on since 1992.
 - b. Mr Cook to speak at the camp
 - c. Grade 6 teachers have done a wonderful job to head up the camp out with such a tremendous servant heart
7. Terry Fox Run – Sept 27
8. Meet the Teacher Night – Sept 18.
 - a. Devon to give a report on the council
 - b. Devon to introduce each member
9. Curriculum Update
 - a. To be revisited with the new government
10. Farewell Gift
 - a. Miss Eisner shared how our donation helped
11. Personal Communication Devices Policy (tablets, iPhones, smart watches)
 - a. New Policy in SCA is that kids can have it until they walk in the door, then it goes in their backpack. Cell phones can be pulled back out when they walk back out the door.
 - b. Respect the parents and children need to be able to connect regarding afterschool activities, but to keep it put away during school time.
 - c. Policy applies to staff and students in the school. Parents volunteering on a field trip can still have their phones.
 - d. Only exception is if there is a medical need or educational need
 - e. Apple watches will likely trickle down in the next 4-5 years to elementary (as parents retire their watches)

12. Grades 4-6 Supplies

- a. 60 parents took advantage of the program
 - i. 26 – grade 4
 - ii. 21 – grade 5
 - iii. 13 – grade 6
- b. For next year, look at changing the deadline – date in August
- c. 1/3 of families ordered before school ended.
- d. Davidson Elementary: 2018 was home deliver, 2019 was to school and the amount of orders increased.

13. Parent Ambassador Representative

- a. Facebook Page vs Remind App
- b. 13 new students, Raelyn to touch base after Meet the Teacher

14. Hospitality Representative

- a. Bus Appreciation
- b. New Staff Welcome: 6 cards for 15 Tim Hortons and Card
 - i. Motion by Eileen, seconded by Shannon, all approved to spend money on a coffee card for new staff. (\$15 each)
- c. Staff Coffees

15. Spending Approvals - \$1040 for September

Motion for the following spending approvals by Heidi, seconded by Raelyn, all approved

- a. New Staff Coffee Gift Cards
- b. Grade 1 Literacy Night
- c. New Student Lunch
- d. Send final gift to Esther Torres (\$500)

16. Council Projects

- a. Playground Paving – big thank you to go to Wayne
- b. Video Screens – in place!
- c. Fundraising Push - Devon to make it clear at meet the teacher that chip day and much-a-lunch are council fundraisers.

17. COSC Dates

- a. If ever you want to join, just let Devon know!

18. October 16 Agenda

- a. To include Missions and Council Goals
- b. Addy and Johnny and Mrs Mol to share with us

19. Choir Update

- a. Decision made to do it every other year.
- b. Choir for Grades 4/5 and following year in Spring Musical grades 5/6
- c. Recognize there is not a lot for the grade 6's for this year

20. Parent Council Meeting Guests

- a. October - Mrs Mol
- b. November – Tim Cook
- c. January – Duane Seelochan
- d. March – Amy Vetter? Heidi to check

21. Bible Memory

- a. No Pressure!
- b. New Members to memorize 2 verses next month

Prayer Items:

New Secretary position
Good weather for Camp Out and Terry Fox
Pray for Adrienne, Brin and Family!

Next Meeting Dates:

October 16, 2019!
Kim on devotions
Don't forget we're taking a council picture!

Follow-up Items to be revisited:

- Remind App for Parent Council for meet the teacher
- Birthday Snack
- Talk about local missions' projects for SEP over the next year, reflect on what would have to be given up. Balance what teachers can feasibly do without burnout. Can't add something without taking something away!
- Hot Lunch Options
- Scripture Memory Magnet
- Council Goals
- Raelyn – new students
- Heidi – Amy Vetter