

Parent Council Minutes for Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Present: Shannon Anderson, Heidi Peters, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Devon Marshall, Aileen Bozic, Gillian Orquia, Andrea Breitzkreuz, Darlene Janzen, Sarah Dyck, Jaime Peters, Francis Poole, Trina Boymook

Absent: Raelyn Mellick, Leah Schmidt, Adrienne Drebert, Elaine Reed, Jim Seutter

Devotional – Shannon

Motion to accept previous minutes with date revision by Kim, seconded by Aileen and approved by all voting members of Parent Council.

Reporting:

- 1) Budget – Leah
 - a) Operating Budget: \$25,491.33
 - i) Flight Fund: \$4,134.93
 - ii) Access to council: \$21,356.40 (money from chip day and hot lunch)
Note: This number reflects all the funds received to date, does not include expenses of upcoming hot lunches.
 - iii) Question about how much comes to parent council from chips/lunch?
A: Chips about \$0.15 or \$0.20 a bag. For hot lunch, varies between \$1.00 to \$0.15 a meal.
- 2) COSC
 - a) ASCA Conference in April
 - b) Transportation fees have been a big issue at COSC. If your kids take the bus, there will be an increase in fees.
 - c) ATA is not impressed with MLAs, Fridays is Red for Ed, wear red for education. Reach out for MLAs about education, ex new curriculum.
- 3) Board Report
 - a) Board approved 20/21 fees policy.
 - b) Participated in budget round table in fort Saskatchewan with the finance minister. Other county council members expressing concerns regarding education.
 - c) Board focused on upcoming budget. EIPS lost \$5.5M mid-year gap to be addressed. Reserves used to cover the gap, with little impact to students. The province will continue to only fund to last years budget.
 - d) Strategic plan covering how we will make it through the next three years. Growth of 15,000 students annually.
 - e) Board to continue debate of Feb 20 transportation meeting.
 - i) Board has wanted to look at a new fee structure
 - ii) One child would pay \$850/yr for school of choice and distance. Family cap is \$945.
 - iii) If you're attending your designated school, and are beyond a distance, the board receives funding as an eligible rider.
 - iv) Provide hazard rides for Ardrossan and fultanvale schools.
 - v) If they only provided the mandated services, EIPS would be running a deficit. (cost of diesel, carbon levy, melt training.)

- vi) Fee structure goal is to maintain bus service at this year's level. Fees that are simple and fair for all.
- 4) Hospitality:
 - a) Classroom Blessings: Teachers had 80 items on wish lists and 61 of those items were purchased by parents. Parents were frustrated to bring items to the office and would have preferred their children to bring in the gifts themselves.
- 5) 2020/21
 - a) Calendar is posted, only one calendar for all of Elk Island. No more ACSI, no more alternative busing days (very labour intensive)
- 6) Remaining Financial Approvals
 - a) 2020 expenditures (attached)
 - b) Parents in the Park 4.5 in favour to explore further. 580-1000 popsicles. Aileen to explore further with date, time and cost.
 - c) Staff drinks \$250/day. To do twice in the year. (approved)
 - d) Items 1-9: Approved by Gillian, seconded by Aileen.
 - e) Council Jackets: approved by all
- 7) Communication
 - a) Discussion about publishing council minutes for all to see. As a representative model, it is important to ensure we are communicating to everyone.
 - b) Motion by Devon to make minutes public, seconded by Shannon, all in favor.
- 8) Council Membership:
 - a) Adrienne is done this year, Heidi and Kim are coming up on their second term.
 - b) Where do people apply: Let Mr Poole or Devon Marshall know. It was noted that doing bible memory often holds people back.
 - c) How many members is full? 8-10.
- 9) Re-registration
 - a) Process underway
- 10) Parent Facebook page
 - a) Sarah: going good with monitoring
- 11) Playground Pavement Lines
 - a) Snow had covered the lines in Beaumont, waiting to visit in the spring
 - b) Question: how many months of the year are the lines able to be used? Staff to follow up with the Beaumont school when visiting.
- 12) School Fees / Playground Expansion
 - a) Panel for the SCA Society side might have been more helpful
 - b) Aaron and Devon invited to society and to join in ministry planning. Reaffirmed SCA Society and SPAC see SCA as a ministry.
 - c) Fees will not be going up this year. (6th year in a row)
 - d) Letter being sent to SPAC Board of Elders requesting \$200,000 for a new playground from the PropCo Capital Fund.

- e) Extra-curricular activities will decrease for next year as we will be losing more staff. Staff members are going to be having more demands placed on them.

Question: can parents take some of these things on?

Action Items:

- Devon to determine next coffee day for Staff
- Minutes on Website to be made public to everyone

Prayer Items:

Pray for School Council Chairs, SCA Society Board and Admin team as they meet to look at the Ministry Plan.

Next Meeting Date:

March 11, 2020

Elaine on devotions

Follow-up Items to be revisited:

- 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