

Parent Council Minutes for Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Present: Jim Seutter, Adrienne Drebert, Leah Schmidt, Heidi Peters, Kimberly Teeuwsen, Raelyn Mellick, Andrea Breitzkreuz, Darlene Janzen, Francis Poole

Absent: Devon Marshall, Shannon Anderson, Gillian Orquia

Special Guest: Pastor Amy Vetter

Devotional – Elaine

Minutes were not posted, approval postponed to May 13 meeting.

- 1) Budget – Leah
 - a) Operating Budget: \$26,440.27
 - i) Flight Fund: \$4,134.93
 - ii) Access to council: \$22,305.34 (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.
- 2) COSC
 - a) No meeting this month.
- 3) Board Report
 - a) EIPS used up all of reserves for this year, need to cut services and charge more fees for next year.
 - b) Busing: everyone will be paying a fee to be on a bus. Have not heard if there will be a fee for the shuttle bus, as far as we know, it will remain a free service.
 - c) Turned down by province for new facilities at Sherwood Heights and Fort Saskatchewan
 - d) School tours
 - e) Board meetings about the new AB Ed budget March 19, 25 and 26.
 - f) Long term (travel) field trips cancelled
 - g) EIPS had first case of COVID-19, not a student, but a parent
- 4) Parent Ambassador Representative:
 - a) Checked in with the families last week, no questions or concerns. Is there more this role should be doing? It was decided checking in to see for questions/concerns is all that is needed at this time.
- 5) Parent Facebook Page
 - a) 202 subscribers
 - b) All posts are approved by admin.
 - c) The page has been helpful in engaging parents this year at school
- 6) Hospitality Representative
 - a) Bus Appreciation – Jaime to get Aileen number of buses for cards/gift cards (\$10/driver)
 - b) New staff welcome gift appreciated
 - c) Staff coffees: huge hit with staff. Came in under budget at \$240.
- 7) SCA Society Ministry Plan Update
 - a) Lots of talk about communication with parents

- b) Capital Project Request for playground: School-SCA Society Board Meeting on Monday. Parents not doing fundraising as there is a high amount of funds in PropCo that has already been collected from parents.
- 8) New Council Members
 - a) Let Devon know of people that have been interested in Parent Council
- 9) Parent Teacher Interviews
 - a) Parent Council to set up a table again, let Devon know your availability
- 10) School Fees
 - a) Musical to be added for next year (two-year rotation)
Note: Sing for Spring was an amazing event for the grade 6 choir
- 11) Sports Clubs
 - a) For grade 6 students to gain exposure.
 - b) Tues/Thurs after school, after spring break. (Boys/Girls separate afternoons)
 - c) Basketball for five weeks, volleyball for five weeks.
 - d) Gift card given as thank-you for high school kids (coaches).
- 12) Grade 4-6 Supplies
 - a) Can the supplies be sent to the school? Confirm supplies are already sorted and labelled. Confirm latest date to order (August instead of July?)
- 13) Staffing Updates:
 - a) Allisen Khajavi moving to the secondary
 - b) Andrea Taylor extending her leave for one more year.
- 14) New Curriculum
 - a) Work Continues on the new curriculum. Will not be rolled out in September.
- 15) SCAs Got Talent
 - a) Last year there was western day, coming back this year (May 14).
 - b) Grades 4-6 invited to audition.
- 16) Budget Update
 - a) EIPS has prepared the schools for the adjustments for this year, preparing for more adjustments for next year.
 - b) Currently an amount given per student, don't know the formula is for next year.
- 17) Visitor – Pastor Amy Vetter from Sherwood Park Alliance
 - a) Ministry Goal: Engage kids in the gospel in a way that transforms their heart and launches them into spirit filled ministry.
 - b) Curriculum: The gospel project for kids. Shows kids the whole story.
 - c) Lots of families are busy, so this curriculum allows them to pick up where they've left off.
 - d) Believe that kids are gifted and filled with the Holy Spirit. Lots of young helpers that are helping in the classroom and praying. Trying to move beyond knowledge of the bible, but to meet Jesus and encounter a relationship with Him. Help them to see it's Jesus that gives us the power to build relationships.
 - e) Eph 3:14-21 is a key set of verses for children's ministry

- f) PD Day Camps: on all the PD Days, there is a one day to week-long camp at the church. A group of 10 kids that travel around stations with a leader. Try to do stuff they couldn't do at school or home. Highest numbers over fall break (100 each day) Average 60-70. \$30/day, bundle packages for parents.
- g) Grade 6 invited in January to join Jr High
- h) 456 Fun Night: gathering grades 4, 5, and 6 together. Some large group fun time and devotional time. Focuses on a theme for the year.
- i) TreeHouse Preschool: 4 different classes, 65 kids. \$150/month
- j) 3 service times: offer childcare for nursery-grade 6 during the service times. Do a center approach: free play, large group time, stations
- k) Challenges:
 - i) Frequency of attendance: Families are busy, so we don't see kids on a regular basis, it makes it difficult to engage in relationships.
 - ii) Value of childhood: they need to play, get messy, have fun
- l) Are there opportunities to engage with other organizations (Saffron Centre) to support families? Children's Ministries does two parent sessions throughout the year. Engage 1 on 1 as needed.
- m) Are there ways we could support you? Do things together. (ex Rising anxiety levels in children and resource sharing.) SCA parent volunteers are typically the key parents in bolstering the classrooms and engaging with other families in the church.
- n) If there's more ways to partner, let Amy know!

18) Bible Memory

Next Meeting Date:

May 13 – Sarah 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