

Ecole Assiniboine Parent Advisory Council Minutes – April 9th, 2024

Call to Order – Meeting held in Person and Virtually

6:10 Pm Meeting was Called to Order by Andrea Johnston

Attendees:

1. Jean Burnett
2. Michelle Klassen
3. Christine Orjalo
4. Andrea Johnston
5. Hailey Gagnon-Hannah
6. Mary Oscarson
7. Laura Koslowsky
8. Juan Paulo Tres Reyes
9. Jayme Flores
10. Catherine Dueck

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved: Christine Orajlo

Seconded: Mary Oscarson

Unanimously passed

Approval of the Minutes:

Moved: Michelle Klassen

Seconded: Christine Orajlo

Unanimously Passed

President's Report

We recently were able to purchase the school a popcorn machine along with the accessories needed. The machine was delivered on March 20th and the staff was very happy to receive this. Our school clothing store was very successful, and it was exciting to organize this for all the students and staff. We received a thank you letter from Mme. Burdeniuk for helping fund the Symphony Field Trip last week. The email read as follows:

Dear Parent Council,

Thank you for your financial support for the Grade 2s and 3s field trip to the symphony on April 4th. It was a wonderful experience, where students learned and analysed all the songs prior to attending the symphony. Once at the symphony, students were able to watch the instruments play the same songs; experience other students playing the recorder, violin, and singing; and listen to opera singers, a pop singer and watch ballet dancers. This field trip was authentic, allowed students to listen to French outside of school, and developed an appreciation of music which all follows my music curriculum. Heather Burdeniuk, Music Specialist at Ecole Assiniboine

Babysitting was provided by Charlotte Hannah and signed off on volunteer hours.

Moved: Mary Oscarson

Seconded: Michelle Klassen

Treasurer's Report

Current Account Balance as of April 8, 2024: \$13497.15

Breakdown

Playground Improvement Fund:	\$4000.00
General Revenue/Fundraising:	\$3399.48
Milk Program carry forward:	\$1992.99
Milk Program 2023/2024:	\$2100.44
Pizza Lunch:	\$1650.11
Pizza Donation:	\$354.13

- Current spending included a popcorn machine and supplies (\$671.77) and payment for the rental of games for end of year BBQ (\$1018.50)

- Outstanding cheque of \$17.64 (Oat Milk purchase)

Current funding requests as of April 8, 2024:

- Grade 4 trip to Children's Museum pending receipt from school
- Grade 2/3 trip to Symphony pending receipt from school
- Outdoor equipment *Final amount needs TBD up to \$250

Principal's Report

We currently have 318 students and 36 staff members. Since our last meeting, our grade 4 students participated in the Friendship Tournament at Stevenson Britannia School. Our very own Grade 3 Orff Club received gold at the Winnipeg Music Festival. We Celebrated our Journee de la Francophonie. Our project fair was a huge success with over 88 incredible projects and a huge variety of submissions. Thank you to all of the community members who came out to see the students' work as well as our wonderful guest judges. WE wish the best of luck to those moving on to the Manitoba Schools Ceince Symposium as well as the Heritage Fair. WE have a few students representing the school and the Concours d'art oratoire divisionnaire at the college sturgeon heights tomorrow evening at 6:30.

Several of our students also went bowling on March 21st and 22nd. Our grade 2 and 3 students attended the symphony on April 4th. We also took time to learn about the solar eclipse yesterday. WE are very much looking forward to our Parent-teacher conferences on the evening of April 11th and the morning of April 12th. DON't forget to stop by the scholastic book fair in the library during your visit. Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students are hard at work preparing for the Spring Concert that will take place at 1pm and 6:30pm on May 1st and 2nd. Our students are currently working with our Indigenous division support team on a water project to help students further understand our connection to water. Our new bike case is now being used by some of our student

population. Thank you to the Parent Council for all of their support of student field trips. I have passed on a request to Andrea for your consideration.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Pizza Lunch –Next Pizza Lunch Date is Wednesday, April 24th
Proposed date for May was May 16th or 23rd. But, was recommended that May 23rd works best for the school. May 23rd was approved to be the May Pizza Lunch date.

Moved: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Seconded: Christine Orajlo

School Clothing – Our school clothing store was very successful with a total of 64 orders (108 garments sold) and we were able to raise a total of \$307.21 to use on Baltic Items and also an additional \$307.21 as a fundraising cheque for the Parent Advisory Council. We have a total of \$614.42 to use towards Baltic items. I would like to use the funds towards purchasing Ecole Assiniboine merchandise (ie; water bottles, t-shirts, etc). The Motion to approve having Parent Advisour council use the \$614.42 towards purchasing merchandise to use as rewards to students was done last meeting so, no motion was required this meeting.

New Business

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6th to 10th – Hailey to send out more details this month regarding what we will need to do for this week.

End of School Year Party

- Event has been booked for June 13th
- Smoke N' Bobs has been booked for our food vendor.
- Booked our Games through Amazing Entertainment Agency.
 - Games booked: Axe Throwing, Baseball Kiosk, Floating Gallery, Giant Connect 4 and other lawn games.
- We spoke with Sargent Sundae about providing dessert at the event. Sargent Sundae can offer 4oz. Dixie Cups in Chocolate, Vanilla, and Twist with Spoons for \$1.25 each. They are Gluten and Nut Free. Minimum Price to order is \$300.00, plus a \$50.00 delivery / pick up fee.
 - Motion to approve having Parent Advisory Council pay approx. \$500.00 for the dessert portion of the BBQ Event for everyone at the event.

Moved: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Seconded: Michelle Klassen

Unanimously Passed

Playground / Yard

- We would like to start the process of looking into adding to our playground / yard areas. Next year to be focused on fundraising towards this idea. Andrea to investigate companies to provide free consultations.
- Proposed idea to send out a survey to all staff, students, and parents/guardians to receive some feedback on what is missing or needed. Suggestion to use Survey Monkey and add a comments/other box for feedback.

Field Trip Request

- Grade 3 Field Trip Request from all the Grade 3 teachers to attend Fort Whyte Learning Centre on June 7th, 2024. The total cost for the day is \$12.00 per student. We are looking to decrease the cost for each student to \$5.00. The bus will be paid for by the school.
 - Total cost requesting is:
 - 58 students x \$7.00 = \$406.00
- All adult supervision will have free admission.

Moved: Andrea Johnston

Seconded: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously Passed