

Ecole Assiniboine Parent Advisory Council Minutes – May 8th, 2024

Call to Order – Meeting held in Person and Virtually

6:03 PM Meeting was Called to Order by Andrea Johnston

Attendees:

1. Jean Burnett
2. Michelle Klassen
3. Christine Orjalo
4. Andrea Johnston
5. Laura Koslowsky
6. Cheyenne Strong
7. Merlyn Schlamp
8. Cobie Romance
9. Jennifer Hernandez
10. Desirae Mercer

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved: Cobie Romance

Seconded: Christine Orjalo

Unanimously passed

Approval of the Minutes:

Moved: Christine Orajalo

Seconded: Laura Koslowsky

Unanimously Passed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have had another successful April Pizza lunch which still seems to be running smoothly with all the volunteers and the students are always happy for this day. We also received our clothing orders and I have heard great feedback from some parents and the students are enjoying their clothing. We only had one incorrect order but, Baltic Clothing is dealing with this with that parent.

Babysitting was provided by Jean Burnett's daughter. We need a motion to approve to pay her \$20.00 for babysitting for us.

Moved: Merlyn Schlamp

Seconded: Michelle Klassen

Unanimously Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Account Balance as of April 8, 2024: \$13,435.51

Breakdown

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| Playground Improvement Fund: | \$4000.00 |
| General Revenue/Fundraising: | \$3483.44 |
| Milk Program carry forward: | \$1992.99 |
| Milk Program 2023/2024: | \$1609.18 |
| Pizza Lunch: | \$2022.65 |
| Pizza Donation: | \$327.25 |

- Outdoor Equipment was purchased for \$223.92 (cheque was cashed)
- Pizza lunch proceeds for April were \$372.54.
- Outstanding Cheques:
 - o Oat Milk Purchase = \$17.65
 - o Grade 4/5 and 3/4 Field Trips = \$860.25
- Current funding requests (to be discussed at meeting):
 - o Grade 5 T-Shirts = \$633.37 (payment due upon receipt of shirts)
 - o Grade 1 Zoo Trip = \$285.00 (pending approval)

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Principal's report – May 8th , 2024 Parent Advisory Council We currently have 317 students and 36 staff members. Since our last meeting, we had several students participate in the divisional Concours d'art oratoire (public French speaking celebration), Heritage Fair and the provincial Concours d'art oratoire. Now that the weather is a bit warmer, our students are using the Bike cage more and more. We had our Grade 5 patrol celebration with Constable Diana Cross, our divisional School Resource Officer who has returned to general patrol. Our new SRO will be Constable Sean Murphy. Students have participated in bus ridership. Our grade 3-5 students who are interested in the divisional choir took part in the Spring Sing. We had another fantastic Spring Concert on May 1st and 2nd with the Spring Concert for the Kindergarten – grade 2 students. Thanks for all of those who came out to see our kids present. We once again have students going to St. James Collegiate for salon days. A huge thank you to the Parent Advisory Council who spoiled us immensely during Teacher Appreciation Week last week. It was incredible and the teachers really do feel fortunate that we are in such a wonderful community.

May and June will also be quite eventful. Thursday evening for the grade 4 and 5 students, we will be having a Flag Football activity with some of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers after school for students who have signed up. Our Welcome to Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, May 16th starting at 5pm. Our grade 3 students will also be at the Lyric Theater on May 16th. We are happy to welcome MPI to help support bike safety for our grade 1-5 students on May 16th and 17th. They will even be presenting to the students in French! Our grade 4 and 5 students are off to CSHC for Track and Field on May 22nd. Our Treaty Day will be on June 6th this year. We are also looking forward to the Parent Advisory Council's school community event on June 13th. We are inviting francophone artist Rob Malo aka Ti'Bert to the school for a concert on June 18th. Our

Grade 5 farewell will be on the afternoon of June 25th. Our grade 3-5 students will have their annual Bruce Park day on June 26th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

Pizza Lunch –Next Pizza Lunch Date is Thursday, May 23rd

NEW BUSINESS

Grade 5 Farewell

- T-Shirt order forms went home with students and were returned. We will have 58 Grade 5 students who will be receiving t-shirts as a farewell gift from the Parent Advisory Council. The total to purchase these shirts for the Grade 5 Students is \$633.36 and we would also like to provide students with a cake. There is 4 Grade 5 Classrooms (spilt with Grade 4's) so, we would like to purchase 4 Costco Slab Cakes for the classrooms as well. Was discussed with Mme Hernandez that it is normally only given to the Grade 5 students on their farewell date, and they do a cupcake cake for the students as it is easier to serve and less of a mess. This year the Grade 5 Farwell date is on June 25th, 2024. We will only need to purchase enough for the Grade 5's only.
- We need a motion to approve on spending \$900.00 towards the Grade 5 T-Shirts and cupcake cake for 60 students.

Moved: Desirae Mercer

Seconded: Jennifer Hernandez

Unanimously Passed

End of School Year Party

- Bookings;
 - Community Patrol (Police Car) – waiting for confirmation
 - Fire House – waiting for confirmation
 - Sargent Sundae Ice Cream - confirmed
 - BBQ Vendor - confirmed
 - Games – confirmed
- We would like to offer face painting for students/families at the event and we have found two face painters available for the event. They said they can do 1 kid every 2 minutes if they have a volunteer at their table to help with the line flow of kids picking their face painting out prior to sitting down. The cost for 2 face painters for 2 hours is \$400.00.
- We require a motion to approve \$400.00 for face painting at the BBQ.

Moved: Merlyn Schlamp

Seconded: Cobie Romance

Unanimously Passed

- Discussion about needing to purchase food tickets to hand out to families was had. Mme. Hernandez stated that in the past they would use the school's printer and paper and make their own tickets to hand out to save on costs. We will proceed with doing this for our BBQ so, that we do not need to spend money on purchasing tickets.
- Dessert options were also discussed. The BBQ should have an option that is a non-dairy option. It was suggested to add this to the BBQ order form that goes out so, that we know if it would be needed. The Sargent Sundae option is Gluten and Nut Free but, they do not have a dairy free option. We can look into purchasing a non-dairy dessert option if it is needed.
- Prizes for students; we would like to offer a goodie bag/prizes for students after they complete all the carnival games/stations. There would be a stamp card that is created (also printed at the school) and volunteers would stamp the card once each student has completed the game. Suggestions for prizes were notepads, pens/pencil, stickers, and Mott's fruit gummies.
- We require a motion to approve \$400.00 on purchasing prizes for the BBQ.

Moved: Cheyenne Strong

Seconded: Cobie Romance

Unanimously Passed

Playground / Yard

- The Survey was a huge success, and we have lots of feedback that has been provided. The amount of feedback that we have been provided with was 79 submissions and those submissions have provided us with some great ideas on what they would like to see. I have been working on sending out emails to get ideas and pricing information from companies. Next year we will be focusing on fundraising for our school yard and create a subcommittee to help with this.
- Fundraising will be in full force next year to help start to raise funds for this.
- We will need to have someone apply with CRA to get Charity Status as a non-profit. We will need this number from CRA to start applying for Grants. I have been told that it takes a long time to get this number. Does anyone want to take the lead on this to apply with CRA?

Field Trip Request

Request #1 – Grade 1 Students

Dear Parent Council,

We are requesting \$5.00 per student for all Grade 1 students to attend a field trip at the Assiniboine Zoo. We will be doing a self-guided tour of the zoo for the day. This lends itself well into our study of the daily and seasonal changes as well as characteristics of needs of living things. The total cost for the day is \$10.00 per student. We are looking to decrease the cost for each student to \$5.00. The bus will be covered by the school.

The total cost requesting is 57 students x \$5.00 = \$285.00.

All adult supervision will have free admission. Thank you for your consideration!

Mme Hernandez, Mme Carnegie, and Mme Melo.

Moved: Desirae Mercer

Seconded: Cheyenne Strong
Unanimously Passed

Request #2 – Grade 2 Students

Dear Parent Council,

We are requesting \$5.50 per student for all grade 2 students to attend a field trip in June at The Manitoba Museum. We will be taking part in 2 different sessions. The first session is called Legends of the Northern Sky. The second session is "La croissance et les changements chez les animaux." The total cost for the day is \$10.50 per student. We are looking to decrease the cost for each student to \$5. The bus will be paid by the school.

56 students x \$5.50 = \$308

We will have to pay for 7 adults to enter which as well will be an additional \$38.50.

The total cost would be \$346.50

Thank you for your consideration!

Stephanie, Rayna and Mackenzie

Moved: Cheyenne Strong

Seconded: Cobie Romance

Unanimously Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:56PM

Next Meeting date is for Wednesday, June 5th at 6pm