

**Ecole Assiniboine Parent Advisory Council
Minutes – March 6, 2024**

Call to Order – meeting held virtually due to weather concerns

6:09 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. Tara Smith
7. Mary Oscarson
8. Laura Koslowsky
9. Angela Hickey
10. Hannah Hanania
11. Cyrene Pagaduan

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved: Angela Hickey

Seconded: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

Approval of the Minutes:

Moved: Angela Hickey

Seconded: Michelle Klassen

Unanimously Passed

President's Report

- Since the last meeting we have had two successful fund lunches. As well the clothing sale opened and order will close on Friday the 8th. We had to reschedule teacher appreciation to May due to some scheduling conflicts.

Treasurer's Report

Current Account Balance: **\$15564.72**

Breakdown

Playground Improvement Fund	\$4000.00
General Revenue/Fundraising	\$5088.91

Milk Program carryforward	\$1992.99
Milk Program 2023/24	\$2491.08
Pizza Lunches	\$1637.61
Pizza Donations	\$354.13

- Jan pizza lunch proceeds were \$432.39
- Feb pizza lunch proceeds were \$389.18 (+ \$12.50 pending deposit)
- Milk
 - Pending cheque - \$17.64 (oat milk purchase before order)
 - Feb Milk payment - \$800.64
 - Feb Milk Deposit - \$180

Current funding requests

- Grade 4 trip to Children’s Museum \$199.50 – Trip Feb 29 (School will advise when payment is due)
- Grade 2/3 trip to Symphony \$656.00 – Trip April 4
- Outdoor equipment – Spring up to \$250

Principal’s Report

We currently have 315 students and 36 staff members. Since our last meeting, we had a very enjoyable I love to read month with many guest readers including Leah Gazan and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Staff and students also dressed up as their favorite character in a book as well as took part in a I love to read assembly. Our Kindergarten Information evening was a huge success. Thank you to Andrea who came and spoke about the Parent Council and how new parents can get involved in the school. Our grade 4 and 5 choir students went to Résidence Despins in St. Boniface to sing traditional folk songs to celebrate Le Festival du Voyageur. Our grade 4 students participated in a field trip at the Children’s Museum and the Grade 5 students went to the Human Rights Museum. Thanks to the Parent Advisory Council for supporting these field trips. Our grade 5 students participated in the Basketball Friendship Tournament at Stevenson School. They were very excited to wear our new school jerseys (pictures on Instagram). Our grade 4’s will be participating in Basketball at Stevenson also this week. March is a busy month with many upcoming events such as the Music Festival for the grade 3 students at Linwood school. We will be celebrating La Journée de la francophonie – or francophone culture day. Watch for more information coming home soon. We also have students who are participating in the Project Fair presenting their projects on the evening of March 20th. There are some upcoming bowling field trips as well. Parent-teacher conferences will be on the evening of April 11th and the morning of April 12th. The Kindergarten to Grade 2 concert will take place at 1 pm and 6:30 pm on May 1st and 2nd. Finally, we are so pleased to have been approved for a second grant

from the Child Nutrition Council which will enable us to expand our nutrition program to Friday mornings as well as one afternoon snack per week.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Pizza Lunch – No pizza lunch for March, Proposed date of April 17th or 24th. Will be discussed at the next meeting

New Business

End of School Year Party

Date of June 13th was chosen, with June 4th being a back up in-case there is already a division event booked. This will be confirmed in the very near term to allow the booking for any catering and games.

There will be no rain day, as it is not feasible to cover the cost for alternative dates, should there be inclement weather the gym will be used for the food and socializing.

- Smoking Bobs is booked to offer food for sale
- Parent council will provide a dessert
- Andrea is still investigating entertainment options

Our name has been changed to a “Parent Advisory Council”

This will necessitate a bank account change, Michelle will follow up. The constitution will also need to be changed, Andrea will investigate.

Grade 5 farewell – T-shirts will be ordered from Brick Shirt House for \$9 a shirt. Mme Burnett will follow up with families and we will have a vote for funds next meeting.

Moved – Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second – Mary Oscarson

Passed Unanimously

French Classes - The board decided that this initiative would be too costly, but Canadian Parent’s For French will host a session in partnership with our parent council to discuss the services and supports they offer.

Adjournment 6:45

Next Meeting April 9th