Heritage School Parent Advisory Council Meeting

October 6th, 2026 at 6.30 pm

The meeting was held: in the Heritage School library, in person

In Attendance:

Terri Warner
Marianna Artcybasheva
Amanda Korbutiak
Eirini Andrioti
Edis Schmidth-Watt
Stephan Schmidth-Watt
Jessica Saunders
Kristen Poirier
Leah Wishanski
John Tiwi Miller
Ailsa McKeen
Natalie Wilder
Deanna Bailey
Kim McPherson
Mitchell McPherson
Daryl Maltman
Lynda Duke

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – current and new members introduced themselves.

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2. **Objective and Role of the Parent Advisory Council:**
   - To work together with the school to support and enhance educational experience for students, and to bring the community together.
   - Fundraising – to help contribute financially to school activities and projects (offset field trips, school supplies cost etc.)
   - Organizing extra events – to make the school even better and positive place for students and their families.

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3. **Vice-President's Update:**
   - Meeting Agenda.
   - PAC Executive Members – the positions of a President and a Secretary are currently opened, and a full board of 4 executive members will need to be elected to form new Heritage Parent Advisory Council.

- PAC Report for the 2025-2026 school year:

  ✓ We had 8 meetings during the year – 7 in person and 1 via Zoom.
  ✓ Last year we fundraised a total of $1749 and organized:
  - 2 Fun Lunches: A&W and Swan Pizza ($94)
  - 2 School Dances: Halloween Dance ($675) and Spring Dance ($190)
  - 2 Fundraisers: Get Stuffed Winnipeg ($635) and Kernel's Popcorn Sale ($155)

  ✓ We helped to support the school with:
  - Zoo Field Trips ($400 contributed)
  - Symphony Orchestra Field Trips ($332 contributed)
  - Teacher Appreciation Week Bundle ($70 spent)

  ✓ Current balance of the Parent Advisory Council is around $10000 (the number will be updated at the next meeting with a Treasurer's Report).

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4. **Principal's Update:**

- Successful start of the year
- Literacy and Reading Programs
- Universal Screening – Grades 1-3 students will be assessed for reading skills (in the beginning, in the middle and at the end of the year, respectively).
- School Assemblies – as usual once a month.
  Terry Fox Assembly - in the end of October (more information to follow).
- Report Cards and Celebration of Learning are coming in November.

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5. **Elections of the Parent Advisory Council executives:**
   - Discussion of the roles and responsibilities.
   - **President:** Marianna Artcybasheva was nominated, all voted in favor.
   - **Vice-President:** Leah Wishanski was nominated, all voted in favor.
   - **Secretary:** Kim McPherson was nominated, all voted in favor.
   - **Treasurer:** Amanda Korbutiak was nominated, all voted in favor.

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6. **Upcoming Activities:**
    - Halloween Howl Dance:
        - Date and time: October 27th 6.00 – 7.30pm.
        - Volunteers are needed for: DJ, decorating the GYM, selling the tickets at the entrance, handling 50/50 lottery, selling food, preparing photo booth, after party cleanup.
        - $6 Entrance for a family, $5 with a tin for a bin, food: $2 chips, $1 water
        - Marianna, Eirini, Kim – gym decoration.
        - Vanessa – to prepare a Halloween Dance poster.
        - Amanda - to purchase more decorations, chips, drinks, glow sticks, photo backdrop.
        - Amanda – to apply for a lottery license.
        - Marianna – to purchase prizes for 3 extra 50/50 draws.
        - Kim – to create a sign-up sheet to determine other volunteers and responsibilities.
        - Terri – to check the date if gym is available, send out email about the Dance.
        - New ideas to make a Tattoo Station and a Silent/Activity Station.
        - Planned budget for the Dance expenses – approximately $250.

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7. **Other Business:**
    - First Fun Lunch will be discussed at the next meeting.
    - Marianna – to add new members to the PAC WhatsApp chat.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3th at 6.15pm

Meeting adjourned: 7.55pm