

Phoenix school Parent Council Meeting
October 29, 2018
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

- Y. Dube - President
- A. Ramrattan- Vice President
- S. Guarino - Treasurer
- K.Fontaine - Secretary
- L. Daniels – Principal
- K. Andranistakis – Teacher representative

Meeting Minutes:

1. Called to order 7:00pm
2. Review of minutes N/A
3. Principles report

A. Phoenix School Code of Behaviour:

- a. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that each school has its own Code of Behaviour.
 - i. All the elementary schools in St. James-Assiniboia have the exact, identical Code of Behaviour almost copied 100% from the province’s model. Essentially, the only thing that has been changed is the name of the school.
 - ii. Everyone is required by the Department of Education to share with the entire community the school’s Code of Behaviour in the very first newsletter each fall and to present it at the first parent council meeting.
 - iii. It is on our web-site.

- B. **Terry Fox Run** was held on September 27, 2018. The monies go directly to the Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba Division.

School Year	Terry Fox Donations
2018-19	\$395.95
2017-18	\$388.60
2016-17	\$440.30
2015-16	\$395.15
2014-15	\$359.75
2013-14	\$317.00

In the past 6 years, Phoenix School and its parent community have raised \$2296.75 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The generosity of our parent community is greatly appreciated.

C. Restitution: *This will continue at Phoenix School.*

- a. Phoenix School staff members have all been trained in Restitution as of November 1 & 2, 2017. Everyone has their Level 1 certificate and two staff members do have more levels of training.

- i. Restitution is defined as a creative approach to discipline, which recognizes that children / adults make mistakes and that these situations provide opportunities for students to take responsibility, choose effective behaviors and create positive solutions.
- ii. In Restitution, it is O.K. to make mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes regardless of your age. We learn from our mistakes and we learn how to atone for our errors and fix the problem so that it does not happen again.
- b. The school will be continuing with its restitution assemblies. There are 5 planned for this coming school year.
 - i. There is a large group of grade 4 and 5 students who perform role plays for the student body on specific, behavioural incidents which have occurred at the school either on the playground, in the classrooms or in the school.
 - ii. The incidents are paired with specific elements of Restitution theory which will be reviewed for the students and modelled for the teaching staff.
 - iii. Ruth Hargrave, the divisional expert on Restitution, usually portrays the duty teacher, the classroom teacher and sometimes, lunch supervisors. The school considers these valuable teaching dramatizations and as teaching sessions, we usually do not invite family members to observe.

D. READY, SET, KINDERGARTEN!

- a. Ready, Set, Kindergarten is an activity-based program being hosted by Phoenix School for children born in 2013 and 2014. *This is the third year for this program.*
- b. The 3 and 4 year-old children explore, with their parent(s), a variety of hands-on activity centers. The centers are designed to build the child's confidence and capabilities to grow their skills as they get ready to take the next steps to Kindergarten.
- c. The sessions are planned from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the school in the gym. The activities are based on a free-flowing concept. The 3 and 4 year-old children will choose the activity they are interested in and the children will decide how long they wish to stay at the center.
- d. The centers stations emphasize the concepts of:
 - i. Literacy (e.g. rhyming, phonemes, etc.) activities
 - ii. Numeracy (e.g. patterning, sorting, etc.) activities
 - iii. Fine motor activities
 - iv. Gross motor activities
 - v. Language activities
 - vi. and a healthy snack.
- e. The following dates have been planned:
 - October 25 (completed 8 children participated)
 - November 29
 - January 31
 - February 28
 - March 21
 - April 25
 - May 9
 - This is a total of 7 sessions.
- *The school is no longer partnering with MacDonald – Headingley Recreation District.* The costs of the program will be paid for by the school. This is in the fourth year.
- To register for the program, Ready, Set, Kindergarten! please call the school at 204-889-5053.

E. READY, SET, Move! A Parent / Tot Activity Session

Ready, Set, Move! A Parent / Tot Activity Session is a physical activity hour *co-sponsored by Sport Manitoba and Phoenix Elementary School*. It is 1 hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for 8 different sessions and each session will be held in the Phoenix School Gym.

The physical activity program will be for children ages 2 to 6 and their parents.

There will be lots of physical activity to keep everyone moving and enjoying the fun of physical activity.

The sessions will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the school gym on the following dates:

- ~~October 5~~
- November 1
- December 6
- January 10
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2

At the first session, we had about 10 little people ages 2 about 4 (one sibling was 6.)

To register for the program, Ready, Set, Move! Parent / Tot Sessions please call the school at 204-889-5053.

F. Manitoba Theatre Center touring play:

“TORN THROUGH TIME”

FEBRUARY TO MARCH, 2019

An MTYP Production

Jess is in the middle of a writing assignment on one of her heroes and it's not going well. Frustrated, she rips the pages out of a library book that include three important, but relatively unknown women, who became historical trailblazers: Thanadelthur (a Dene peacemaker from the 1700s), Helen Harrison (one of the first Canadian female pilots from the 1920s) and Rose Fortune (the first North American female police officer from the 1780s). Jess has to figure out a way out of this time-bending predicament, and in doing so, discovers something about the nature of heroism.

Grades 1 to 5

Cost: \$650.00 + GST = \$682.50

Motion #1: That Parent Council cover half the costs of the Manitoba Theatre for Young People touring play which is \$682.50 divided by 2 = \$341.25.

Motion #2: That Parent Council cover half the costs of the Indigenous singing / drumming workshops which is \$1600.00 divided by 2 = \$800.00

Motion #3: That Parent Council pay the costs of the afternoon buses for the Winter Concert which is \$194.25 x 2 = \$388.50

Review of financial support requests: **Parent Council**

Requests for Financial Support 2017-18

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance This column adds up.
MTYP Touring Play “Torn Through Time”	\$682.50 divided by 2 (support from Parent Council) = \$341.25	\$341.25

Indigenous Drumming / singing workshops	\$1600.00 divided by 2 (support from Parent Council) = \$800.00	\$1141.25
Buses for Winter Concert	\$194.25 x 2 = \$388.50	\$1529.75
Cover overage of Student Fees	\$240.70	\$1770.45

Last year, the school requested financial support of \$2527.25 and in 2016-17 Parent Council supported the school financially with \$2,699.95.

G. Indigenous Education:

- a. The school division Indigenous Education, Richelle Scott, is working on Treaty Education with our students. She is currently working with Rooms Kindergarten, Room 3 and Room 16. She will be working with three other classrooms starting in November.
- b. Indigenous singer / drummer workshops for all classes.

H. Student Fees Allocations:

**Student Fees
2018-19**

There are 119 families which is a fundraising amount of \$2380.00.

Activity / Event	Cost	Balance \$2380.00 This column subtracts down.
MTYP Touring Play "Torn Through Time"	\$682.50 divided by 2 (support from Parent Council) = \$341.25	\$2038.75
"Comet in Moominland" workshop by MTYP	\$518.70	\$1520.05
"Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" workshop by MTYP	\$378.00	\$1142.05
Indigenous Drumming / singing workshops	\$1600.00 divided by 2 (support from Parent Council) = \$800.00	\$342.05
Buses for special event	\$582.75	-\$240.70

I. Stop, Drop and Roll:

- a. The school will be sending out a message to parents about a new plan designed for the safety of the students.
- b. Rationale: To prevent an accident as children leave their parents' vehicles and have to cross Alboro Street at busy time of the morning.
- c. The school would like the children, who are being dropped off in the morning by their parents, to use the parking lot at the McDonald-Headingley Recreation Center. The school would have intermediate students there to show students how to enter the playground from this drop-off point in a safe manner.
- d. The school would like to suggest that the traffic flow in a southerly direction. To approach the U parking lot from the north coming from Roblin Blvd. and to exit south along Alboro Street. It is

our hope that the traffic congestion would be reduced by people entering the north road entrance and exiting the south entrance and then driving around the block to drive into the city.

- e. The school is hoping to suggest this “Stop, Drop, and Roll” on Monday, November 5th.
- f. The school will be monitoring this plan carefully.

Stop, Drop and Roll

Motion to approve by L. Daniels , seconded by Y. Dube. All in favour. (motion approved)
Email will be sent home with map for clarification.

Motion #1

Parent Council cover half the cost of Manitoba Theatre for Young People play which is \$341.25 . Motion to approve by L. Daniels, seconded by A. Ramrattan. All in favour.

(motion approved)

Motion #2

Parent Council cover half the cost of Indigenous singing /drumming workshop which is \$800.00. Motion to approve by L. Daniels , seconded by S. Guarino. All in favour. (Motion approved)

Motion #3

Parent Council pay the costs of afternoon buses for the winter concert which is \$194.25x2=\$388.50. Also to cover overage of -\$240.70 from special events. Motion to approve by L.Daniels, seconded by Y. Dube. All in favour. (Motion approved)

4. Treasurer’s Report

Audit report received by L.Daniels

Cheques for hot lunches received by Treasurer.

Show and Save made \$3262.50 for parent council.

AGM BBQ made \$325 for parent council.

5. Current Business

Winter concert tickets/volunteers

Hot lunch orders for January need to be discussed

6. Other business

Succession planning

Next meeting December 3 @7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 9:00pm