

Ecole Assiniboine Parent Council Minutes – December 6th, 2023

Call to Order

6:04 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. Desirae Mercer
7. Jennifer Hernadez
8. Cobie Romance
9. Jaqueline Bertie
10. Merlyn Schlamp
11. Rhea Epp
12. Angela Hickey
13. Genalyn Camu

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved: Cobie Romance

Seconded: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

Approval of the Minutes:

Noted that Cobie's Name is spelt incorrectly in last minutes

Moved: Cobie Romance

Seconded: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously Passed

President's Report

-Babysitting will be offered on a volunteer basis by Charlotte Hannah, Daughter of Hailey Gagnon-Hannah Secretary

-Pizza Lunch was a huge success, over 190 families donated to the slice fund, so we won't have the donation option for the next few pizza lunches. We also had a great volunteer turn out, people were reminded that if they are willing to volunteer we are always looking for new recruits.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$13,107.25

Breakdown by Fund

- Playground improvement \$4000
- General Revenue \$2171.88
- Milk Program Carry Forward \$1992.99
- Milk Program 2023 \$4099.22 (payment pending of \$1287.81)
- November Pizza Lunch \$395.02
- Pizza Lunch Donations \$448.14

Total pizza donations totalled \$475. Due to the overwhelming amount, the donation options have been removed until further notice. These funds will be used as the school sees fit for the upcoming lunches. The cost of the pizza is the only amount that will be de deducted.

Milk Program update:

Milk program has been going very well. Total milk purchases have been \$4080 for the month of October and \$750 for November. Deposits are made just after month end and payments are given to the distributor on the First Thursday of each month.

Chocolate oat milk has been voted on to offer as an alternative. The tickets will be sold in sheets of 10 for \$22.50. The student have been contacted that requested a dairy free milk option and they are interested in this option. M. Charrette has been in contact with the distributor and will work on a date of delivery once we get an idea of how much is ordered.

Principal's Report

We currently have 316 students and 36 staff members.

Since our last meeting, our grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Handball Friendship Tournament at Stevenson School. We had some more students participate in Salon Days at SJCI. Our Ecole Assiniboine choir, Orff and Hula Hoop Club presented at our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Our Celebration of Learning Conferences were very well attended. We had a Metis Heritage week where students participated in various activities such as beading. Our teachers also participated in some professional learning with Professor Tanya Lemoine from the Universite de Saint Boniface. Parent Council held their Pizza Lunch which was a huge success! It's been a busy month and we look forward to our upcoming Winter Concerts on December 20th and 21st. More information will be sent home soon.

Committee Reports Fundraising

Mom's Pantry fundraising happened, pick up will be December 8th, 3:30-6:00 Rhea Epp will help Angela with this event

Pizza Lunch – Andrea suggested we have these lunches once a month.

Moved: Rhea Epp

Seconded: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Unanimously passed

New Business

Fundraising

Bake Sale for the Winter Concert Dec 20th and Dec 21st, evening performance only . Hailey and Andrea will organize, other volunteers welcome. A motion was put forward to budget \$100 for supplies and create a \$200 float.

Motion: Angela Hickey

Second: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Passed Unanimously

Clothing Sale, Logo is available, Andrea will investigate suppliers and provide info at the next meeting

February fundraiser – we will decide on a February fundraiser at the January Meeting. People are welcome to bring suggestions

- Treat Day – Andrea suggested that rather than monthly treat days, we spend \$250 twice annually to augment seasonal outdoor toys. Money will be given to the outdoor committee in December and April

Motion: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Second: Cobie Romance

Passed Unanimously

- End of Year Party – The Parent Council will host a family fun year end party, details will be determined closer to the date, current plan is to have free activities and food for purchase, fundraising efforts will be augmented to support this event.
- Funding Request – Music teacher requested \$656 for a symphony field trip. Due to budget constraints at this time it was suggested that we approve \$200 and see if more can be provided closer to the event.

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Hailey Gagnon-Hannah

Passed Unanimously

- Funding Request – Grade 4 teachers had requested \$660 for an oak hammock marsh trip, but this is no longer an option. We voted to reallocate this funding to a grade 4 field trip to the children’s museum. The budget will likely be lower, teachers to follow up with Parent Council

Motion: Rhea Epp

Second: Desirae Mercer

Passed Unanimously

- Other New business

Hailey will organize teacher appreciation in February. This will be a volunteer initiative and will not use Parent Council Funds

The idea of parent French classes were brought forward again, Mme. Burnette said she would follow up with the trustee.

The idea of support for children from war affected regions was brought forward. Mme Burnette shared that many resources and programs are already in place through the school, the division and community organizations.

Adjournment 7:42 pm

Next Meeting Jan 10th, 2024