

## East Kensington Outdoor Learning – Parent Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 2:30pm

**Attendance:** 1 staff (Keri Stanger), 9 parents (including executive PAC committee members)

### Updates and comments from administration – Keri Stanger

- **Parking lot:** It is ok for older children to be dropped off and to walk (safely) from the parking lot to the school, in an effort to minimize congestion in the parking lot at drop-off. Keri has communicated this to Jan (crossing guard).
- **After school etiquette:** Keri is noticing that during after-school hours, tools and equipment are getting used (e.g., large loose parts, etc) and not being returned to their homes and some things are getting damaged (e.g., broken plants). Please supervise children and encourage them to return items to where they belong if they are used during after-school hours and monitor that they do not break items.
- **Remembrance Day assembly:** This will be taking place on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Those children that are in Scouts, Cadets, Brownies, etc may wear their uniform during the assembly if they wish to do so.
- **Catchment meeting at Sunnyside Elementary:** Keri and Joanna attended this meeting that was held to discuss catchment and boundary changes with the addition of new schools being built. Keri wanted to let all EK families know that the catchment changes will not affect EK students at this time. EK will be going through the process of becoming a “choice” program and will move towards a lottery for new students (all siblings of current students will be admitted). If you have further questions or concerns about this, please speak directly with Keri. There will be a town hall meeting at Halls Prairie soon.

### Fundraising initiative updates – Gab & Tracy

- **Apple Fundraiser:** Approx. 81 cases were sold (\$2370 sold; \$486 of that comes directly to us). Big thanks to Ryan and Jessica Weemhoff for their help with this!!
- **Wreaths:** This will be pre-order only this year and will include poinsettias.
- **Purdy’s:** Catalogue to be distributed approximately the first week of November.
- **Jennifer Betteridge (family photographer):** She has generously offered to donate a certain amount of money back to the PAC for family photography sessions scheduled. She will put together information to send home with families with more information.
- **Pub night:** Will start to plan this soon. Venues and dates TBD.
- **Santa Breakfast:**
  - **General Info:** This will take place on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm. We are preselling tickets this year and there will be two food seatings: 11am – 12pm and 12:30-1:30pm. It will be first come, first served based on submitting

information on the tickets. Tickets will be \$5 for each plate. Cash or cheques will be accepted, along with “Square” – parent Kathy will be at the schools on Tues/Thurs mornings in order to accept credit card payments.

- **Food/Drinks:** Coffee will be provided for parents, and will have a water cooler for all (please bring water bottles!). Food will be sausage, pancakes with fresh fruit topping. Amanda (parent of two students at the school) will make a gluten free pancake mix for those that require this.
- “Santa” has confirmed his attendance and we may also have a Mrs. Clause.
- Jennifer will be doing photos on the stage. There will also be vendors, a 50/50 draw, and raffle tickets sold on the day. We are still accepting vendors of hand-made goods (speak directly to Tracy Reid, parent, if you know of a vendor or are a vendor that would like to participate).
- \$600 budget for this event has been approved.

### **Financials**

There was a discussion about the need for a single source of incoming money as currently, there are funds coming in through a variety of avenues, including personal bank accounts of PAC members. Lisa suggested looking at switching to Envision Financial. Joanna and Leah will approach them and see if it is possible to switch based on what we are needing. If so, we will make the switch to Envision. If not, it was agreed to switch RBC.

### **Sponsoring a Family**

Amanda brought up the possibility of doing this. She has a system for doing so and will start to organize this in discussion with the school based on a family in need.

**Next parent meeting: Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Please note, that if the weather is dry, the meeting will take place outside in the pergola.**