

**ELLENDALE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 27, 2021**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome to Parents:**

- Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Executive and 1 parent in attendance. Nicole, Shayla and Leah were unable to attend.

**2. Adoption of Agenda and Additional Items:** - Motion to approve the Agenda.  
CARRIED

**3. November Minutes:** - Adopted

**4. Principals Report:**

Ms. Matthews advised that approximately 1/3 of the students from the "blended" program have returned full time. This has affected the class configurations. There is now a K-1 split class. The number of divisions has not changed. There are a total of 150 students at the school.

Grade 4 and 7 students will be taking part in the FSA testing in March.

Grade 4 students may be randomly selected to take part in an Interactive Reading Assessment.

Grade 4 students will also be taking part in a UBC Social/Emotional Learning study.

A notice will be sent home regarding Valentine's Day and COVID-19 protocols.

Ms. Matthews will talk directly with Shannon R to arrange the next Fun Friday.

The school will be audited on March 4, 2021.

The Playground was completed for approximately \$60,000.00. There was \$7,275.84 left over from an RBC business development grant to the school. Ms. Matthews is looking into the following three (3) ideas to use the \$7,275.84.

- a) Refurbish the Hockey court;
- b) Refurbish the Basketball court; and
- c) Purchase two (2) picnic tables, to be placed in the front grass area of the school.

A total of \$803.72 was spent on the Christmas craft project.

Ms. Matthews advised that the school will be getting new wifi.

There was good participation in the After School Program.

The students have been behaving very well. There have not been any problems at the

school.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **1. Chair and Vice/Chair Report:**

- a. Nothing to report

### **2. Treasurers Report:**

- a. Funds from the Gaming Grant can be used to cover the cost of the Christmas craft project.
- b. GIC matures May 27, 2021. PAC will need to discuss what we are going to do with it.
- c. MB motions to pass the Budget. BUDGET PASSED

### **3. Hot Lunch Report: - no report**

### **4. Fundraising Report:**

- a. Express Bottle Drive/ BottleDepot account set up. Discussed sending a notice out to inform Parents of the account and advise that the PAC would like to raise "x" dollars over a few days to motivate parents.
- b. Flip Give is set up. No update.
- c. Cookbook - Proceeds to be used for Ipads and Tech equipment.
- d. December Neufelds Order - raised approximately \$654.00. SH has arranged for a second Neufeld Order. Forms will go out in May. Delivery date will be June 9, 2021.
- e. Virtual Christmas Market raised \$270.00
- f. SH will put together reminders regarding fundraising and send it to Ms. Matthews for use in the Newsletter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Grade 7 Graduation planning to be done. Will be revisited in February.
- b) MB will look into Tech Grants that are available to the school.
- c) Ms. Matthews will look into whether there is a Canadian Tire, sports equipment grant available to the school.
- d) Ms. Matthews will look into whether Canada Post has any grants available to the school
- e) Gym mats have been removed from the school as they were over 25 years old. Ms. Matthews advised that the replacement cost for 30 mats is \$4,299.90 (30 x \$143.33/mat).
- f) The Ipads are aging. The school needs at least 30 for student use. Currently they only

have about 16. Ms. Matthews will check with the District to see if the District can provide the school with more Ipads.

g) We will revisit using the Gaming Grant in February, once Ms. Matthews finds out if the school has any funds available to use for the Gym mats.

h) Ms. Matthews "What the kids need":

- Access to good working equipment (i.e. gym equipment, computers)
- Spirit Wear - This would be fantastic to bring the school together.
- Ping-Pong Tables (portable) - for fitness and fun. The tables could be used inside as well as outside.
- Ms. Matthews will get numbers and timeline together for the February meeting.

i) CARE & CONCERN FUND/PROGRAM

- The Office currently spends approximately \$200/month to feed 5 to 11 students breakfast and lunch daily.
- MB put forward a motion to move \$1,000.00 from the money budgeted for sports equipment to the Care & Concern Fund/Program. The \$1,000.00 is to cover costs through June 2021. SH seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

j) The Office will begin posting the PAC Minutes (minus financials) on the Ellendale website for parent viewing.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 P.M.**

**Next Meeting: Fbbruary 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**