

ELLENDALE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
VIA ZOOM

1. Call to Order and Welcome to Parents:

- Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- Executive and Ms. Mathews in attendance.

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

3. June Minutes: - Motion to approve. CARRIED

4. Principals Report:

- a) Maintaining healthy, safety and learning is top priority.
- b) student count is at 150 students in 8 divisions with 2 blended divisions. K-3 being taught by Ms. Meyer and Ms. Davies and Grades 4 to 7 being taught by Mr. Yuan. There is a total of 33 students in the blended program.
- c) Currently, there are not as many families in need as the school anticipated. Today, the Surrey Fire Department delivered healthy foods and snacks to the school in the annual drive.
- d) There are 3 to 4 kids in the Breakfast Club. As well, there is clothing left over from donations of jackets and winter clothing from last year.
- e) Spiritwear - Ms. Matthews and the staff would like to organize Spiritwear for the staff, students and school community. Either by way of a fundraiser or PAC assistance to purchase.
- f) Ms. Matthews has been brainstorming how parents can be involved, given the restrictions with Covid-19. The District wants schools to limit outside contact with the schools. Currently, no traditional hot lunch program is allowed. The students are not able to use the Ipads, computers and other cart items because of the restrictions.
- g) Playdough (assorted colours) - 4 classrooms would love it if the PAC could make individual ziploc bags of playdough for each child, as no sharing is allowed. The teachers prefer the playdough made with cream of tartar. Ms. Matthews will find out the number of students who need playdough and advise Shannon R. and Nicole P. who have volunteered to make the playdough.
- h) Ms. Matthews would like to find a way to have a pumpkin patch at the school so that the students can pick out their pumpkins. As well as a way the students can do some taste testing of various types of Apples.
- i) Other ideas include:

- Performers at the school;
 - Hands-on activities (preferred by the staff), such as pantomime, small group performances, bird sanctuary.
 - NASA (online/virtual): K-7 workshop with astronauts in space and at the space station. NASA does this virtually and during school hours.
 - Gym, body building program, physical activities.
- j) Halloween - the students will be dressing up on October 30th for Halloween.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

1. Chair and Vice/Chair Report:

- a. Reminder that the AGM is October 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- b. Vice Chair will try to attend DPAC meetings. If she is unavailable she will advise the Executive so someone else can attend.

2. Treasurers Report:

- a. All Gaming reports have been filed. We should know by the end of October how much money we will receive. Gaming has not reduced funding because of the pandemic. In previous years, the PAC received approximately \$2,700 annually.
- b. PAC Year End is June 30th.
- c. GIC matures end of May (\$10,000 deposited to GIC in February 2020)
- d. The remaining PAC funds are divided between a general and high interest savings accounts. In light of pandemic, Treasurer recommends limiting spending to \$8,600 per year for the next three years. This amount does not include the Gaming Grant or additional fundraising monies.
- e. 2020/2021 Budget - two additional ETA, counsellor, workers will be added to Classroom support funding.

MB motions to approve year end Financials. AV seconds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Fundraising Report:

- a. Express Bottle Drive/ BottleDepot account set up. Limited to 40 labels per month. Use school telephone number when dropping off bottles with label. Monies sent by cheque to the school
- b. Flip Give is set up. Purchasing of e-gift cards online - school gets a percentage back.
- c. Cookbook - Shayla will get the papers and info resubmitted to the school so the cook book idea can move forward.

- d. Other fundraising ideas include:
 - Christmas Poinsettias and wreaths.
 - Neufelds Frozen foods order
 - Kernels
- e. Shayla will also investigate obtaining bales of hay, etc. for the pumpkin patch idea.

4. Hot Lunch Report:

- a. Traditional Hot lunch program not allowed during the pandemic. Possible solutions include packaging lunches by Division and leaving them at the outside classroom doors. Subway and Pizza Hut will package meals up by Divisions for delivery to the school.
- b. "Fun Fridays" - to provide treats for the students such as popcorn, ice cream, cookies, freezies, etc.
- c. Shannon R. and Nicole P. will arrange to meet virtually with Ms. Matthews to discuss further options and possible solutions to the PAC can continue to support the students in this way.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BCCPAC Registration:

- MB motions to register for BCCPAC, SR 2nd. MOTION CARRIED
- Ellendale will be registered for the BCCPAC for the 2020-2021 school year (\$75 annual fee). (AV to do this)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01P.M.

Next Meeting: AGM - OCTOBER 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.