

Ecole Regent Park - Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

Attendance:

Corinne Wyatt – President

Lucia Grande – Principal

Heather Fleming – Secretary

Michelle Ritsema - Treasurer

Kendra Mazur

Tracey Ginter

Janet Lee

Carlynn Bryga

Sarah Thiessen

Kelly Hebert

Gisele Cox

1. **Call to order/Welcome:** Call to order by Corinne at 6:31 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Gisele
3. **Review and adoption of minutes** –

Motion to adopt minutes – Gisele

Seconded by –Kelly

4. **Chair Report** – nothing to report
5. **Vice Chair Report** – Nothing to report

6. **Principal Report** – Lucia Grande

School enrollment – 569 students 95% capacity

Highlights at ERP

- We are now in the green zone of the Pandemic response plan. Cohorts in grade 4-7 remain in place for now. More flexibility around outdoor gatherings.
- Grade 6-8 badminton and cross country has started.
- Grade 4-5 extracurricular activities are starting up again.
- We have coordinated Track and Field Days for all grade levels this year (on various days)
- Field trips outside of the school have been planned: Museum of Human Rights- grade 8- Oak Hammock March- Grade 7 in the upcoming weeks. All grades will be planning excursions over the next while.
- All grade 4 students continue to have small literacy groups twice per week. This project is supported by a grant we received to hire to additional staff members from our RETSD language consultant. We started with English Reading and phonological awareness, then we focused in on French Reading and Phonological awareness, and this third round, we will be focusing in on writing in small groups with strategies that support generating ideas creativity and sentence structures.
- Grade 8 student council are running **EARTH WEEK** at ERP.
- We applied to the Living Prairie Museum, Naturalist Services Branch of the City of Winnipeg to receive a butterfly garden with 70 plants and we received the allocation to our school this year! We are involving our grade 4 and 5 students in the process, and we will be meeting with the Nature Education Coordinator by end of the month.
- Informational School tour for grade 3 students entering grade 4 next school year is potentially scheduled for June. 6th.

- 2022-23 school year we will have 21 homeroom classes. Approx. 530 student total. Slightly down from this year due to the grade 4 students placed back into EMU and EC according to the new boundary changes announced a few months ago.
- New Head Custodian- Patrick Girard. New Full Time Clerk- Shelby Durand
- The mobilization site for the ERP construction zone will be occurring this week. Attached, you will find a few pictures of the new gym and grade 4 classroom design.

Dates to remember:

- **No School- Monday, April 25th- Coordinated day**
- **No School, Monday, May 23rd- Victoria Day**
- **No School- Friday, June 3rd- Coordinated Day**

Requests:

Festival du Voyageur activities- Maple Syrup Taffey plus school wide ceinture fléché student made (materials) Total- \$800.00 not to exceed.

Reading Materials for Classroom Libraries- \$100.00 per classroom (24 classes) \$2400.00

Grade 8 Farewell- We will not require money for the DJ or decorations as in past years. We will be having a grade 8 farewell for the students on June 29th at Bird's Hill Park. We are requesting not to exceed \$400.00 to cover bussing, activities, lunch, and small token for our students.

7. **Vice Principal Report** – nothing to report

8. **Secretary Report** – nothing to report

9. **PAC Fundraising report** – nothing to report

10. **Playground Report** – Given by Heather (for Becky)

Playground committee will meet shortly to discuss future fundraising and grant applications. PAC will need to approve Bylaws and a Constitution in order for grant applications to be submitted.

11. **Lunch Program report** – nothing to report

12. **Treasurer's report** – Given by Michelle Ritsema

Playground account received a \$200 donation which brings the account up to \$3600.00.

Main operating account is at \$5734.97.

\$5000 returned from funds borrowed to start the raffle.

\$299.75 donated for staff appreciation.

\$582.18 paid out for staff pizza lunch and treats Monday and Friday. Coffee, doughnuts, etc.

\$25 was paid out for a gift card from the fundraiser that was supposed to be a \$50 card. Person was south for the winter and used card when they came back. It happens.

There have been some requests for money for 3 situations:

Gisele made a motion for no more than \$800 to be spent on the February Festival Du Voyageur activities, exactly \$2400 to be spent on books for the classrooms, which is \$100 per class, and no more than \$400 to be spent on upcoming grade 8 grad for bussing, activities, lunch, and small tokens for students.

Secunder: Heather

Vote: all in favor

13. Old Business:

- Constitution and By-Laws – Chris Peterson (sent by email) - I created a draft for the PAC's By-laws. I'll forward the draft to the PAC to review and can finalize for the next meeting in May.
- Further discussion at the meeting is that the Constitution and By-Laws need to be reviewed by a few members of PAC before next meeting. Corinne, Gisele, and Kelly volunteered to review them, along with Chris and Becky, who have already been working on them. They will need to review the rough draft in about the next 2 weeks so that the final draft is ready for the next meeting in May to be put to the whole PAC to be voted on.

14. New Business: Heather discussed the May meeting to be the next AGM.

Heather put forward a motion to declare the May 17th meeting as the AGM.

Michelle seconded the motion.

Vote: all in favor.

15. Motion to accept all reports

Motion by: Gisele

Secundered by: Kelly

16. Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm

17. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th @ 6:30pm and the AGM will follow that meeting.