

Erickson Parent Advisory Council

AGM

November 17, 2022

Call to Order 6:39PM

In attendance; Alexandra Lozada, Marnie Marcischuk, Laurie Bachewich, Jonathon Proven, Trish Johnston, Kathy Soltys, Tricia Robson, Emma Monias, Jennifer Ritchie

Agenda approved

Review of last meeting minutes – not enough members at the last meeting to vote on approval.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment by Laurie Bachewich

Principal's report:

- PAC will be joined between the high school and elementary schools, meetings will alternate between schools.
- New document released by Manitoba Government as part of truth and reconciliation titled Mamàhtawisiwin "The wonder we are born with". It is an Indigenous education policy framework. The principles and strategies have always been part of the curriculum but now are set out as an actual policy framework. The document can be accessed online at https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/iid/docs/mam%C3%A0htawisiwin_en.pdf. It is a useful document for everyone to read and includes a history of Canada, timelines, term glossary etc. The document is organized to be able to guide teachers and administrators of all grades, including early childcare and has many resources listed along with videos and photos. The strategies will be implemented in both schools. EES has been doing a lot of what is discussed already and will continue. ECI will be spending time this year getting things going with the new staff and leadership.
- EES will have a Christmas concert, kids can shop Christmas breakfast and Christmas fun day in December. Grades 1-4 will be going to a Beauty and The Beast theater production in Brandon.
- ECI will have a Christmas dinner and some activities at the school the last week before Christmas.
- In October, 4 loads of food was donated to the local food bank from both schools.
- Also that month was the Halloween dance – lots of kids attended, there was lots of dancing and fun. This was followed by a Jets hockey game, Comicon and Bombers football game in Winnipeg.
- There have been many students and staff away with illness.
- ECI is in need of 3 EA's. Since the last meeting there has been 6 students added at ECI. We will include a request for additional EA's in the annual budget considerations letter to the division.

- We no longer have staff specifically for the canteen at ECI. In the past was a 2.5hrs per day position.
- ECI is opening a fitness center at the school. Received a \$2000 grant for equipment and set up. Still looking for equipment donations, Mr. Bayes will compile a wish list of equipment. Hope to be open for students by the end of December.

Treasurer's report:

- Balance in account is \$1507.11
- No recent transactions
- EES requested half the \$700 fee for the Beauty and The Beast field trip to be paid by PAC. This will allow all students to go at no charge to them. Kathy motioned to pay \$350, Jen second – Motion Passed

50/50 draw:

- Will include both schools, tickets will be sent home with youngest sibling
- Print at UPS store in Brandon
- 1000 tickets, \$5 each, Draw date December 21

Nominations for PAC board:

Chairperson – Alexandra nominated. Nomination accepted. Passed

Vice Chair – Jennifer nominated. Nomination accepted. Passed

Treasurer – Kathy nominated. Nomination accepted. Passed

Secretary – Trish nominated. Nomination accepted. Passed

Members at large – Emma, Jonathon, Roberta Tesar and hopefully more to come.

New Business:

- PAC will be sending a letter to the school board of trustees supporting a safe and inclusive space for all. The letter was discussed during the meeting. All members approve of the letter with the addition of Section 15: Equality Rights from the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15PM

Next meeting will be set in January 2023