

Prairieview Elementary Parent Council
Tuesday, March 21st, 2017

Present: Lorelee Wyatt, Mary Ann Fath, Lori Gair, Kelly Wickstrom, Edie Lundgren, Tracy Inaba, Ali Mundy (Teacher Rep), Morgan Fulton, Sarah Umscheid, Robert Strauss.

*Adam Schneider and Sue Macdonald send their regrets.

*Meeting was called to order: 6:35pm

*A quorum was present.

- Kelly Wickstrom noted that she was not present at the February 7th meeting.
- MOTION: Lori Gair made the motion to approve the minutes, as changed from the February 7th meeting.
- SECOND: Edie Lundgren seconded it.

Approval of Agenda:

- Sarah Umscheid asked to add "Fundraiser" on to agenda.
- Edie Lundgren moves to approve Agenda
- Lori Gair seconds it.

Business out of minutes:

* Pancake Sales:

- We will sell pancake mix for \$5.00 a bag to "fire sale" it and get rid of it.
- Lori will write up a letter to send home. The class that sells the most will win a pancake lunch.

* Award:

- School Council will sponsor an "Academic Achievement Award" to recognize the top students in each grade.
- Teachers will choose the recipients.
- We will need a plaque to display in the school and one for each recipient.
- Sarah will contact Bonnie Hansen from Brant about the plaques.

President Report: Nothing to report.

Principal Report: Tracy Inaba:

- See attached report
- Welcome teacher representative, Ali Mundy.

Discussion Items

- There has always been a Technology Fee, Agenda Fee and Supply Fee at VPE. Palliser has always waved the textbook fee. New government policy may not allow VPE to purchase supplies and have parents pay for them. Tracy is considering ways to be able to still provide this service. Parent feedback is that it is still well liked.
- Close to the same enrollment next year, around 186.

- Tracy considering holding a forum for parents to learn about class structures in May.

Trustee Report: Robert Strauss

- Budget- Per student funding has not changed, but other costs are rising.
- Based on the provincial budget, they could be looking at a \$1,000,000.00 difference from last year. Technology and School Fees may be impacted.
- The Board is following up on the 21 recommendations. All information and new policy is being shared with the community in several ways. Review dates will be built into the new policies.
- They are looking for an Ombudsperson who will be used and paid as needed.
- Another school is being added in Calgary.
- Thank you to Tracy and VPE for hosting the Leadership Conference.
- They are hoping to have a new superintendent by August/September. Garry Andrews is still acting superintendent.

Treasures Report: Lorelee Wyatt

- See attached report

Casino Account: \$38,927.17

Main Account: \$28,353.41

Foundation Account: \$90.59

*Would like to find common practice among classrooms for the purchase of food/milk card.

Casino Report: Edie Lundgren: Nothing to report

Hot Lunch: Lori Gair: See attached report

Room Rep; Sarah Umscheid: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sarah Umscheid wondered if we were looking for a new fundraising idea. Suggested growing pumpkins and selling them. Decided to finish off with pancake fundraiser before we explored anymore.
2. Last Day of School- one suggestion of taking kids to SABC for last day. Tracy will take the idea to staff.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 22nd, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56pm