

EB Parent Council November 15, 2023

1) Attendance

Chantelle R, Colette B, Fiona Gilbert, Erica S, Joy E, Jennifer T, Gerry Gaudet, Sara Martin

2) Meeting called to order 6:35

3) Agenda approved: Erica and Chantelle

3) Approval of draft meeting minutes: Joy and Collette

4) Update from School Admin- Gerry and Sara

- Outdoor learning space- enjoying the space, adjusting for the weather, supervision etc.
- EB hosted Canadian Parents for French event pumpkin carving.
- Grade 3 Concert success
- Halloween Day festivities: costume parade, it was a fun day.
- Remembrance Day Assembly: 4 navy members stayed and spoke with Grade 4 classes.
- Upcoming: next Monday PD Day- 4-year plan, numeracy games, PBIS: committee work- focusing on language for use.
- Dec 5&7 Student led conferences-5pm -8pm and book fair.
- Dec 14- Grade 1 Concert
- Staff Appreciation dinner Dec 5th. Need to have containers to help deal with leftovers.
- Breakfast room construction to start just before Xmas break. Completed approx. one month after.

5) Update from Fiona

- October is busy.
- Looked at modular requests for gov't. 22 additional for RVS. 7 for Cochrane. Gov't asked to fund the move of 12 additional modulars from Langdon and Indus. Total of 32. Requested for any schools at or over 100%. Likely won't hear back until early Spring from gov't.
- 5 modulars were approved from last year's request but not in place yet
- November- budgets and audits. RVS aware they will not be ending in as strong as financial position as had hoped. Some expenditures came in higher than expected. Reserves in 1-3% of operating budget. Means that there will be adjustments to budgets.
- EB getting additional dollars from what told last spring.
- Did not reach projections for enrollment (approx. 100 students less than projected). \$ Allotment based on per student.
- Weighted moving average: have been through full cycle (3-years). Underfunded by almost \$5M for RVS.
- Covid dollars (targeted grants) have not been announced yet and nothing received.
- Joint Board Student Council meeting. Presentation on PBIS. Next is on March 14, 2024.
- Board meeting tomorrow: Annual education results will come to board tomorrow. Satisfaction results. How we are meeting goals, accountability, etc.

- Discussion around ward boundaries (municipal election). Any changes need to be arranged in the next year in prep for election.
- AGM and conference Sun-Tues this next week- working with provincial school boards.
- Chantelle asked: where modulars are going- 3 at Fireside, 2 at CHS, 2 at CCA.

6) Fundraising

Collette- Hot lunch going well. 3 days to fill before Christmas break. Point of sale machine sorted for BP's. No one signed up for January list.

Chantelle- breakfast club still needing help. No help for rest of December. Dry goods portioning.

Retakes on 30th of October- just needed one parent.

Staff appreciation dinner on the 5th.

Joy- Apples have wrapped up. Don't have the totals yet.

Art Cards- Brie is helping Joy. 200+. Highest order yet.

Read-a-thon in February.

Manachaban kids helped with the apple moving. Was a great help.

8)Old Business: none

9) New Business- Staff Wellness

- survey went out to teachers. Results released. Across all RVS

Do you feel burnt out at your job? 84% yes

My job negatively affects my home life? 77% yes

- Joy- asking about \$ for staff (approx. 40 staff). How to make teachers/ staff feel more fulfilled
- Gerry- advised that words of gratitude from kids and parents mean as much as anything.
- Erica suggested a template and return to school in an envelope. "a project"
- Gerry- recognize all our non-teacher staff too.
- **Google Forms- What do you like about EB? How do my teachers make me feel? **Wordle
- Aim for a January project.
- Action item- create google form and feedback on that.

No December meeting. Next is January 17th then Feb 28th.

Adjournment- 7:16pm.