

Elgin Street Public School

Parent Council Minutes

September 21st 2016

In Attendance: Jen Strang, Kristin Wagner, Carrie Hearle, Janice Fraser, Courtney Rawson, Jen Nabney-Roy, Tonya Hampton, Sabeen Hussain, Wendy Bowker, Kristina Thoms, Nanette Connolly, Frankie Kekes, Sarah Mason, Barbara Csaints.

YMCA (Janice)

- Janice is currently the acting supervisor.
- The YMCA has a couple part time spots available in the preschool age group.
- There are spots available in the school age group (JK-6)

Child care (Jen)

- A high school volunteer will provide child care at every meeting. We will send out an email to everyone prior to the meeting, if you require care let us know so that we have the appropriate amount of volunteers. If you don't respond that you require care and do decide to come with your children and have not RSVP'd that you were going to do so there will not be spots for those children in our care as we have to keep our volunteer to child ratio.

Administration Report (Wendy)

- Welcome all the new teachers on the staff this year and we have a few teachers who have left.
- Meet the teacher was a great turn out. A lot of parents came out.
- Next week is emergency preparedness week. The kids will be practicing the emergency drills i.e. Fire drills, tornado drills, and new this year is a bomb drill.
- Friday September 23rd is a PD day and the teachers will be working on Math, Wellness and diving deeper into the EQAO. Board posted EQAO scores and math is across the board the lowest marks on the EQAO.
- Discussed applying for the pro grant to hold another family math night. Need to find ideas of how we can do it differently.
- Terry Fox run in on September 29th
- Had spirit wear out at the meet the teacher night. Sales will be through the school day site.
- New this year they are monitoring the photocopying and trying to keep it to a minimum.
- Eco team will be meeting soon.
- Kindergarten Troughs will be getting picked up this weekend
- Prices were given for some of the ideas for the kindergarten area. Still looking into a few other options to find a better price.

Pizza Lunches (Jen)

- We are keeping pizza days on Wednesday this year and staying with Titos. Starting October 12th, at first nutrition break. Pizza forms went into Teachers mailboxes September 21st. Will need volunteers to help hand out pizza on pizza days.

Nutrition for Learning (Kristina and Wendy)

- Our plan is to keep it the way it is being done now with the bowls of granola bars in the classroom and the bowls of other snacks in the office. The kids are welcome to come down and get them from the office as long as the teacher confirms that the food in their lunch bags is finished first.
- Looking for a volunteer to do the grocery shopping for the program
- A parent at the school donated 18 cases of Nestle cereal bars.

Milk Program (Jen)

- Milk program will start up again in October.
- We will continue to do one day week free milk.
- Need to make sure we still have a volunteer to hand it out during first nutrition break.
- Might set up another milk day a week that parents can have an option to purchase milk on the same day as pizza day.

Movie Night (Kristin)

- Movie night planned for October 19th
- Looking into what film can be played and will decide via email vote.
- Look into seeing what supplies we need for the popcorn machine.
- Check if we are in need of water bottles
- Volunteers for movie night on the 19th are Sarah M, Courtney R, Carrie H, Tonya H, Nanette C and Kristin W

Elections (Wendy)

- Chair is Kristina Thoms and co-chair is Jen Strang
- Secretary is Sarah Mason
- Treasurer is Nanette Connolly

Fundraising

- Fundraising added to the October Agenda
- No to MacMillans fundraising
- Kristina T motions to have a fall fundraiser through Fresh from Farms, Tonya H seconds the motion.
- Looking into what date the book fair was tentatively booked for this year.

Turkey Trot (Barb)

- Asked for a donation for \$100 for the turkey trot the week before Thanksgiving
- 4 x \$25 gift cards for the classes. 1x kindergarteners, 1x grades 1-2, 1x grades 3-4, and 1x grades 5-6.
- Jen S made a motion to donate the \$100 towards the turkey trot, Kristin W seconds the motion.

Next meeting is October 12th 2016 at 6pm in the library.