

EPS SAC Minutes
Monday February 28, 2022
Meeting conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams

Present via Teams: Rosa Richardson (Chair); Beth Cowan (Secretary); Joe Oldridge (Principal); Andria St. Germain (Vice-Principal); Dana Brown (MAL); Sonya Sartori (MAL); Lisa McDonald (MAL); Stephanie Phillips (MAL); Shay Freeman (MAL); Charlotte Hillis, Nikki Fowler(MAL); Shelley Smith(Teacher Representative)and Kelly Hotts(Community Member).

Regrets:Christie Paulton (Treasurer)

Welcome: Rosa Richardson (Chair) commenced the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Adoption of October Minutes: Motion to adopt January 2022 minutes made by Shay Freeman and seconded by Dana Brown. Motion carried.

General Business- Rosa Richardson (Chair)

Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO)

Book Talk-

- *How to Get Unstuck from the Negative Muck* (a kid's guide to getting rid of negative thinking), by Lake Sullivan PhD.
- Only able order in small quantities from Amazon.ca. Mr. Oldridge has four hard copies of the book available; please contact him if interested.
- Mr Oldridge contacted Book Depository to see if a larger order could be placed.
- The amount of participants enrolled will determine which journal will be purchased. (Book also has an accompanying journal available on Amazon.ca or buy from the Dollar Store).
- See program schedule below
 - Monday April 4th- Chapters 1-3
 - Monday April 11th-Chapter 4-5
 - Monday April 25th-Chapter 6-7
- Program flier with further information and RSVP details will be sent by Mr. Oldridge via hardcopy as well as electronically through Edsby and School Messenger. Deadline to RSVP Thursday March 10, 2022.

- Utilize break out rooms with ideal size of five to six people. Five breakout sessions can be done in an hour time period.

Fundraising

Consider fundraising opportunities at the school level in the spring; possibly the month of May. Discussion about adding in a bonus food day on a Friday from an approved vendor such as Pita Pit or Subway. Possibility for another Domino's Pizza Night Fundraiser in the early spring as well.

Financial Report - Christie Paulton (Treasurer)

Bank Balances as of Monday 2/28/2022

Food Days: \$3,564.31

Fundraiser: \$545.76

Playground Account: \$6,741.88

Grant Account: \$918.94- \$500.00 deposited September 17, 2021 annually by the school board.

Principal's Report- Joe Oldridge (Principal)

- February was very busy with report cards going home, Parent Teacher Interviews, the launch of our new website and Kindergarten Registration. Kindergarten registration is going very well.
- We had over 20 parents attend our virtual open house sessions and have 43 registrations currently.
- Basketball has started back up with school teams for both boys and girls.
- We have a new website with a more modern structure and graphics.
- Vaccination clinic at EPS on 2/23/22 from 3:00 pm-6:00pm had 37 participants with the event being deemed a success by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit

Vice Principal Report

- Picture re-take went well.
- Ontario Student Nutrition Program is providing an extra surprise snack and nutrition educational materials to coincide with March being National Nutrition Month.
- Opportunity to visit the intermediate classrooms to discuss anti-bullying.
- To support World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2022 (Monday) EPS will again "Rock Your Socks". This information will be shared with parents

on the school newsletter (see the calendar).

- Reminder that there is no crossing guard at the intersection of Brien and Gosfield. All safety/bus patrols are required to train for a day. These training sessions have been on hold due to Covid, which is why new safety patrols have not been utilized. Crossing guards are employed by the Town of Essex. There has been ongoing communication between The Town of Essex and EPS regarding this matter.

Teacher Representative-Shelley Smith

Mrs. Wells, Snack Program Coordinator, brought in fresh melon for the children to sample and they thoroughly enjoyed this treat.

Community Representative-Kelly Hotts

No new updates

New Business- none

Next Meeting: Monday March 28, 2022 @ 6:00 pm via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:02 pm made by Shay Freeman and seconded by Beth Cowan.