

## **SAC Minutes: Monday, September 23, 2019 @ 6:00 PM**

**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Bruno Pallotto. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

### **Nominations**

#### **Co-Chair**

Laura Vermeer - nominated by Laura Vermeer, acclaimed.

Kelly Stack - nominated by Kelly Stack, acclaimed.

#### **Vice-Chair**

Christie Paulton - nominated by Christie Paulton, acclaimed.

#### **Treasurer**

Heidi Spring - nominated by Heidi Spring, acclaimed.

#### **Co-secretaries**

Marianne Lee - nominated by Marianne Lee, acclaimed.

Beth Cowan - nominated by Beth Cowan, acclaimed.

#### **Members at Large**

Tina Mayer

Rosa Richardson

Lisa Sprinks

Rebecca Tonon

Rose Morand

Nikki Fowler

Amanda Park

Aaron DiPaolo

Shay Freeman

James Spring

Beth Guenther

Lori Fawdry

Rachel Gough

Stephanie Phillips

Dana Brown

#### **Staff Representative**

Shelley Smith

#### **Community Member**

Kelly Hotts

***Motion to exempt bylaw section 6B to allow board employees as members if they have identified themselves and abstain from voting in issues that may have conflict. Motion made by Kelly Hotts, seconded by Kelly Stack. Motion carried.***

***Motion to determine a quorum as 10 members – motion by James Spring, seconded by Rebecca Tonon. Motion carried.***

***Motion to allow online voting – motion by James Spring, seconded by Amanda Park. Motion carried.***

**Present:** Laura Vermeer (Co-Chair), Kelly Stack (Co-Chair), Heidi Spring (Treasurer), Beth Cowan (Co-Secretary) Marianne Lee (Co-Secretary), Kelly Hotts (Community Member), Shelley Smith (Staff Representative), Bruno Pallotto (Principal), Andria St. Germain (Vice-Principal), Christie Paulton (MAL), Christian Paulton, James Spring (MAL), Beth Guenther (MAL), Rebecca Tonon (MAL) Amanda Park (MAL), Rosa Richardson (MAL), Shay Freeman (MAL), Rachel Gough (MAL), Lori Fawdry (MAL), Rose Morand (MAL), Nikki Fowler (MAL), Stephanie Phillips (MAL)

**Regrets:** Dana Brown (MAL)

**Adoption of Minutes:** ***Motion to adopt June 17, 2019 minutes as distributed, made by Christie Paulton, seconded by Amanda Park. Motion carried.***

#### **Financial Report:**

Bank Balances as of September 23, 2019:

Chequing Account: \$ 3969.94

Playground Account: \$ 6491.88

Grant Account: \$ 778.01

-\$2768.50 for team uniforms

-\$3000.00 for curtains

\$1000.00 still owing for school laptops (as per motion carried May, 2019). Funds raised from first pizza day(s) will go towards amount due.

#### **General Business:**

##### **Childcare for SAC Meetings and School Council Liability Insurance**

GECD SB insurance does not cover SAC events. OSBIE offers general insurance for school council events (such as Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Lunch). Childcare for meetings would be also be covered under this policy. Cost of insurance is \$140.00 plus 8% Ontario tax for the year.

***Motion to purchase \$140.00 insurance policy for the 2019-2020 school year to cover SAC events from OSBIE made by James Spring, seconded by Rose Morand. Motion carried.***

A request was made to send an electronic copy of the insurance policy to all members following the meeting.

Laura Vermeer asked Kelly Hotts if Storybook Childcare Center could offer childcare during SAC meetings. No present members were interested in childcare for SAC meetings at this time.

### **Holiday Bazaar**

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2019

Discussion about acquisition of vendors commenced. Vendors are asked to keep merchandise at \$5 items and under. A request was made by James Spring to ask friends that have items left over from yard sales to donate to the Bazaar's re-gifting table.

***Motion to nominate James and Heidi Spring to head the Holiday Bazaar Committee made by Kelly Stack, seconded by Beth Guenther. Motion carried.***

Holiday Bazaar Committee Members: Christie and Christian Paulton, Rebecca Tonon, Shelley Smith, Beth Guenther, Shay Freeman, Rosa Richardson, Rachel Gough, Rose Morand, Kelly Stack, Laura Vermeer

### **Turkey Lunch**

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Kelly informed council that the turkey, stuffing, and corn will be donated by Executive Sous Chef Drew Verdam and the University of Windsor again this year.

Nikki Fowler asked for student volunteers to help take down tables following the luncheon this year.

**Motion to nominate Kelly Stack as chair of Turkey Lunch Committee made by Rose Morand, seconded Beth Guenther. Motion carried.**

### **Pizza Days**

Commence Monday, October 21, 2019. School cash online is encouraged as payment method this year. Cash orders will not be denied, however cash online is preferred. **Addendum:** Pizza Days will commence Monday, November 4, 2019.

### **Teaching Staff Representative Report:**

Grade 2, 3 and LST teachers (7 teachers in total) request permanent 100 block number lines on their white boards. They would like to purchase 10 sets of Unifix cubes, magnetic strips and glue sticks for a total of \$277.70.

Mrs. Armstrong requests support for the 2019-2020 school play. She requests \$1000.00 for overall production costs such as costumes, script, and set items. Both requests tabled until funds are available.

## **Principal's Report:**

### **Welcome and Thank You**

Superintendent Mike Wilcox is visiting tomorrow, and Mr. Pallotto will communicate the great attendance at tonight's meeting. Thank you to council members for their support and commitment to SAC, the staff and most importantly the students at EPS.

Thank you to custodians and secretaries for their hard work and dedication over the summer to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Student School Council Representative**

Grade 8 student (Colin Pyne) approached Mr. Pallotto about being a student representative at our SAC meetings. Members agreed it would be nice to have him present at our meetings. Mr. Pallotto will invite Colin to the next SAC meeting.

### **School Organization or 2019-2020**

Homeroom Listing was shared with SAC showing the number of kindergarten, primary, junior, intermediate, and GAINS homerooms at EPS for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Pallotto pointed out that EPS only has 3 combined grade classes this year.

Mr. Simone was recalled to a contract, but will remain at EPS as a RISE teacher.

Miss Sabelli was recalled to a contract, and therefore went to another school.

She was replaced by Mrs. Elford in Kindergarten.

Mr. Mark VanBelle is now a permanent daytime custodian at EPS.

### **Playground Equipment**

The small and large structures were open on the first day of school. Rubber surfaces on both equipment structures were repaired over the summer. The company repairs the rubber surface under warranty therefore, it was fixed with no expense to EPS or SAC.

Brick repair to the school exterior near the Kindergarten wing was completed over summer. Bricks were repaired where needed.

### **New Uniforms**

EPS coaches, students and staff are grateful for SAC's assistance in purchasing new team uniforms. Heidi Spring asked what EPS will do with the old uniforms.

Mr. Pallotto will discuss this with the coaches but he feels there will still be a need for the old uniforms in a variety of sports and running events (i.e. Junior school teams.)

### **Cookie Dough Fundraising**

Teachers will not be running a cookie dough fundraiser this 2019-2020 school year for specific events.

### **Electronic Communication**

The Board is moving towards posting items such as community flyers via Edsby. EPS has already started to place flyers (Triple P, spirit wear etc.) electronically via Edsby for parents to view.

Mr. Pallotto suggested SAC table a discussion about the use of Edsby until next meeting.

### **Math Learning**

GECD SB Math Professional Learning took place on Friday, September 20, 2019 for 65 EPS staff members. The main focus was on children's conceptual understanding in mathematics, the use of math tools in a variety of ways, and solving math problems using a variety of strategies, and fundamentals in mathematics. GECD SB sent home calendars with a math focus each month via QR code or by visiting the GECD SB website. The GECD SB Math Professional Learning October focus video was shared with SAC.

### **Vice-Principal's Report:**

Meet the Staff BBQ was a big success held on September 19, 2019. Thank you to Essex Rotary Club for barbecuing.

### **Important Dates:**

September 25: Bus patrol training at Co-An Park 9:30-11:30 AM

September 26: Terry Fox Walk Assembly and Walk 8:40-10:15 AM

September 30: Orange shirt day to support FNMI students and acknowledge those students who attended Residential Schools in Ontario

Character Assembly 8:45 The focus this year will be on respect

October 2: SWARG in Motion Walk 12:10-12:30 PM promoting daily physical activity and healthy lifestyles, Sarah Newton from the Aquatics Center will lead the activity pledge with students at noon. Members from the community are welcome to join.

October 9: Cross Country Meet (Rain date is October 15)

October 10: Picture Day for grades JK-8

October 21: Bus Evacuation drills for all students

October 25: Read/Walk-a-thon (Rain date October 28.) There will be prizes for top sellers and top selling classes. Prizes are only for those students who submit their money by October 25.

### **Spirit Wear**

Spirit wear is now available for purchase. Flyer came home and is also available on Edsby.

### **International Language Classes**

Late registration date of Saturday, September 28 was added. Classes are held at a variety of public school locations on Saturdays.

### **Triple P Parenting**

The program flyer was passed around to SAC members and is also posted on Edsby.

### **New Business:**

Mrs. Guttridge posts morning announcements that introduce multicultural diversity and events each morning.

### **Fundraising:**

James Spring discussed how difficult it is to hear students during assemblies and play performances. Since 2001, EPS has not updated the speakers in the gymnasium. James will get quotes to update speakers to help amplify students in the gym. He proposed a fundraiser could be done to help pay for the new speakers.

SAC discussed and agreed upon two fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year.

***Motion for Greeting Cards to be the Spring 2020 fundraiser made by Amanda Park, seconded by Beth Guenther. Motion carried. Amanda Park will be the main contact for this fundraiser event.***

***Motion for MacMillans to be the Fall/Winter 2019 fundraiser made by James Spring, seconded by Christie Paulton. Motion carried. Kelly Stack will be the main contact for this fundraiser event.***

**Date for Next Meeting:** Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm

### **Adjournment and Farewell:**

***Motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm made by Heidi Spring, seconded by Rose Morand. Motion carried.***