

SAC Minutes: February 22nd, 2016 @ 6:00PM

Present: Laura Vermeer (chair) (arrived at 6:30PM), Nathan Hill (co-secretary), Paula Munday (co-secretary), Tammy Meloche (principal), Bruno Pallotto (vice-principal), Heidi Spring (Treasurer), Kelly Hotts, Marianne Lee, Susan Smith, Susan Wyatt, Jody Wipp, Nicole Patrick, Shelly Smith (teacher representative).

Regrets: none

[The meeting was chaired by Nathan Hill, co-secretary, until Laura Vermeer arrived]

Welcome: Thanks to Paula Munday's EDHS foods class for providing us with a delicious selection of baked goods for the meeting tonight.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion to adopt minutes from January 2016 as distributed made by Heidi Spring, seconded by Nichole Patrick. Carried.

Principal's Report:

Kindergarten Open House: This event was well attended, and there were many registrations (~40) that resulted. EPS typically receives about 23 registrations that evening and usually 60 by September. At this point we are not sure if people are just registering early or if there will be increased enrollment next year. Regardless, this is a positive message for EPS

Playground Areas: There are several areas on the playground that are not able to be used when the ground is wet. One of these areas is near the play equipment (under a tree) and the other is in the kindergarten yard. There is an individual from the plant department coming to check out the kindergarten area and see what options we have there and could also offer suggestions for the other area as well. Council may want to spend money on this at some point in the future.

Grade 7 (Schmidt) CPR: Thanks for subsidizing the cost of the CPR training for this grade seven class—their training already taken place. Training for the other classes will take place soon.

Math Learning: Laura Vermeer has kits from the Ontario government that will help parents inspire their kids to learn to love math. The kits come with a USB stick so that the files can be download to a computer. We can order more of these kits if people like them and want to use them.

Math Task Force: A group of program people and principals are coming to work with the EPS staff concerning specific items on the board's vision for math education. They will help EPS look at data concerning student achievement in math and pinpoint the needs here at EPS. Tammy Meloche demonstrated "number talks," a math strategy used in the classroom to help students with number sense.

CAT/INSIGHT Testing: These tests are being used at EPS as a screening tool for things that are relevant to learning outside of reading, writing, and math. CAT is for grade two and INSIGHT is for grade seven students.

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EQAO: These standardized tests will take place around the end of May and into June for grades three and six students.

School Cash Online: We now have the ability for parents to pay for school events online, and in the next while we will do a test run of this. We plan to offer something that can only be purchased online so that parents can become accustomed with the service. After this we will expand its use to other things like milk, field trips, and pizza days.

Custodian Update: Mr. Vincent was our regular daytime custodian for many years, however he retired last year. To replace him we have Gary Dupuis (came to us from Kingsville). Also, our evening custodial staff includes Carmen Scratch and Mark Vanbelle.

[Laura Vermeer assumed the chair of the meeting at this point.]

Vice Principal's Report:

Growth Mindset: Thanks for partnering with the school to bring in Saidat. It was a wonderful assembly with great feedback from the parents. Her message tied in well with what the students are hearing about a growth mindset, and the staff will reaffirm her messages.

Twitter Update: We now have over 200 followers at EPS Phoenix! We are picking up parents, students, and community members as followers.

Character Assembly: This Friday at 10:55 is the monthly character assembly. It is also a school spirit day, and so students are encouraged to wear school house colours as well as crazy socks. Everyone is invited to attend.

Financial Report:

Bank balances as of February 22nd, 2016:

High Interest Savings Account:	\$10,092.14
Chequing Account:	\$5,764.75

General Business:

Fundraising:

Vesey's Seeds:

- 1) Paula Munday's student counsel will put together the fundraising packages that will include a covering letter for parents. These packages will be placed in the teacher's mailboxes sometime after March 4th.
- 2) Two members of SAC as well as members of the Eco Team from EPS will visit classrooms to promote the importance of fundraisers like this. The fundraising packages will go home with students that day (before Easter).

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- 3) The completed forms will be returned to EPS, compiled into an order sheet, and sent off around the middle of April.
- 4) Once the order arrives we will need SAC members to participate in sorting and bagging the orders as well as delivery to students. We would like this to take place before the long weekend in May.

Domino's—Jody Wipp: Jody Wipp has set up a Domino's Pizza fundraiser for our school's milk program. Between the dates of March 1st and April 12th EPS will receive 10% from all orders that use our special school code (provided to families on a flyer that will be sent home with students).

Also, Mrs. Armstrong would like to do a pizza fundraiser for the school's spring play, and Jody Wipp has secured a deal with Domino's where we can purchase eight pieces for \$8—Domino's meets the ministry of education's nutritional requirements.

Motion to do pizza days once each month by Susan Smith, seconded by Susan Wyatt. Carried.

PRO Grant Update: The health unit is ready for our parent night presentation; however, the date has to change because the A1 fundraiser is the same night. The new date is Monday April 11th and will include a welcome preamble from Tammy Meloche, presentation by the health unit, snacks, and then breakout groups with the teachers who will be teaching as well as informal Q&A with the presenters.

Profile of a Principal: Nothing more to add tonight. If anyone has additional information for this document, please send it to Laura Vermeer.

Reimburse Unauthorized Spending: Items were purchased the day of the holiday bazaar for the hot chocolate station, and council needs to approve reimbursement for these items. The amount was about \$45 and Heidi Spring has the receipt.

Motion to reimburse these funds made by Susan Smith, seconded by Jody Wipp. Carried.

Laura Vermeer reminded council that reimbursements are only done with cheques (not cash), and purchases must have council approval before they take place.

New Business:

None

Date for Next Meeting: Monday March 21st, 2016 @ 6PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:06PM made by Nicole Patrick, seconded by Kelly Hotts. Carried.