

## **SAC Minutes: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 @ 6:00PM**

**Present:** Laura Vermeer (chair), Nathan Hill (co-secretary), Paula Munday (co-secretary), Tammy Meloche (principal), Bruno Pallotto (vice-principal), Heidi Spring (Treasurer), Nicole Patrick, June DeVries, Shelly Smith (teacher representative), Susan Wyatt, Christine Pyne

**Regrets:** Marianne Lee, Kelly Hotts, Jody Wipp

**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 February 2016 as distributed (with some grammar corrections) made by Heidi Spring, seconded by Nicole Patrick. Carried.

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

**Green Heart Lunch:** Dennis, the owner of the lunch service, has requested feedback because orders are down at the school. Perhaps the novelty has worn off and things are busier for parents now? We will continue to remind parents and students that they can go online to order as well as using the paper form. At the end of the year we can assess the usefulness of this service at the school.

**Hats on for Health Care:** Mrs. Dufour Rickeard initiated this school-wide fundraiser with proceeds going to support the mental health programs at Windsor Regional Hospital. Students were able to wear a hat in school if they donated \$1 to the cause. The school raised over \$500!

**Mental Health Seminar Series:** Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships for Youth—a seminar being held at the Roma Club in Leamington. These are useful seminars that parents might be interested in. For more information, you can contact Mr. Pallotto.

**Track and Field Meet:** The annual track and field meet will be held at EPS on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Lock-Down Drill:** Just like fire drills, there will be a practice lock-down drill coming up early in April.

### ***Principal's Report:***

**Playground Areas:** The plant department is having a company provide the school with a quote to put up a new fence that will reorganize the boundaries of the Kindergarten play area so that students do not play in the wet area. This will likely be quite expensive, and so discussion on this item will continue in future months.

**Play and DPA Equipment:** EPS has received \$1700 dollars to purchase some durable equipment for play and daily physical activity (DPA). These funds were provided by a combined effort between school boards, the health unit, Canadian Tire, and other sponsors.

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### ***Financial Report:***

Bank balances as of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016:

High Interest Savings Account:	\$10,097.75
Chequing Account:	\$4,665.43

### ***General Business:***

#### *Fundraising:*

*Vesey's Seeds:* The feedback we have received is that people are happy with the products and pricing.

*Domino's—Jody Wipp:* April 12<sup>th</sup> is the final day for this fundraiser.

*Mabel's Labels:* The web site for orders has been changed, and so has the level of commission we will earn. EPS will earn 20% of whatever parents purchase, and the school will receive a cheque each time our commission reaches \$50. We currently have \$16 of commission in our account. Christine Pyne will prepare flyers for the end of May so that parents are aware of this for the summer camp and back-to-school seasons.

*PRO Grant:* We need to consider our PRO grant application for next year. If we have ideas, we can share them with Laura. We talked about math, reading, and writing at the school and if there is an obvious area to tackle. Mrs. Meloche said that on EQAO tests, EPS scored better at writing than reading and math at both grades 3 and 7. This conversation will be ongoing.

*Profile of a Principal:* Christine Pyne has volunteered to craft this document specific for EPS. GAINS is one of the unique features of our school, and our school is very accessible because of this. The Aviva Grant (which was used to install play equipment) was supported in large ways by the community, and so community involvement is important. We have both rural and town kids at EPS, and a future principal must be able to work with lots of outside agencies because of the special needs of the students at EPS (more than some other schools).

*New Equipment for JSK Playground:* June DeVries has requested some new play equipment for the Kindergarten area such as trucks, airplanes, and other things like this. We have a wooden wagon for kids to play with, but the sides keep coming off. Chalk and hopper balls—yellow balls with a handle on top that kids can bounce on—are also requested. Finally, June suggests that we paint arrows on the sidewalk so kids can all drive in the same direction. We will see how successful our Vesey's fundraiser is before we decide what we can purchase. In the meantime, we will ask the community for donations of equipment that is sturdy and will withstand rough play.

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***New Business:***

*Closure of Playground Equipment:* The surface beneath the play equipment does not absorb the impact that it was designed for when it freezes. Therefore, all play equipment is closed from December 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. These dates may be extended or shortened depending on the weather conditions.

***Date for Next Meeting:*** Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 6PM

***Adjournment:*** Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM made by Nicole Patrick, seconded by Heidi Spring. Carried.