

SAC Minutes: November 19, 2018

Present: Bruno Pallotto (Principal), Andria St. Germain (Vice Principal), Heidi Spring (Treasurer), Beth Cowan (Co-Secretary), Marianne Lee (Co-Secretary), Kelly Hotts (Community Member), Shelley Smith (Staff Representative), Dana Brown (MAL), Amanda Park (MAL), Christie Paulton (MAL), Kelly Stack (MAL), Margaret Fournier and Paul Tonon.

Regrets: Laura Vermeer (Chair), James Spring (MAL), Stephanie Phillips (MAL), Karin Fedak (MAL) and Paula Munday (MAL).

Motion to accept Kelly Stack as acting chair for tonight's meeting made by Beth Cowan and seconded by Marianne Lee. Motion carried.

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Kelly Stack.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion to adopt October 18, 2018 minutes as distributed made by Kelly Hotts and seconded by Heidi Spring. Motion carried.

Teaching Staff Representative Report: Motion to allocate \$54.15 for Cross Country Team pizza (requested per Mr. Lamb) made by Amanda Park and seconded by Christie Paulton. Motion carried.

General Business

a)Pasta Day Debrief- Committee reported that there was plenty of hot pasta and apples. Concerns shared regarding one or two pans that had burned pasta on the bottom. Total loss of pasta was estimated to be about ¼ of a pan among the seven. It was suggested that the GAINS classrooms should have been served with the upstairs classrooms due to their lunch and recess schedule and also that additional helpers (possibly Grade 8 students) be available to assist the younger children carrying several of the lunch items. Profits were \$598.00 in total (198 orders).

b)Pine River Cheese Fundraiser- This option would replace the cookie dough fundraiser. Profits can vary 25-35% and will take about two weeks to fulfill the order. SAC may choose to mark-up items to increase profits. Open discussion regarding this fundraiser. Motion made by Marianne Lee to table fundraiser discussion; seconded by Heidi Spring. Motion carried.

c)Profile of a Principal- Heidi Spring will contact Jody Wipp to collect prior notes. Although this document is not mandatory, it would be advantageous for SAC to continue with its development. Collaborative efforts are welcome. Please contact Kelly Stack.

d) EYC Program- Free tutoring in several subjects available for students 12 years and older at the Essex Youth Centre. This information was posted on the EPS Twitter feed along with a flier that was sent via email to grade 6-8 teachers.

Financial Report:

Bank Balances as of November 19, 2018.

Chequing Account: \$10,436.00. Pizza in Oct \$1,296.50; consisted of three weeks.

Playground Account: \$7,020.86

Grant Account: \$718.49 no updates.

Bruno Pallotto reported that the soccer nets have been ordered; the sound system is in the building; purchase for stage curtain pending.

Principal's Report:

Parent teacher interviews were held Thursday, November 15, 2018. Edsby was utilized to book parent teacher conferences; positive feedback was received. EPS is endorsing the use of Edsby as a communication tool. All interactions on Edsby are monitored. Please inform Bruno Pallotto with questions or concerns regarding Edsby.

Bruno Pallotto shared the importance of supporting children's mathematical learning at home. Mathematics focuses on different models to solve problems. EPS is utilizing and improving upon existing tools in the classroom to serve as models to help with problem solving. A Math and Technology resource list was distributed to EPS students.

EPS has a concussion protocol and will adhere to it accordingly. All EPS staff completed a mandatory training on this as well. Students also have mandatory concussion training which includes a power-point on safety awareness and symptoms. Students are encouraged to report any incidences of head injury to the office.

Application for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at either Leamington DSS or Riverside SS for the 2019-2020 school years is due December 7, 2018.

Mental health counseling services will now be available to children six and under via Children's First. Fliers disseminated to families.

PA Day Friday November 16, 2018- GECDSB staff embarked on mental health training which focused on students who have experienced trauma in their lives.

EPS has partnered with University of Windsor's Psychology Department on a study about inclusion and acceptance. John Freer will provide lessons on inclusion and acceptance to Grade 4 students on a weekly basis throughout 2018.

Vice Principal Report:

Character assembly will be on Friday November 30, 2018 at 1:15 pm and will highlight responsibility for your community.

After school programs currently offered on a weekly basis: Bricks for Kids. A robotic session will run in the spring.

Read-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon fundraiser generated over \$16,000 in funds. Winning classes will have their pizza party on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Math and technology handout for parents to support at home learning has been disseminated.

Andria St. Germain is investigating Mad Science, Brixology, School House Chess and Imagine Arts Academy as areas of interest for 2019.

Big Brother/Big Sisters is an eight week (60-90 min per week) social skills program that will be coming soon to EPS.

Bullying prevention week will feature a visit from VIP Officer Sarah Werstein on December 7, 2018 to discuss cyber bullying to grades 4/5 and 7/8. Very soon EPS will have a boys and girls club to build social skills and positive peer relationships with students in grades 5-8. Kindness announcements and kindness board continue daily at EPS.

School outside play equipment is closed for the season.

Green Heart "Feed it Forward" Program has allowed EPS to provide seven deserving students each week with hot lunch. Additionally, three each week are gifted as part of EPS' Phoenix Feather draw.

General Business:

Amanda Park announced that Essex Gospel Community Church (Pastor Brent Horner) has made a \$5,000 donation to the hot lunch program.

Coats for Kids donation box is located outside the main office and will be collecting winter apparel until the holiday season.

Annual Bazaar is Thursday November 29, 2018. Donations for gift table and bake sale needed. **Please ensure that baked goods contain a list of ingredients; no nuts or nut containing products should be incorporated.**

Date for Next Meeting: Monday January 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment and Farewell: Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm made by Heidi Spring, seconded by Kelly Hotts. Motion carried.