MINUTES

Elora Public School Council

Nov 8, 2022

**Virtual Attendees:** Andrea Catteau, Catherine Black, Paula O’Donnell & Sheila Bauman

**In-Person Attendees:** Curt McQueen, Rachel Albano, Alison Negrave, Colette Bayani-Thody, Kim Blair, Shannan Noorlander & Angela Massey

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Rachel & Colette)**

**2. Attendance**

**3. Approval of Minutes from Sept 20, 2022** – Minutes from Sept 20, 2022 were distributed to all who attended. Minutes were read individually & approved.

**4. P/VP Report (Curt)**

**4.1 Labour Updates**

-There are no updates

-Hopefully in-person school will stay as is

**4.2 Remembrance Day at school and the Cenotaph**

- Curt sent an email to all parents on Nov 8th

-There will be a full school assembly at the start of the morning Nov 11th

-All grade 5, 6, 7 & 8 classes will be walking & attending the services at the Elora cenotaph. Some younger classes might be joining as well. This communication will be sent to parents from each teacher.

-The names of local veterans will be posted in the front foyer on Nov 11th for all students to view

**4.3 Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences**

-Progress reports will be available on-line starting Wed. Nov 16th.

-Tech support will be available from Paola for those who need it

-Paper copies are available upon request

-Curt will be sending an email to all parents in the next few days explaining the progress reports and what to expect

-Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 24th & 25th and will be booked on-line

-The format of the Grade 7 & 8 interviews is still to be confirmed with each student having multiple teachers

-Teachers are also available outside of the Parent Teacher Conference dates for one-on-one meetings

* 1. **EQAO Results**

-EQAO results from last spring (May) were just released

-A Level 3 & 4 result represents the Provincial standard & above. The numbers below represent the % of students who have met or surpassed the Provincial Standard.

-These results will be reviewed & examined further where required.

-Individual student results will be forwarded to parents

**Grade 3 EQAO - Percent at Level 3 and 4**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Math** |
| **School** | 81.4 | 70.4 | 66.6 |
| **Board** | 73.3 | 64.1 | 56.1 |
| **Province** | 73.1 | 64.9 | 59 |

**Grade 6 EQAO - Percent at Level 3 and 4**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Math** |
| **School** | 92.2 | 84.2 | 30.8 |
| **Board** | 87.1 | 85.9 | 46.0 |
| **Province** | 84.9 | 84.1 | 47.2 |

Dates to Note

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 16 - Progress Reports available online for parents

November 24 (after school/evening) - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 23 - Pink Shirt Day (Part of Bullying Prevention Week)

November 25 - PA Day - Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, December 22 - Start of Winter Holidays

**5. Teacher Reports (Curt)**

Volleyball

-Soccer & football are now finished. Volleyball try-outs are happening now and intramurals will start soon.

River Run Class Trip

-All grade 7 & 8 classes plus Mrs. Farrell’s class went to the River Run Centre last week for illabilities performance.

-It was a huge hit with everyone

-Linamar sponsors the River Run performances

Sledge Hockey

-Sledge hockey is starting for grades 7 & 8. Younger grades will have an opportunity in the winter.

-Mr. Speers is the head coach for the board and Mr. Gear will also be coaching EPS students this year.

Games Club

-Games Club is open for Grades 1-8

-In November they played Uno

Allies for All

-Currently this is for intermediate grades but the school is looking to add junior grades as well.

-The group looks at both equity and accessibility in both the school and local community.

-Currently they are researching celebrations around the world and creating an equity calendar. The students create write-ups for the different celebrations and make announcements on these occasions.

**6. Treasurer Report (Shannan)**

- The current budget is outlined below.

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| **Elora Public School Council 2022/2022 Treasurer's Report | NOVEMBER 2022** |
|  | DEBIT | CREDIT | TOTAL | **NOTES** |
| **ACCOUNTS** |
| SC Fundraising |  |  | $ -  |  |
| SC Fundraising Community Building | $ 2,340.50  | $ 2,161.75  | $ (178.75) | -BBQ cost for staff paid by council |
| SC General |  |  | $ (36.32) | -end of June costs for staff gifts and lunch |
| SC Landscaping | $ 169.50  | $ 2,119.42  | $ 1,949.92  | -tree maintenance in courtyard |
| SC Playground |  |  | $ 1,567.06  | There is also $4,190 in UGLF that is allocated for the playground. Total funds for playgrounds are $5,757.06. |
| SC Parent Involvment Fund |  |  |  |  |
| Upper Grand Learning Foundation |  |  | $ 4,600.00  | $4,190 allocated for playground, $410 remaining. |
| **TOTAL OPENING BALANCE:** | **$ 7,901.91**  |  |

\*The Upper Grand Learning Foundation account is for donations towards awards, etc. This account has a charitable number associated with it so tax receipts can be issued for funds deposited to this line item.

**7. Fundraising Committee Report (Alison)**

-The following is a rough draft of planned fundraising activities for the 2022/2023 year

November (& beyond): Geddes Street Market Gift Certificates

-Rachel to connect with Geddes Street Market to pursue (some of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards new sport pinnies)

December: Baskets Raffle

-Classes will soon receive information & pick a basket theme for their class

-Students will be asked to bring in an item for their class basket (if possible)

-Parent Council will wrap each class basket

-Each student will receive 10 tickets to enter in the basket draws of their choice

-Financial donations will be encouraged from parents

-A draw will take place for each basket close to the holiday break

January

-TBD

February: Sled-a-Thon

-Kids are sponsored & get to sled on a particular day

-Class with top fundraising will receive a treat

April/May

-Plant sale

May/June

-Evening event including food, activities & auction (silent &/or live auction- tbc)

-Paula knows of a live auctioneer that may be able to assist with auction

-There was a suggestion to try and offer auction items involving school staff (i.e. pie in the face, babysitting, etc.)

\*It was initially planned to have Fundscrip fundraising in November. The committee decided, that although this is a great idea, this idea will be pursued early next school year. Salem Public School is also in the midst of rolling out this program so the fundraising committee will monitor the workload & success of this program for consideration next year.

\*Art cards created by the students was a fundraising idea also discussed and may be reviewed for next year.

**8. Follow Up from Playground Meeting (Curt & Colette)**

-Curt & Colette met with a company “Open Space Solutions” to get the wheels in motion with playground ideas and determine what is available. Open Space Solutions have worked with many municipal contracts.

-As part of the initial process, the company will draw up plans with no commitment.

-Only very rough ballpark numbers were discussed. There needs to be much further discussion for a proper estimate.

-Three formal quotes are required before the committee can make any commitments.

-Three potential concept areas were discussed with Open Space Solutions…

1. Area 1: A more traditional but modern play structure where the old playground was
2. Area 2: A Nin-Ka style play circuit over in the green space where the natural soccer goal posts are
3. Area 3: A sensory play pocket/ ground level features area near the back pathway

\*A catalogue & website are available for viewing with potential concepts/pieces.

-Curt suggested that the fundraising committee start by developing a campaign including a letter with past history, property map, photos, concepts, etc. that can be presented to potential donors.

-The fundraising committee will need to think of additional ways to raise significant money (i.e. donors, service clubs, etc.). The recognition piece will need to be researched with the board rules, etc. prior to developing a campaign – some information is available on the board website under policies/rules.. Corporate/private donors will be harder to recognize than service clubs.

-Tax receipts are possible if the funds are submitted to the Upper Grand learning Foundation account.

-Colette has agreed to follow up with Open Space Solutions to relay ideas and request a proposal.

**9. Other Business**

-Colette suggested that School Council arrange for insurance for any events happening outside of school hours. It can be done through the board and the total is $167 for the year. It was also mentioned that the insurance rate might be pro-rated to reflect that the school year has already started.

-Colette mentioned 5 upcoming events being held by the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) at the Board level.  They are being held in partnership with the Catholic Board and Pine River Institute.

* Thursday, November 17: Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part 1
* Thursday, December 1: Parenting for Positive Mental Health, Part 2
* Thursday, January 24: Understanding and Managing Screen Time
* Thursday, February 16: Connection and Empathy in Response to Behaviour
* Thursday, March 23: Understanding Addiction and Addictive Behaviours.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

- February 7, 2023