

ECKS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

École Charlie Killam School, 4809-46 St. Camrose AB

In Attendance

- i. Karen Smith - **Chair**
- ii. Angelique Kovacs - **Secretary**
- iii. Stephen Hoyland - **Principal**
- iv. Grace Ducet
- v. Adut Mabior
- vi. Chris Fransen
- vii. Darlene Fransen
- viii. Tracey Burnett
- ix. Susan Kelndorfer
- x. Rebekah Bonzi

UNAPPROVED

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Welcome and introductions all around.
3. **Approval of the agenda**
Motioned – Darlene
Seconded – Tracey – all in favor, passed
4. **Approval of prior minutes**
Motioned – Grace
Seconded – Tracey – all in favor, passed
5. No business arising from the last minutes.
6. Staff Representative Report – N/A
7. Student Report
 - 2 grade 6 students are excited about coming to the next meeting.
 - Possibly get representatives from each grade.
8. Principals Report
 - a) School Budget
 - Stephen submitted the SGF Report.
 - Drama's balance is \$10,135.69 which is going to be used to purchase a C-can for storage and play rights for an upcoming play.
 - School Projects balance is \$33,964.43 which is the Parent Council fundraising profits. This will be discussed more in new business.
 - Student Union's balance is \$10,302.80 which needs to be spent.
 - An Arctic Explorer is booked for a presentation

ECKS Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Jan. 29/19

UNAPPROVED

- b) Concession Changes
 - For the past 2½ years concession has lost money, not sustainable.
 - A new system of “pre-orders only” has been installed.
 - A huge THANK YOU to all the teachers running this, without you, there would be no hut lunch!

- c) Communication from School
 - This has improved greatly, with more communication coming home from the school and teachers.
 - Lots of positive response from parents and care givers.
 - School messenger is among the favorites.

- d) DART Fridays
 - This stands for *Designated Academic Response Time*.
 - Data is reviewed to see where kids need help the most; they are split into groups to help learn how to overcome their challenges.

- e) Travel Club
 - There is a trip in the works to go to Quebec in 2020.
 - The current grade 7 & 8’s will be allowed to go so the grade 8’s will be in the High School. Both schools are going to work together.

- f) Soccer Academy
 - Hoping to have this up and running for next year.
 - Tom McManus, the Head Coach at Augustana, is going to present a proposal to the school.

- g) Dance
 - This past dance had a really great turnout and the kids were terrific!
 - Lots of fun was had by all.
 - We will be doing another dance with all the grades soon.

- h) Feb. 19th Arctic Explorer Presentation
 - John Dun is coming to present his 8000 km trek in the Arctic.
 - Two shows: 1 pm and 2:10 pm.
 - The cost is \$750 and will be paid for out of the Student Union fees.

ECKS Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Jan. 29/19

UNAPPROVED

- i) Closed Campus
 - This is a *closed campus* school which means that no students are permitted to leave without a parent signing them out.
 - This is strictly enforced.

- j) Parent Volunteers
 - Parents and Caregivers are always welcomed and encouraged to help out within the school.

- k) Report Cards
 - Grades 7 & 8's go out on Monday.
 - Grades 6's go out in March.

- l) Positive place to be
 - This is a great place to be.
 - Very busy with awesome kids!

9. New Business

- a) Plans for Fundraised money
 - We currently have \$33,964.43 in our account that needs to be spent.
 - The prior parents committee had started this fundraising for outside equipment for the students, in hopes of getting a matching grant.
 - We are not a Society, so cannot get any grants.
 - Swings and climbing equipment is out of our budget.
 - Some other ideas brought to the table are:
 - ~ Gagaballs, also known as Octaball – very popular right now
 - ~ Picnic tables and /or benches
 - ~ Resurface the basketball court
 - We are going to get some firm quotes and decide which route to take.

- b) Our Parent Association Format
 - Should we form a society/association?
 - Do we have enough committed volunteers for this to be successful?
 - An idea is to send out a Google Forms survey to see what parents/care givers expect from our council and how they can help.
 - **ACTION:** Karen is going to research rules and regulations of officially becoming a Society and present the facts at next meeting.

ECKS Parent Council Meeting Minutes – Jan. 29/19

UNAPPROVED

c) Beef Jerky

- This looks like a really great fundraiser with high profits.
- We will roll it out in April/May, in time for camping.

d) Blanket Exercise

- March 3rd from 7 to 9 pm at Sparling School.
- This is an interactive exercise to educate about the First Nations; all adults and older children are encouraged to attend.
- There is no cost.
- 40 people need to attend to make it a go.
- **Please contact Grace Ducet to register:**
 - hgdoucet@outlook.com

10. Next meeting on February 26th at 7 pm.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.