

MINUTES

EK Parent Council Meeting

February 21st 2023 | 7pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement by Dave Thorne

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The Agenda for February Meeting were approved by:

- Kathrin and Jen

Agenda Change: Elisabeth Wong not present and Agata Liebrock not present

The Minutes from January meeting were approved by:

- Jen Walsom and Maria Orrego

The Minutes from November meeting were approved by after amendment:

- Maria Orrego and Lisa Baetz

Welcome by Cindy Stranak

- Email from single Parent ask to offer Virtual Streaming of School Council
 - Maybe suggest just bring your child along for one time as a trial

Ward 1 Trustee Address (Elisabeth Wong)

- Not Present (informed by Email to Dave Thorne)

School Public Health Nurse (Agata Liebrock)

- Not Present (informed by Email to Dave Thorne)

Wizard of Oz (Lori Prevec)

- Lots of Practice
- Performing 6 times (2 times for the school and 4 times for parents)
 - Monday May 15th play for the school (kind of dress rehearsal)
 - Wednesday May 17th (4 and 7pm)
 - Thursday May 18th (4 and 7 pm)
 - Two full casts
 - Selling Tickets beginning of April (first tickets to cast members)
 - Tickets will be available online (school cash) (\$10 per ticket)
 - Proceeds will pay for production and some donations and other purposes
 - Rest of school will participate by decorating the gym

- Max of 200 spectators (limit is chairs)
- Slawinska and Johnson doing Costumes
- Some other staff is helping with set builds
- All kids are very happy even with lots of practice
- Pizza to order thru pizza program (84 kids x2 slices and drinks) between the two plays
 - Lori to provide the numbers to Lisa
- Kids will be in the building after release until 8:30pm (End of last performance)
- Release each kid to the individual parent
- Side Note: Primary Choir started up

Pro Grant (Cindy Stranak)

- Pro Grant was approve (\$1000 for MCYU)
- Dates: March 28th and March 30th Time: 6:30-8pm
 - No extra janitorial fee since it will end before 10pm
 - Topics: Black Hole, Vulcanos, Ublik, Financial Literacy, Skeleton...
 - 2-3 Workshops per group
 - Presenter changes groups not Participant
- Group Size Limitations; tailored to be age appropriate.

Principal Report (Dave Thorne)

- BeKind: Really encouraging and exciting for everyone, be kind PostIt's all across the school
- PIC meeting on same day as council meeting
- Open House: Kanetskire May 25th
 - EK April 27th Open House
 - Greenville Food Truck
 - Need 1.5 month notice for bookfair
- Readathon: Teachers are happy to do but it might be to much to do
- HWDSB has not cashed cheque for extra caretaking fee from FrightNight (6month expire date on it)
- Donation from Fright Night: Strathcona, Alternative is HWDSB Foundation
 - Cheque will go to Strathcona \$966.27
- DSR Update: Daniel asked to send out another survey follow up (75 returns) and asked for one more
 - Asked to connect with Grade 5 Teachers/Student for additional Workshops
- Stacey Johnson at PIC Meeting. She will become Principal at Queensdale School
 - New VP Vanessa Swan will replace her after March break.
- Confirmed projected Enrollement Number for September 537 kids (17 more then now)

Staff Report (Monisha Smith)

- Rainbow Hearts for Spirit day outside of Copy Room
- Couple more Spirits Day coming up
- Lori Prevec and Chris Popek had kindness assembly
- Lots of Field trips are planned
 - Many places are not open
 - Busing is very expensive and very limited

- Grade 2 is trying to get Little Rays coming in
 - GR 2 inquire if there is a subsidy (current cost \$15.8 per kid)
- Grade 1 looking into Green Venture (topic about worms, 2 groups)
- 100th day celebration for Gr1 & Gr2
- Ms Nickafor booked Art Activity 24 to 31st of May (Artist coming into school in school)
 - Activity for K-2, Activity for Gr3-5
 - Volunteers would be needed (setup, cleaning utensils, 1+2 schoolblock)
 - Every kids gets to take home an art (\$16 per child)
 - 2-3 classes per group, each day 1.5 hours for 1 week
 - Subsidy Request – needs to be discussed further
- Heritage Display is slowly building (family history of kids, different backgrounds)
- Earth swapping activity
- Pink Shirt February 22nd (Anti Bullying)

Next Meeting

March 21st, 2023 @7pm, Hamilton