

MINUTES of Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025
7:30 PM
In person meeting at Minnewasta School Music Room

Present: Geoff Sutton, Tiffany Peters, Stephanie Wieler, Jeri Martens, Kersti Dyck, Amy Rachul, Macy Clayton

Regrets: Ashton Krahn, Kari Kauenhofen
Guests: Cheryl Hoepfner

SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	DECISION & NEXT STEPS	ASSIGNED TO / DUE
1.0 Call to Order	Tiffany called the meeting to order at 7:35pm		
2.0 Additions to Agenda	- request for funds towards music program at Minnewasta		
3.0 Acceptance of November 18th, 2024 meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie motioned to accept minutes • Kersti seconded the motion 		
4.0 Treasurer’s Report – Jeri Martens	Not for profit chequing account: \$14 434.65 Business Platinum Saving: \$30 302.84 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cheque has been given to Access Event Centre for Christmas concert rentals 		
5.0 Teacher/Principal’s Report Geoff Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 255 students attending Minnewasta School • Christmas Concerts went well. A big thanks to Macy for organizing a great concert, students, staff and PAC for covering the rental fee • Lots of gym rentals – opened up some weekend bookings as well • January 16th is the Kindergarten Information Night for the next school year will be held at Ecole Discovery Trails • The Garfield Gini-Newman information night that was held for the division was well attended 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to have the school's annual Stanley Park day again this year during the last week of school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ will likely need lots of parent volunteers so a reminder to have volunteer checks done if parents would like to come! • Student leadership forum held at MCI with representatives from all WSD schools. Minnewasta will likely send two grade 4 students • Early Closing is February 12th • Report cards will go home on March 18th, student involved conferences will be March 20th in the evening/March 21st am • I love to Read Month-theme is Camp Minnewasta. A big thanks to the planning committee – kids have loved it so far! • On February 13th the school will have guest readers from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers – students have been asked to wear the school colors blue and gold/yellow to welcome them! 		
6.0 New Business			
6.1 School Newsletter Additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the new musical instruments arrive – include a picture for the newsletter to thank parents for their support and their fundraising efforts to be able to buy new equipment for the school! 		Jenelle
6.2 I Love to Read Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love to Read Committee would like to ask PAC to support I Love to Read month by supplying the funds for Scholastic book coupons (3 per class = 33 coupons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost is \$198 	Approved	
6.3 Staff Appreciation – Kersti Dyck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kersti is planning a staff treat for February – chocolate in the staff room • Planning a supper for staff during Thursday evening March 20 	Kersti will put up a meal train for parents to sign up	Kersti

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	<p>Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When is Staff Appreciation week? Typically in February? Kersti is thinking of bringing doughnuts from Coop 		Geoff will find out which week and let Kersti know
6.4 Fundraising – Stephanie Wieler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAC made a profit of \$650 on the Bothwell Cheese fundraiser Spring Fundraiser – planning on selling sausage from Banman Meats again 	Tiffany & Stephanie will work together to get that process started	Stephanie
6.5 WSD Input Questions for CEO Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for input has passed 		
6.6 PAC Executive Resignation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving on from PAC next school year will be Tiffany Peters, Kersti Dyck, Kari Kauenhofen Jeri Martens has requested a new role within PAC Open Positions: President, Staff Appreciation coordinator, Hot lunch coordinator & Treasurer 		
6.7 Music Funds Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macy is asking for funds to purchase new musical instruments to be used by all students in the music program at Minnewasta She presented costs of various orff instruments as well as the cost for tubanos PAC agreed this would benefit all students Discussion about putting in a budget line for the music program in next school year's PAC's budget 	<p>Tiffany made a motion to give \$10 000 to our music program. Stephanie seconded. All in favor.</p> <p>Macy will make a list of items she would like to order with the funds and give to Jenelle in the office to order. PAC will write a cheque to reimburse the school.</p>	Macy

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7.0 Old Business			
7.1 Hot lunch – Kari Kauenhofen	A free hot lunch to all students will be planned for the month of February to celebrate I love to Read month!		Kari will organize
7.2 Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into the Morden Area Foundation grant or Morden Thrift Store grant for possible funds to further the music program 	Macy will look into this for fall, with PAC supporting this request	
8.0 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 @ 7:30pm 		
9.0 Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiffany adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm 		

Submitted by Amy Rachul on February 13, 2025