

MINUTES of Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
7:00 PM
In person meeting at Minnewasta School Music Room

Present: Geoff Sutton, Tiffany Peters, Stephanie Wieler, Jeri Martens, Kersti Dyck, Amy Rachul, Kari Kauenhofen, Ashton Krahn, Jen Chapman, Ben Chapman

Regrets:
Guests:

SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	DECISION & NEXT STEPS	ASSIGNED TO / DUE
1.0 Call to Order	Tiffany called the meeting to order at 7:10pm		
2.0 Mission, Vision and Goals	To facilitate effective communication to students and parents, guardians and family member regarding school activities, encourage parent involvement and assist in building a strong school community made up of parents, children and staff.		
3.0 Acceptance of June 11, 2024 meeting minutes	Kersti motioned to accept minutes Stephanie seconded the motion		
4.0 Additions to the Agenda			
5.0 Confirm all PAC Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tiffany Peters – President ➤ Ashton Krahn – Vice President/Social Media ➤ Amy Rachul – Secretary ➤ Jeri Martens – Treasurer ➤ Kari Kauenhofen – Hot lunch coordinator ➤ Kersti Dyck – Staff Appreciation ➤ Stephanie Wieler – Fundraising ➤ Geoff Sutton - Principal 		

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6.0 Teacher/Principal's Report Geoff Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome back! Great start to the year! ➤ Currently at 240 students this year ➤ Staffing update: no new teachers this year, also no vice principal this year. Biggest staffing change is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mandy Zacharias – resource ➤ Heidi Driedger - reading recovery ➤ Start of Year Transition days went well – some parents appreciated the virtual option so they will plan to keep that option into the future ➤ Minnewasta on Social media: Twitter, and Instagram accounts ➤ Safe school committee met (Laura Thwaites, Geoff Sutton and Tiffany Peters) - reviewed Code of Conduct and Crisis Response Plan ➤ Continues to be lots of community bookings for school ➤ Picture day happened -went well ➤ Terry Fox run – great weather day! ➤ Running Club – going to Winnipeg tomorrow for a meet (gr. 4 students) ➤ Oct. 9th and 25th are P.D. Days ➤ Less classes and less students means teachers are able to have PLC time this year (professional learning communities) Teachers meet as grade groups to plan and develop common assessments- students get some extra gym and music time ➤ New this year: PE and music exploration classes – for students with higher special needs (only 5 students at a time) & Play as the Way Classes – Mr. Turnbull & Mrs. Clayton running these classes ➤ Continuous Improvement Plan for school is in draft mode 		

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	<p>(goals for the school) – will be posted to website when completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nutrition program at school (New government initiative for this year) – there is a basket near the office that kids can grab snacks if they need throughout the day – school is looking to expand into more of a breakfast program ➤ New Cell phone policy – Minnewasta is largely unaffected – more so for staff to take note of and adjust some practices ➤ Request from staff member to PAC - to buy Halloween treats for students (chocolates or candies) for October Spirit Week 	Approved	Kari will buy chocolates/candies
7.0 Treasurer’s Report – Jeri Martens	<p>Not for profit chequing account: \$10,749.89 Business Platinum Saving: \$30,099.17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiffany moved \$30,000 from the chequing account into the savings account as previously discussed last school year - E-transfers for hot lunch and fundraisers will be separated this year into different folders: Kari will keep track of e-transfers for hot lunches by email - PAC had about \$1500 profit from last school year – this income is mainly due to fundraisers as hot lunches we are now close to just breaking even (we may need to consider raising the cost for a hot lunch or look for other ways to cut costs on the lunch) 		
8.0 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion as Jeri reviewed the proposed budget and made appropriate changes 		
9.0 New Business			
9.1 Addition to the School Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hot lunch dates ➤ Running club pictures in Stanley Park ➤ Fundraiser forms are due ➤ Current PAC positions, as well as upcoming available 		

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	positions for next year		
9.2 Grants for the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No grants needed at this time as we have no major project, could look at that for next year's project (possible ice rink) ➤ Communication boards on the playground – idea brought up by Ashton as a way for children to communicate their needs to EA's or other students – Geoff will look into this 	Geoff & Ashton will discuss possibly funding for a playground communication board	
9.3 Volunteer forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jenelle has collected them for us ➤ Note: we currently only have 45 signatures for religious exercises to take place, we need 60 in order for the school to run these exercises. Tiffany will keep trying to add to this list. 		
9.4 Staff Appreciation – Kersti Dyck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ September was “You're all that and a bag of chips” - chips were left in the staff room by Kersti ➤ Custodian Appreciation Day – we have 3 custodians – Kersti will pick up gifts cards and thank you cards to leave for them ➤ November: plan for student-involved conferences meal using meal train potluck sign up – soup, buns, drinks, cookies (for 20 staff members) 	Purchase gift cards for custodians	Kersti
10.0 October Hot lunch – Kari Kauenhofen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hot lunches will be on Tuesdays (October 22, November 26, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27) ➤ Hot lunch dates will be added to the newsletter 		
11.0 Fundraising – Stephanie Wieler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coop & Spenst fundraiser forms went home – due back by October 2nd 		
12.0 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday, November 12th, 2024 		
13.0 Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tiffany adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm 		

Submitted by Amy Rachul on September 26, 2024