# Minnewasta PAC News



#### JUNE 2022 Edition





# Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council - PAC

- Everyone is welcome to attend with no obligation to do anything it's your link to the school!
- Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Upcoming meetings: Sept. 20(3<sup>rd</sup> Tues), Oct. 11, Nov.8, and Dec.13
- All PAC minutes and bulletins are on the Minnewasta website under the tab "For Parents"
- If you would like more detailed information regarding all of our projects, please contact one of our PAC members, read our newsletter, PAC monthly minutes, join our Facebook page Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:pac.minnewasta@gmail.com">pac.minnewasta@gmail.com</a> .

#### Executive Members 2021 - 2022

President - Carla Olusola	Vice President - Stephanie Funk		Secretary - Rhonda Plett		Treasurer – Kari Unger
Fundraising Coordinator - Tiffany Peters		Principal - Geoff Sutton		Vice-Principal - Jenn Kroetsch	

# PAC NEWS

## For the 2022-2023 school year please welcome your NEW Executive and supporting

#### members:

- 1. President Stephanie Funk
- 2. Vice President Tiffany Peters
- 3. Secretary Rhonda Wiebe
- 4. Treasurer Kari Unger
- 5. Staff Appreciation Coordinator Kari Kauenhofen
- 6. Newsletter Kari Kauenhofen
- 7. Fundraising Coordinator Stephanie Wieler
- 8. Hot Lunch Coordinators Kersti-jade Dyck and Marcy Banman
- 9. Social Media Relations VACANT
- 10. Volunteer coordinator VACANT
- 11. Members at Large VACANT

If you are interested in joining out executive council or just want to be more involved, please speak to any current or upcoming members of our AWESOME PAC members. \*

A special thank you to Mr. Geoff Sutton, Mrs. Jenn Kroetsch, Ms. Rhonda Thomson, and Mr.<sup>2</sup> Kyle Turnbull for spending their EXTRA TIME with the PAC this past year!

Natural Playground - On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, PAC was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Morden Area Foundation and on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 PAC was awarded another \$10,000 grant from the Morden Community Thrift Store to help make our dreams for our natural playground in Zone 2 a reality. Plans are underway and we are hoping to start construction in July with completion by September 2022! PAC's past and present fundraisers are all contributing to this incredible goal. Watch for ongoing progress reports on our Facebook page throughout the summer. A natural play space is essentially a



playground inspired by nature and designed for creative play-often featuring logs, boulders, hills, etc.





Mrs. Sharon Deneson (Morden Community Thrift Store) presented the cheque to Rhonda Plett (PAC representative)

**Fundraising** – March was another fantastic fundraiser month! Minnewasta school sold over \$17,000 gift cards from McDonald's and Giant Tiger. Our school profit was **\$1731.00**. The \$25 McDonald gift card winner was Nathan Breiter and the \$25 gift card winner was Leah Rachul. Congratulations to all families for the excellent job helping our school achieve our playground goals this year! This school year we raised over **\$6,500**.

Schoolyard Spring Cleanup – PAC members tended to the front flower beds with weed cleanup and edging.

**Staff Appreciation and Student Conferences** - **Thank you** to all the parents who signed up to supply our hardworking staff with snacks during Teacher Appreciation Week in February, student conference time in March, and throughout the month of June!! Much appreciated! We are very grateful for all the staff at Minnewasta and happy we were able to say **THANK-YOU in person** this past year.

Administration Appreciation Day – April 27 – PAC acknowledged our hard-working front office staff with gift cards & beverages. A huge thank you to the past Mrs. Kathi Neufeld, and our current team Mrs. Strome and Ms. Bornn for keeping the school community informed about everything, helping everyone who stops in, assisting our staff and students, and the PAC.

Principal and Vice-Principal Appreciation Day – May 1 – Both Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Kroetsch were spoiled with letters and artwork from our school students, gift cards and beverages from our PAC, and personalized caricature posters from Mrs. C. Unrau to say, "YOU ARE THE BEST!" From floods, storm days, remote learning, new buildings, students, and staff, our Administration team worked very hard this whole year. Our PAC and Minnewasta community are elated to have such a wonderful tag team and many thanks goes to them for creating an amazing environment for our children to grow up in!

# Thank You Principals!

THANK-YOU PARENTS – PAC would like to express our gratitude to our parents and guardians who stepped up for our fundraisers, volunteered for various committees, supplied snacks for the staff, attained their volunteer

requirements to assist their child on field trips, and helped provide a sense of community in our school. Hats off to you all for a fantastic 2021-2022 school year – it's been like no other!

Sports Day Canteen – PAC was excited to host the "rest" station during the June 21<sup>st</sup> Sport Day! PAC sold freezies and chips for the athletes – a great way to take a break! And a shout out to the staff who put on such an amazing day – oh, and the firetruck was a HUGE hit too!



School Retirements – This past school year, PAC bid Ms. Bonnie Fehr (custodian), Mrs. Kathi Neufeld (Educaitonal Assistant/Administrative Assistant), and Mrs. Lorilee Barrett (Kindergarten teacher) a huge Minnewasta farewell with many happy years ahead!



Kindergarten Graduation – Congratulations to all of our Minnewasta Kindergarten students – "Growing up has just begun, now you are ready to start grade 1!" Kindergarten ceremonies will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>

Grade 4 Farewell – Goodbye to all of our grade 4 students who will be leaving our school at the end of June. PAC and our Minnewasta School Community wish them good luck in the middle school and in their future. Thank you for making our school awesome – you will all be missed! PAC assisted with the entrance fee for the grade 4 swim party/filed trip at Carman pool on June 20<sup>nd</sup>. Grade 4 Graduation ceremonies will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### REMINDER to say THANK-YOU to your teachers and staff -

**P**lease remember to take time to thank your teacher and any staff members (including bus drivers) that you may see in the community for the service they provide every day. Just a quick verbal thank-you, e-mail, or virtual card to show your appreciation. They are working very hard to make our school community a very safe, healthy, and educational place to work and play.



PAC E-MAIL address - is checked frequently. Please use this address for any inquiries, suggestions, or concerns: pac.minnewasta@gmail.com

Minnewasta Parent Advisory FACEBOOK page - is a great way to stay up to date. Please check us out https://www.facebook.com/groups/2565386966852111/



**DID YOU KNOW...** that our school song was written and composed by our former music teacher Mr. Warren Tilley?

The premiere performance was Sept. 23, 1991

### MINNEWASTA SCHOOL SONG

A place to call our own. Oh, how much we have grown, Working together, **Playing together** You're our home away from home.

> Minnewasta, Minnewasta. Our blue and gold. We're strong and bold. Minnewasta we love you.

Our lives have just begun. Our future's bright as the sun, Learning together, Growing together Together we are one.



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