

MINUTES of Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
7:00 PM
In person meeting at Minnewasta School Music Room

Present:

Jenn Kroetsch, Geoff Sutton, Tiffany Peters, Stephanie Funk, Stephanie Wieler, Jeri Martens, Kersti Dyck, Amy Rachul, Marcy Friesen, Kari Kauenhofen

Regrets: Ashton Krahm
Guests:

SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	DECISION & NEXT STEPS	ASSIGNED TO / DUE
1.0 Call to Order	7:04 p.m.		
2.0 Additions to Agenda			
3.0 Acceptance of September 26, 2023 meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiff motioned to accept minutes Stephanie F. seconded the motion 		
4.0 Treasurer's Report – Jeri Martens	<p>Not for profit chequing account: \$35 129.07 Business Platinum Saving: \$96.52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeri was wondering if we should transfer \$25000 from PAC's chequing account into the savings account, would make more sense to gain interest– she will look into fees for this transfer and we will decide on this matter at the January meeting Debit cards got sorted out at the bank by Jeri – two of the cards should now be working. Still unsure if the one kept in the office needs to be reactivated as well - Kersti will check into this 	<p>Kersti will get Jeri's debit card to pay for hot lunch</p> <p>Kersti will check if the debit card in the office is activated</p>	
5.0 Teacher/Principal's Report – Geoff Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently 336 students in the school, this is up from 311 students at the same time last year 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October Spirit Week was a success – thanks to PAC for providing chips to the students The school's continuous improvement plan will go up on the website soon Lots of community bookings for the gym Remembrance day assembly was Nov. 9 – teachers and students did a great job leading this Parent-involved conferences coming up for November (PAC is providing supper for staff on the Thursday evening) Report cards go home on November 21 There will be two Christmas Concerts this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 12th for K-2 December 13th for 3-4 School is asking for PAC to cover the cost of the Access Event Centre hall for both evenings (including 2 practices), the cost for rental is \$1066.80 Kari made the motion to cover the cost for this rental Jeri seconded the motion New Staffing Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janessa Fehr, who was covering Carl Klassen's grade ¾ class will have her last day on Friday, Nov. 17 Ms. Sara De Leon will be starting on Monday, Nov. 20 	<p>PAC will cover the rental fee for the Access Event Centre for 2 nights of Christmas concerts</p>	
6.0 New Business			
6.1 November Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question was asked if we need our own PAC newsletter sent out to parents or could we just include any PAC related information into the school newsletter? After a brief discussion it was determined that any PAC information that needs to be shared with parents will be put into school newsletter – Jenelle in the office will be notified to add any PAC info each month 	<p>Jenelle will be notified to add any PAC info to parents into the school newsletter</p>	
6.2 Christmas Concert Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff says no parent volunteers are needed 		

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6.3 November Staff Appreciation – Kari Kauenhofen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kari has organized a supper for the staff (approx. 30 people) for the evening of conferences (Nov. 23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She had lots of willing volunteers, which is great! The menu will be pulled pork, coleslaw, buns, desserts Kari will also organize Christmas treats/baking for the last week of December for the staff 		
6.4 December Hot lunch – Kersti Dyck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hot lunch for December, continue in January February will be a free hot lunch We will stick with just providing cheese pizza for now for simplicity Kersti asked if it was possible to offer lunch to students that can't afford it? - Geoff & Jenn agreed this was a good idea, and know of particular students that would qualify Hot lunch for this month is coming up on Thursday (Nov. 16) Next hot lunch days will be Thursday, January 18th and then February 15th 	Jenn will let Kersti know which students would benefit in receiving a free hot lunch each month	
7.0 Fundraising – Stephanie Wieler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bothwell cheese fundraiser went home with students, due back on Nov. 23rd. Cheese should be delivered within 2 weeks once it's ordered Kersti suggested when notes are sent home to make sure we use different coloured paper for fundraisers and hot lunches (just easier so they do not get mixed up when forms are returned) 		
8.0 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, January 9, 2024 7:00pm 		
11.0 Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie F. adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm 		