

EMMS PAC Meeting – May 21, 2024

1. Call to order – 7:06pm – Jeri Martens
 - Attendance in person and online
2. Additions to agenda
3. Acceptance of March minutes – no revisions/additions
4. Treasurer's Report
 - \$1992.36 in account (after deposit is made), \$100 float
5. Principal's Report
 - May 17th – had “history walk through” with grade 8 students. Feedback was positive. Families appreciated the flexibility of walk-through style. It was more interactive. The next couple years the student grade 8 numbers will be similar to this year, renting the hall often gets expensive. Once numbers are smaller in a couple years we can re-evaluate what works best.
 - May 17th – a couple classrooms visited Swan Lake to join a Powwow. Educational and fun experience for the students.
 - Grade 5 Musical May 9th – well attended and well received.
 - Run club is going after school.
 - Track and field is almost done. Zone 4 meet coming up.
 - Arts Appreciation Week is next week. Year end celebration of all the arts; art along hallways, in library, band and choir will also be performing in the gym. Try to have all the classrooms integrate some type of art in the classroom.
 - Grade 8 farewell is coming up. Some changes have been made due to the number of students. June 27th – ceremony (day before last day of school), this will give a bit more time for everything. Students will do activities in the afternoon. In the past the community has been very generous with donations for prizes, etc to make this a fun day for the students
 - Preparations for next year are ongoing. Most of the staff is in place, a couple spots to fill – specifically need a basic French teacher, some part time positions need to be filled.
 - All 3 French immersion classes for next year will be 7/8 splits.
6. Old business:
 - May teacher appreciation lunch – went really well, had a great spread.
7. New business:

- Request for freezies for Music in the Park – May 30 – we will approach Co-op to donate some/all the freezies we need. If funds are needed we will take them out of PAC fund. Need 180. Motion to spend up to \$200 to cover freezies. Seconded. Carried.
- Request for donations for Grade 8 farewell – for food/snacks/etc. Will have more info by next meeting, will discuss finances then. Admin will ask them for a proposal for what's needed.
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8. Fundraising Update

- started getting tickets out. 126 booklets are out. 124 are left. Quite a few people are coming back for more books. Email was sent out to parents regarding how tickets work – don't have to sell the entire book, just bring back what they don't sell. Interview was posted on pembinavalleyonline.com on May 20th.
- Morden Community Thrift Shop reached out – they will give \$5,000 toward play structure.
- Top 3 classrooms will be receiving a pizza party, courtesy of PAC – will discuss at next meeting. Jeri will get numbers for cost of pizzas. Pizza parties will be on June 20th.
- Question came up about school pridewear prizes – if student is going to EDT next year, will they get EDT wear? TBD – but yes probably.

9. Election openings and nominations

- There may be some openings for next year (secretary?). Will have to start advertising soon if spots are open.

10. Next meeting date – June 17, 2024 – this will give us time to get organized for the tickets.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.