

EMMS PAC Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024

Call to order at 7:02pm - Jeri Martens

- Attendance in person and online

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Additions/Acceptance of Minutes
 - a. Cathy read through minutes
 - b. Question about the amount of money raised for playground – October meeting says \$77,000. Needs to be adjusted to \$70,000.
3. Treasurers report
 - a. balance is \$1503.68
4. Administration Report:
 - a. Report cards will be emailed home on Tuesday around 4 pm. Parents received an email today with some instructions on what it will look like and where to look for it in their inbox. Any parent who wishes to receive a hard copy will need to contact the office and request it. We will be happy to help.
 - b. Student Conferences take place this Thu evening and Friday morning. All families should have booked with their homeroom teachers and can ask for appointments with other teachers now that everyone has had a chance to book. The purpose of the meeting is to talk about and celebrate learning while strengthening the connection between home and school. Teachers have been asked to defer concerns or complaints to a follow up meeting in honour of the kids' and their learning, which we want at the center of this conversation.
 - c. Nutrition Program will be up and running next week. We have purchased two new refrigerators and are set up for ordering from the Coop. Teachers have bins in their classrooms for granola bars and other less perishable items. Fruit and other items will be in the canteen by the gym with 7/8 students having access before 9 am and 5/6 students having access at recess.
 - d. Volleyball season is winding down. Teams are competing well and the skills clubs have a lot of interest. Basketball will start right before or after the Christmas break.
 - e. Winter concert season is approaching fast. The Grade 6 concert is on Dec. 12th and the Grade 7/8 band concert is on Dec. 5th.
 - f. Staffing update – Jeff Dyck to Grade 7 for Rosemary Levert (resigned and moved away) and Junalyn Beriawel to Grade 5 for Brook McGillivray until the Christmas break.

- g. Parental engagement data shared briefly but deferred to a future meeting.
 - i. Lowest score: “talk about how important school work is”
 - ii. Highest score: “encourage your child to do well at school”
- 5. New business
 - a. Hot lunch review: Ran our 2nd hot lunch today, Nov. 18th. Grilled cheese, chips, cookie, juice box. 39 meals and 9 extra sandwiches.
 - i. This month had a section on the bottom of the form asking for help with future hot lunches. Otherwise it’s just been PAC exec and admin. Have some volunteers for January.
 - ii. Cafeteria staff says it’s working well for them to make the lunches there.
 - iii. Do we want to run one in December? Jeri will check with cafeteria to see if December 16th is an option.
 - b. Playground Fundraising Update: no financial update. Co-op fundraising forms are due tomorrow, we will have a total for amount raised by end of the week. We have enough for the base structure. Further fundraising will go toward adding pieces to the structure.
 - i. Peak of the Market was filled to capacity this year. Can sign up next July and choose a delivery date for late fall if we’d like to do it.
 - ii. Discuss more fundraising options at the January meeting.
- 6. Any additions?
 - a. Question about food program – buying food in bulk and freezing? Co-op is working with the school to supply everything and will make sure expiry dates are acceptable. Aware of allergies/intolerances as well, making sure there are options for everyone.
- 7. Next meeting January 20th at 7:00pm in the library.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.