

EMMS PAC Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025

Call to order at 7:02pm - Jeri Martens

- Attendance: in person

1. Welcome

- a. Reading of November minutes.
- b. No additions
- c. Parental engagement data deferred to future meeting.

2. Treasurers report.

Balance is \$1406.68

\$105 went towards fundraiser prizes

3. Administration Report:

- a. Evacuation drill email detailing plans for winter alarms.
- b. Provincial assessments for grades 7 & 8 are being completed by teachers with a Feb 28 deadline. Data is gathered from trends over the year, not through tests specifically. 7 focused on mental math strategies, 8 on literacy. To figure out how to help students improve in these areas.
- c. Provincial funding announcements came out today. There was a 9.8% increase for Western School Division.
- d. Early planning for next school year is starting now. Numbers of classes per grade, portables needed, etc.
- e. Balanced school day, shifting timetable discussed. Currently at the concept stages.
- f. Enrolment issues and how they affect exploratories in grades 7 & 8. Decreasing enrolment with the new school opening means it's not sustainable to have 11 (currently) options. Will need to adjust numbers for arts programs etc.
- g. Extracurricular
  - i. Wrestling taking place. 11 kids participating bringing home 5 medals
  - ii. Basketball teams are going.
  - iii. Clubs – Yoshi club, soccer club and many more on the go. 2x/week there is also Quiet Time in the library as an alternative for those who would like to participate, gr 8's on Tuesdays & gr 7's Thursdays

4. New business

a. Hot lunch:

- i. For the future, it is too busy to hold hot lunch in the week before winter break.
- ii. Next hot lunch is Feb 24 – pizzas. Kids will pick up their pizzas with their classes. Volunteers to help direct. Forms were due Feb 11
- iii. March hot lunch will be March 24.

- b. An email proposal for PAC to partially fund a presentation from Beau Dixon was received. <https://www.beaudixon.com/> Total cost was \$700, with \$350 requested from PAC.
    - i. Moved to accept proposal and fund the \$350 by Crystal Westfall.  
Seconded by Cathy Dueck. All in favour.
  - c. Playground: Currently \$5000 shy of the total. Co-op fundraiser successfully brought in \$4000. Some parts have been ordered. Will need to look at another fundraiser to get us over the finish line.
  - d. Nutrition Program has begun. Snacks are available from start of day until first recess. Granola bars & fruit etc are available in classrooms. Co-op has been helpful with ordering etc. Future funding hopefully helps address increasing costs. Kids are learning about nutrition and how food is important fuel for the brain.
5. Next meeting March , 7:00 pm.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.