

EMMS PAC Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2025

Call to order at 7:03pm - Jeri Martens

- Attendance in person and online

1. Welcome and introductions
  - a. Reading of minutes
2. No additions
3. Treasurers report
  - a. balance is \$1056.68
    - i. \$350 to Beau Dixon for performance
    - ii. Other \$ has just been in and out for hot lunch.
4. Administration Report:
  - a. Beau Dixon presentation was well done and well received. Excellent overall.
  - b. Report cards emailed out tomorrow at 4pm. Anyone wishing for a paper one needs to email the school. Conferences are Thursday/Friday this week. 80-85% of parents generally participate in the conferences.
  - c. Grade 7&8 parents will get provincial assessment reports in an envelope along with exploratories report card.
  - d. Planning has begun for next year – staffing levels at EMMS are in a good place – adding one more grade 8 homeroom next year (compared to what grade 7 has this year). Same amount of admin, guidance, resource, etc as this year. Will see a bit of a population dip next year.
  - e. Most staff here now are returning. Some positions that opened were filled by term teachers.
  - f. A few minor building upgrades will happen next year, Gaga pit will be added to playground.
  - g. Will continue to replace/upgrade some tech stuff
  - h. Calendar for next year is being circulated amongst staff – 4 early closings, 5 admin days, 5 PD days – same as this year. Should be finalized shortly.
  - i. E-Sports started up this year. Rocket League was the first game. Brawlhalla – EMMS team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and are headed to provincials.
  - j. Working through scheduling for next year with EDT – dependent on their space and staff. May shift from this year. With smaller class sizes, less exploratories will be needed next year. Possibly two options for arts – Band or Arts rotations (choir, drama, graphic design, visual arts)
  - k. Basketball is done. Badminton started. Track and field will start shortly along with run club. Looking to do something locally at the end of the year. Wrestling is done. Had 9 wrestlers, 8 medalled (5 are from EMMS).
  - l. Jazz Choir Coffeehouse April 23, 2025 – 7pm

- m. Grade 5 musical on April 30<sup>th</sup> – 7pm at AEC. Grade 7/8 musical is May 14 and 15 – 7pm at AEC.
- n. Bookfair is here. Open all week and through student conferences

5. New business

- a. Hot lunch:
  - i. Running again March 24<sup>th</sup>. Will do the walk through again like last month with pizza. Last time it worked well. Forms due tomorrow.
- b. Cookie day request:
  - i. Request from a parent – would like cookies pre-bought and brought up to grade 5 students (cookies from the cafeteria are a big hit). Jeri will look into doing something like this in April.
- c. Fundraising:
  - i. Kristen reached out to Morden Nurseries to do a fundraiser for Mother's Day. If not, New Leaf does them as well. This would be a playground fundraiser. We are exactly \$4,977.50 short of our goal. Would love to get a summer install if at all possible.
  - ii. Kristen will look into getting a fundraiser started.
- d. High school PAC request:
  - i. Presenter named Val Caldwell – was at GVSD last year talking about Kids and Screens – wondering if we want to bring her in for mental health week next school year – for both kids and parents. 2 days of presentations in school and 1 parent presentation. Around time of May 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Asking for \$200 from EMMS PAC to cover the costs.
    - 1. Students are no longer on screens during school, which is great. However, the issues around screens are coming up outside of school (evenings, weekends) – something like this could be very beneficial for everyone
    - 2. Kristen moved to spend the \$. Cathy seconded. We will contribute \$200.
- e. PAC positions for next school year:
  - i. It would be great to have more parent involvement next year to help with things like teacher appreciation, etc, to manage social media, etc.
  - ii. Jeri plans to stay, Cathy plans to stay
- f. PAC will need to look into doing a small fundraiser or two to help cover costs for requests coming in in the future. Bake sale during November conferences could be a good idea. Canteen during tournaments may be an option as well.

6. Next meeting April 21, 2025

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.