

**MINUTES of Minnewasta Parent Advisory Council
 Tuesday, September 26, 2023
 7:00 PM
 In person meeting at Minnewasta School Music Room**

Present: Jenn Kroetsch, Geoff Sutton, Tiffany Peters, Stephanie Funk, Stephanie Wieler, Kari Unger, Jeri Martens, Ashton Krahn, Kersti Dyck, Amy Rachul, Kyle Turnbull

Regrets: Kari Kauenhofen
Guests:

SUBJECT:	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	DECISION & NEXT STEPS	ASSIGNED TO / DUE
1.0 Call to Order	7:05 P.M.		
2.0 Additions to Agenda			
3.0 Acceptance of June 13, 2023 Meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tiffany motioned to accept minutes • Steph W. seconded the motion 		
4.0 Treasurer's Report – Kari Unger	<p>Not for profit chequing account: \$33,441.10 Business Platinum Saving: \$95.98</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etransfers starting to come in for Coop fundraiser due tomorrow • Kersti wondering if she could have a PAC debit card to use for hot lunch purchases 	Stephanie F. will check if Kersti can have a debit card to use for hot lunch purchases	
5.0 Teacher/Principal's Report – Geoff Sutton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current enrollment is 338 students, up 60 children from last year • Discovery Trails (new school) is on track to open for a September start-up next school year • New Staffing Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lorelee Findlay teaching Kindergarten ▪ Renee Klassen teaching grade 3 ▪ Autumn Gansekoele ½ K and ½ grade 2 ▪ Sharon Remple ½ time teaching grade 2 ▪ Anna Kurbatskaya teaching grade 1 ▪ Janessa Fehr teaching grade ¾ for Mr. Klassen's class 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> until he returns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New EA's: Andrea Bartley, Patricia Josephson, Anna Shevchuk, Sara Wiebe • Transition days at the start of the year went well – the option of having a virtual meeting is a nice option for parents and will continue • Religious exercises was approved by the board, will start on Monday • Safe School Committee reps are Tiffany, Jen & Laura • Community bookings have started to come in- mainly for the gym • Picture day went well, didn't need parents volunteers • Terry Fox run will be coming up on October 6th • Running club has started for grade 3 & 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Milk run had 9 runners (grade 4's) ▪ One more race will be coming up for gr.3&4's ▪ hoping for more track and field opportunities to be hosted in Carman (has happened in the past) 		
6.0 New Business			
6.1 Fall Family Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event will have to wait until next year – too busy for the staff to get it going now – next year will be a good time for it as staff and students will change with the opening of the new school 	Stephanie F to put this on the agenda for the May/June staff meeting	
6.2 September Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add the hot lunch date of October 18th onto the calendar 		
6.3 October Hot Lunch - Kersti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering Hot lunch is popular – most of the students order • Pizza goes over well and works well to order from Dominoes • Can sometimes give a choice for pepperoni or cheese, could also just go with a cheese option to simplify things 		
6.4 Newsletter items for Jenelle?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the hot lunch date 	Kersti will let Jenelle know	

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6.5 Picture Retake Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff says parent volunteers are not needed 		
6.6 September/October Staff Appreciation - Kari Kauenhofen	<p>Read an email from Kari K.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first week of September, Kari bought two boxes of Halloween candy which were brought to the staff room with a sign that said "Welcome back! We are glad you are here!" -PAC In October, Kari is hoping to get the list of volunteers that are interested in helping out with staff appreciation and making contact with each of them. Custodian day is on October 2 and Kari is wondering if someone could ask for custodians favourite treats/drinks and then she will provide this for them on Monday 	<p>Kyle will find out what the custodial staff likes</p> <p>Kari will deliver to the school on Monday</p>	
7.0 Fundraising – Stephanie W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coop fundraisers are due tomorrow No definite plan in place for upcoming fundraisers – possible options are selling Bothwell Cheese in November and selling Farmer Sausage in spring 		
8.0 Budget – Kari U	<p>Kari U. went over budget and only minimal changes were needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - removed movie night costs and will put this money into recess time sports equipment, which brings up the total for equipment to \$650 <p>⑩ Amy made the motion for this change in budget, Kyle seconded it</p> <p>⑩ There is a possibility Minnewasta will need two Christmas concert evenings this year since there are more kids and it was very full last year already – if this should happen the school could pay for one night of Access Event Centre rental and PAC could continue to just pay for one evening rental</p> <p>⑩ May need to adjust budget eventually for the free hot lunch day in February with the growing number of students this year, unless we possibly ask Giant Tiger or Coop to donate food items</p> <p>⑩ Geoff says it will not work to build an outdoor skating rink this year, so</p>		

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	PAC does not need to allocate money for this at this point – hopeful for the future (this means we have no solid plan in place to look for available grants)		
9.0 Available Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Rachul will take on the role of Secretary • Jeri Martens will take on the role of Treasurer 		
10.0 Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:00 pm 		
11.0 Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie F adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm 		

Submitted by Amy Rachul September 29, 2023