

Strathcona Elementary PAC General Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017

In Attendance: Cheryl Kannegieter, Nicole Toews, Candy Ross, Tanya Rath, Ange Toop, Michelle Price, Charlotte Tegtmeir, Noel Sharman, Jonathan Ferris, Heather Moore, Rebecca LeGros, Kristy Randall, Jamara Durie, Anne Lamont Key, Samantha Piper, Michael Pfeifer, Lisa Ball, Katrina Robinson, Sheryl Holland, Paula Gosal

Minutes adopted as read by Tanya Rath, Anne Lamont Key seconds.

Treasurer report: General fund current balance \$12,892.51. Gaming fund \$2,598.09 Candy Ross motions to accept the report and Michelle Price seconds.

Principal Report: Mr. Ferris gives an overview of October and November and briefly touches on upcoming events.

Guest speaker Paula Gosal, principal at CMS, talks about some of the changes to our schools next year. All elementary schools will be K-grade 5, Middle schools will be grades 6-8 and high schools will be grades 9-12. Below are some of the areas Mrs. Gosal discussed with parents.

- Students are ready for this change
- From age 11-14 there is so much change for the kids and the schools want to focus on this change
- Grade 6 and 7 will have access to different classes a year earlier
- In the new year staff will get together and figure out how to create the learning atmosphere they are striving for
- It will be more like an elementary school model for the grade 6 and 7's and by grad 8 they will be preparing for high school
- There will be more noon hour supervising
- Playground is in the planning stages
- With any further questions we can email Paula or call the school or sign up for the CMS weekly newsletter

Tanya Rath has heard concerns from parents about the safety of kids in the front of the school. Tanya attended a Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting and as a result we have Samantha Piper, Public Safety Specialist, at our PAC meeting tonight.

- Samantha said in 2008 and 2009 there was a campaign for a safer school travel program called "Streetwise". This program was very in depth and can provide a baseline for us to move forward.
- Our school was on the list for a side walk install but the surrounding neighbours did not approve because they lose a lot of their frontage property and their parking.
- Speed bumps are not the best option from the pilot project done in the 90's because emergency response vehicles have a slower response time.
- The old standard for a school zone is from property line to property line. Possibly a longer stretch of school zone?
- She is currently collecting data to see the highest volume school zone areas. Those computerized machines are called Speed Reader Boards and they indicate what speed a person is driving. A possibility for our school?
- Tanya suggests a letter that goes to home owners around the area to discuss and address the parking and traffic issues we have.

- Tanya asks if bylaw could come around more frequently. Samantha informs us that a person can take a picture of the license plate and how the vehicle is parked, and that info can be sent to bylaw.
- Candy suggests a committee to be formed to start taking Strathcona students safety seriously. People can talk to Tanya after the meeting.

New Business

- Movie Night – December 8, Despicable Me
- Spring Carnival is May 10, 2018. A committee needs to be formed and already we have some amazing parents volunteering. Michelle Price, Lisa Ball and some other parents have stepped up to the challenge.
- Sheryl Holland, a grand parent of a student in Strathcona, asked several questions mostly pertaining to the amount of professional days, lengths of Christmas break and spring break etc. Mr. Ferris fielded those questions.

Old Business

- Tabled funding request for Spring Musical by Tim Janz. Mr. Janz gave us a rundown on his estimated costs based on previous years totaling approximately \$2500 with the sound man being the highest cost but so valuable. Tanya motions to approve \$1000. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Minutes recorded by: Cheryl Kannegieter