

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes (Final)  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00pm

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Allison Phelan, Barbara Dekkers, Maria Jenner, Ritu Mann, Korina Gratton, Tams Chomiak, Scott Fiddes, Adel Klassen, Mike Kotanko, Meg McCusker, Brittany Cleese, Cary Moore.

2. Approval of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 General Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve General Meeting Minutes – Meg McCusker, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Korina Gratton –All Approve

3. Reports

Treasurer:       General Account: \$26,126.50  
                      Gaming Account: \$6,832.45  
                      Technology Fund: \$5,429.95  
                      Playground Fund: \$16,547.29

Principal:

- Staffing: Welcome Mrs. Aboderin (Mon/Tues/Wed) to job share with Mrs. Marochi (Thurs/Fri)
- Two new noon hour supervisors – Ella and Hailey
- New job posting: Grade 4 + PE prep = 3 days a week
- Officially have 8 full EA's
- Christmas Concert – Rehearsal December 10<sup>th</sup> – Concert – December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - o Hoping to have the concert recorded/live streamed. There will be a link to view for Strathcona Families only
- Escape Trailers sponsor 10 Chilliwack Chiefs season tickets
  - o Encourage families who received these tickets to make thank you cards for Escape Trailers
- After school programs: Choir: Grade 1-2 and 3-5. Art Club. Wrestling to start in the new year

DPAC:

- Meetings are in person and online, encouraging more people to attend
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup>- Sue Robertson: Advocating for your Child

BCCPAC:

- November 30<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Summit, Advocacy Project

4. Old and Ongoing:

- Community Savings Coupon Book: Mrs. Albeluhn class won class trip to the zoo, Mrs. Simons class won the pizza party.

- Motion to approve up to \$410 for students to take the bus to the zoo, Brittany Cleese, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Korina Gratton, All approve
- Great Little Coupon: Barbara Dekkers to take this on. Will be sent out mid October

#### 5. New Business:

- Christmas Sale: December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Multi Purpose room. Set up on December 17<sup>th</sup> after Pancake breakfast. Asking for donations mid/end of November.

#### 6. Funding Requests

- Christopher Lister:
  - Novel Effect: Novel Effect is an innovative app that enhances the read-aloud experience by adding interactive music, sound effects, and character voices as you read from children's books. This app has been shown to significantly increase student engagement and promote literacy, imagination, and fun for children aged 12 and under. The cost of subscription is \$68
  - Motion to approve \$68 (plus tax) for Novel Effect App subscription – Maria Jenner, Tammy Chomiak 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Approve
  - Mini White Boards: Funding request for 30 mini white boards to enhance our literacy activities in the library. Cost is \$93 plus tax
  - Motion to approve \$110 for 30 mini white boards – Maria Jenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meg McCusker, All Approve.
  - Audio Book: Ms. Daniels, Mrs. McLean and Mr. Lister request funding to establish a new audiobook section for the school library. The total cost for this initiative is \$1,000. (\$100 per title)
  - More information needed, will review and come back to this request.
  - Maker Space: request funding for essential tools that will enhance our students hands-on learning experiences across our ADST (Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies), Makerspace, and Art programs. These tools will empower students of all grades to bring their creative visions to life while developing crucial problem-solving and design thinking skills. Requested Items: Makedo Invent kit 360 pieces for \$240 + tax
  - Motion to approve \$240 plus tax for Maker Space Design – Barbara Dekkers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Korina Gratton, All Approve.
  - Library Changes: Our goal is to reconfigure the library space to better serve the diverse needs of our students and to foster an environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and learning. To achieve this, we plan to make the following physical changes: reconfiguring book cases and create a reading nook.
  - Motion to approve \$4000 for Library Changes – Barbara Dekkers, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Korina Gratton, All Approve

- Marlene Diaz:
  - Resources for social emotional groups: requesting \$300 to cover new resources for social emotional groups (i.e. Friendship, social skills, self-regulation), materials for hands-on activities, and positive reinforcement tools.
  - Motion to approve \$300 for recourses for social emotional groups – Meg McCusker, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tammy Chomiak, All Approve
  
- Michael Kotanko
  - Christmas Breakfast: \$250 for food and supplies
  - Motion to approve up to \$250 for Christmas breakfast supplies – Maria Jenner, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Meg McCusker, All Approve
  
- PAC
  - Pink Shirt Day: \$750 for food and supplies
  - Motion to approve up to \$750 for Pink Shirt day for food and supplies – Tammy Chomiak, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Korina Gratton, All Approve.
  - Teacher Petty Cash: \$125/class (18 classes)
  - Motion to approve \$125/class for teacher petty cash – Barbara Dekkers, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Korina Gratton, All Approve.
  - Year end trip: \$15/student
  - Motion to approve \$15/student towards year end field trip – Korina Gratton, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Adel Klassen, All Approve.
  - Grade 5 grad – opted out of funding request
  - IPADS: \$469/ipad – 30 IPADS + cases + storage bins = \$19,000
  - Motion to approve up to \$19,000 (\$5400 from Tech account, remaining from General account) for IPADS, cases and storage bins – Meg McCusker, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maria Jenner, All Approve

7. Discussion

8. Next Meeting is November 19th, 2024 in the MPR at 7:00pm

Adjourned at 8:22pm

Minutes recorded by Allison Phelan