

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes (Final)  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:01pm

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, Katelyn Halstrom, Lindsey Abernethy, Meg McCusker

2. Approval of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 General Meeting Minutes changes.

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

3. Reports

Treasurer:       General Account: \$12,680.10  
                      Gaming Account: \$292.45  
                      Technology Fund: \$5,429.95  
                      Playground Fund: \$16,547.15

Principal:

- 354 students as of September 2024
- Music room made into classroom
- EA Staffing: 8 EA's and 2 Practicum students
- Shelly Marochi continuing 60% - interviewing for the 40%
- Interviewing for councillor position
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - Terry Fox run: raised \$790
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt day
  - o Children painting river rocks
- Flags will be at half mass on September 29<sup>th</sup> for Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day and Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Welcome Mrs. Johnston our new Kindergarten teacher
- We are now at 17 divisions
- Code of Conduct on cell phone policy has been updated, changes can be found on the school website (smart watched to be included in the cell phone policy)
- October 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> – Family Photo night.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>- Family trivia night (registration required)
- Constellations: Choir – Grades 1-2 and 3-5. Registration begins late October
- Mrs. Von Doehren in for Mrs. Uzelac's maternity leave
- Clubs: drawing club, tech/coding club, soccer, running club
- Parking lot safety – reminding students and families about using sidewalks and designated paths.
- Looking for staff/EA volunteers in the mornings/afternoons to help educate families and students on parking lot safety. PAC members encouraged to help as well.

4. Old and Ongoing:

- Community Value Coupon books have been sent out – Only 7 locations in the district are able to sell.
- Open house BBQ – great turn out of families
  - Cost: \$1274.95
  - Donations: \$766.25
  - Loss: - \$508.69
- Out door classroom:
  - First conversation about the outdoor classroom occurred in spring of 2019.
  - Had our first outdoor classroom meeting with teachers in fall of 2019.
  - Started fundraising the 2020/2021 school year.
  - February 2022 we paid for the stones. They were \$9400, the district paid \$300, and we paid \$9100.
  - Delivered April 2022
  - November 2022 we got the pipeline grant for \$5000.
  - Groundwork was done June 2024 at the cost of \$7620
  - Grant from the Lions came through in June/July for \$7875
  - Storage bin delivered summer 2024. (\$6305.60 for the man door, venting, insulation, and deliver) (\$6299.48 bin)

Total= 12,605.08

\$9400 stones  
\$7620 groundwork  
\$12,605.08 bin  
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\$29,625.08

\$300 district  
\$5000 pipeline grant  
\$7875 Lions grant  
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\$13,175

\$29,605.08 - \$13,175 = \$16,430.08 from PAC raised funds

5. New Business:

- Purdy's fundraiser to run in November
- Movie nights – no more free movies, must purchase a movie license. For the time being there will be no more school movie nights.
- Looking for fundraising ideas
- Popcorn day: adding donation sections to popcorn forms

- PAC etiquette:

1. All volunteers and helpers must have a PRC
2. The school is a place of work. Be aware of where you are talking, to whom and about what. If you need to remove yourselves to outside the building, or to an area where you will not be disturbing anybody.
3. Please turn your phones to silence. If you must have a phone conversation, remember the school is a place of work, and remove yourself to a private location.
4. We must follow the same dress code. No drug, alcohol, violent, or explicit content.
5. While we are at the school, or anywhere else, representing the PAC or doing PAC business, we must keep our personal opinions to ourselves, and follow the district, and school policies. This includes following guidelines set forth by Health Canada.
6. If you are in the school, it is not the time for a teacher conference. We are there to do a job, and your child's teacher is busy. If you must speak to their teacher you need to email and make an appointment as you normally would
7. If you are doing a job and a child approaches you to help (even if it is your own child) they must ask their teacher first.
8. Confidentiality is required. For example, if you are working in the office and there is a child in the office, it is not for you to talk to their parent, or anybody else, about seeing the child.

#### 6. Funding Requests

- Funding requests to go out first week of October
- Gaming grant – have not received yet

#### 7. Discussion

- Carnival: May 29<sup>th</sup>/2025 – Meetings to begin in December
- Lanyards for volunteers (to help staff, students and parents know who volunteers are)

8. Next Meeting is October 29th, 2024 in the MPR at 7:00pm

Adjourned at 8:44pm

Minutes recorded by Allison Phelan