

MINUTES FOR MEETING FEBRUARY 2019

February 11, 2019 1905hrs

PRESENT:

Principal MCCURDY, Tracey L, Emily B, Teresa P, Kristina B, Andrea P, Colin R, Elsie R, Elizabeth B, Alexa, Natasha

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Kristina, all in favour, approved.

Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2019 – Motion by Alexa, all in favour, approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer – Emily

Hot Lunch – combined ordering for February and March.

Have collected for all February and March lunches but have only paid for two thus far, therefore, balance at \$18,222.42.

Hot Lunch – Kristina

December – profit \$796.80.

January - profit \$747.57.

Pizza is typically the best money maker.

Planned to order medium gluten free pizzas rather than large in future as there are only 4 children in the school who require gluten free.

Discussed resourcing Jim's Pizza as gluten free were same price as regular whereas Ricardo's charges more.

Duplicate copies of the list of lunch orders have been left in the classroom and seem to work well.

Have had sufficient parent volunteers the last few weeks – thank you to all who help! Also thanks to grade 4 and 5's who have been helping.

Principal McCurdy

Artist John LAFLOCK starting tomorrow

Friday early dismissal at noon, buses running except if you transfer at Rosedale – will work with Rosedale to have same dismissal time next year.

Feb 18th – Family Day so no school – have fun!

Feb 14th – Valentine’s Bake Walk

All set, kids are excited.

Alexa will bake gluten free options.

Tracey will pick up extras just in case to be sure all students get a treat.

School calendar – there is a short online survey which will close February 23.

Currently have a 2 week spring break so each school day is 6 mins longer to account for that, survey is 3 questions, are you a parent or staff, do you support the 2 week spring break and do you have any other suggestions.

Follow link on School Website for survey.

There is an option to contribute ideas/suggestions as well, for example, this month a Pro D Day is scheduled for February 22 after Family day on February 18 which means there is a 3 day week and two 3 day weekends rather than a 4 day weekend. If you would prefer a different schedule, feel free to suggest it.

Spring Break begins March 15.

Report Cards March 12

Hot Lunch for April to open March 4, please be sure you order before Spring Break!!! If you haven’t ordered/paid by March 14, you will not receive the order due to orders having to be in before Spring Break.

Staff Changes:

Mrs Armstrong left on Maternity Leave last Friday and promptly welcomed her little boy on Monday, Congratulations! Mrs Flueckiger to replace her.

Ms Desrochers leaving the education field to pursue new interests, she will be missed

Ms McCurdy’s Wish List:

Sensory Packs: Have been looking at innovative ways to help kids move more and learn better, looking at Sensory Packs in hallways (Packages that include stations through the hallways for kids to jump, squat, do push ups, etc). Information is available online, Sardis and Vedder Elementary each have one. ECE Teachers have come together to draw their own designs and Ms McCurdy has sourced a local company who can print it on vinyl. Installation would then occur during Spring Break or summer

holidays, the floors would be stripped, the vinyl applied and then several layers of wax applied so nothing could peel up. Estimated cost \$2000.

Discussed concerns for noise in the hallway and need to change the behaviour matrix regarding how kids move through the halls. Staff don't believe the noise would be a detriment and the benefit would far outweigh it.

Also plan to paint one in the covered portion of the playground for outdoor play.

Natasha moved to approve up to \$2000, all in favour. Approved.

Climbing Wall: Vedder Elementary just installed, estimated cost \$10,000. It is designed to only be used when there is staff to supervise and can accommodate 16-18 children climbing at once. Discussed dedicating fundraising from Spring Carnival to the Sensory Packs and Climbing Wall.

Technology: Money already set aside for purchase of further tech, haven't spent it yet as a grant was received last Spring for use for tech and had to be spent by end of 2018 (purchased 25 more Ipads and charging station and upgraded the laptops). Don't want to continue purchasing more tech as already the WiFi in the school is challenged.

Discussed options to purchase class sets of a fit bit type watch so we could have class challenges to see which class can move the most. Ms McCurdy will see if the teachers would be interested.

Books: Money already set aside. Ordered, en route.

Jerseys: Money already set aside. Have 3 mock ups coming, may need more money as the quality fabric that will stand up to multiple washes per week, will know more when mock ups are received.

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES – Tracy

Valentine's Bake Walk

-Have sufficient volunteers but any parents who would like to come by and help out are still welcome, it's a fun event. Will begin at 0845 and run until all classes have come through, likely to the end of the day.

-Need baked goods Thursday morning, please be sure they are packaged in groups of 6 or 8 items to ensure all children in the school can get a treat.

NEW BUSINESS

Elsie advises she has a lot of experience in fundraising and willing to help! Yay Elsie and thank you!

Movie Night

– In order to show movies, we have to have a license. The School District has a license through Criterion but it does not include Disney / Pixar movies. If we want to show Disney / Pixar movies we need to purchase the license for \$495. The license is for 12 months and we can show as many movies in that year as we like.

-Ms McCurdy will see which movies are available through Criterion.

-Ms McCurdy advised that if we wish to purchase the license for Disney/Pixar then ECE will pay half of the cost of the license so the teachers can use the license to show movies in the school as well.

-Motion to pay up to \$250 for Disney License – Alexa moved, all in favour, approved.

-For discussion at future meeting, if movie nights continue to be popular (there were over 100 people at the November Movie Night), will need to purchase more mats.

Secretary's Day

-Last year the PAC purchased \$25 in flowers and a \$75 gift card for Ms. Christison.

-Motion to spend up to \$100 for flowers / gift card for Mr Christison – moved by Natasha – all in favour, approved. Ms McCurdy will advise what kind of gift card is most appropriate.

DPAC Dinner

-The ECE PAC received an invitation for 2 parents and a DPAC Executive which up until now we have not had. 2 representatives from PAC and Ms McCurdy will attend.

-Elizabeth volunteered to be DPAC rep – thank you!!

White Hatter Presentation:

-Elizabeth attended the DPAC meeting January 21, a presentation is being done regarding parenting and online security, how to prepare your kids to go online. March 5, 2019 White Hatter presentation, it's free for parents and provides really useful information. Sardis Secondary Theatre at 7pm. Ms McCurdy will also send out notice to parents.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 1900hrs. Meeting adjourned 1950 hours.