

EIDES PAC Meeting – February 1, 2022 7:00pm

In attendance:

Carolyn Doyle, Carmen Olver, Frank Lento, Sheri Earl, Laura-Lee Phillips, Melissa Crowder, Anne-Charlotte Sawatzky, Trena Drotar, Jodi Erbachert, Janet Kuijt, Tanya Bossio, Chris David, Amber David, Lenka, Amy Hare, Jen Jim and Noah, Felina, Ingrid Stevens, Tanya Malcolm

Adopt Agenda:	Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes
1.Charlie 2.Tanya B	1. Charlie 2. Tanya Bossio

3. Actions from previous meeting: n/a

4. Principal's Report:

- Haven't had more than 25% of students away. Sent a letter for potential Covid-19 activity signal but didn't have to notify MHO as under 30%. School is getting sprayed once a week to clean. Covid is on the decline in school. Have been able to keep school open.
- Jan 27 Big Buddy Read. Donation of books to each class.
- Jan 28 school assembly. Staff members had to read a sentence from book – What are your super powers?
- Swimming lessons, skating lessons have started. Ski lessons to start soon.
- Grade 2 reading teacher posting closes next week
- Feb 23 Pink shirt/anti bullying day
- Feb 16 and 17 Pizza Fundraiser Grade 6's
- Mar 3 look at enrollment for next year
- Mar 4 Report cards go home
- Running club – costs \$1200 as more students enrolled. Money allotted \$1000 in budget – Sheri acknowledged that money is there and will write a cheque. Motion by Lenka for PAC to provide additional \$200 to cover full costs. Second by Sheri Earl and Tanya B.
- Covid exposures clarification – if test positive for Covid-19 let your close contacts know (people you live with or are intimate with). If you are not showing any symptoms, you are not required to self-isolate regardless of vaccination status. If you are fully vaccinated and test positive, you are required to self-isolate for 5 days and if not vaccinated, you are required to isolate for 10 days. Email sent out last week, Jan 24. Continue to check BCCDC for guidelines as it changes. Fully vaccinated is currently 2 shots – may change in the future. Most kids should be eligible for second shot soon.

5. Treasurer's Report: **please refer to treasurer reports for details* : Sheri Earl

Started \$25000 and wrote some cheques, taken to \$20,400.

Chris noted that Agenda costs are in brackets. Sheri clarified that \$130 over. Discussed putting more money toward agendas next year.

6. Trustee's Report: Frank Lento

Focused on keeping schools open. Rapid testing tests should be out shortly – procedures and protocols. Board continues to review vaccination requirement – talking with unions, no decisions yet. Draft school calendar out for 2022/2023 and will be ratified within next month. Will get overview of budget presentation – ability to provide input.

7. DPAC (District PAC): Chris David

Silke Yarke reviewed letter from January. Close contact for Covid reviewed at DPAC – concern expressed that people didn't know what to do. Sounds like info coming through now as per discussion above.

Mount Baker engaging students in Rock Band.

8. EIDES Expansion Update: Charlie Sawatzky

On track with building application – sent to city Jan 12. Still awaiting approval from Ministry. New person in charge who is requesting more information. Meeting tomorrow morning at 9am. Timeline was tight for starting construction Spring Break – chances to achieve that timeline are getting slimmer.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Felina – school bus service

- Bus review committee since 2020. Fernie needs to enforce policy (anyone within 4 km walking), stagger bell times with different schools, or 1 more bus.
- Survey – long wait times, riding bus for long durations, over-crowding of bus, traffic congestion @ school, high schoolers from 2 different areas of town no longer getting bussing.
- Allan Rice in Feb 2020 said he would get new school bus. Nick Taylor new to position saying he would follow up with Joe Tank (Operations Manager) – would follow-up in 2022. No new changes in policy or no new bus @ present. Hard time staffing bus drivers @ present. Joe says they will monitor for now.
- Frank thinks they have implemented the policy for Sparwood and South Country. Fernie having difficulty with staffing. Frank will bring forward to DPAC – where we are in priority for getting a new bus.
- Felina reported concerns in South Country and Sparwood were very different and easier to implement; Fernie has higher population. Concerns brought forth in survey have not been addressed and continue to be pushed down the line.
- Goals for an additional bus would result in less wait times and decreased duration riding the bus.
- Felina and Caroline to connect about writing a letter from PAC to request support with path forward.

b. Jodi – Fundraising

- Last year Rocky Mountain Chocolate fundraiser went well and happy to do that again this year. Easter later this year – need final payments 3 weeks prior but this puts us at Spring Break. Jodi will see if we need to get orders in prior to Spring Break or whether we can have shorter turnaround time for handing in orders and delivery. Potential delivery April 13/14.
- Fundraisers for Spring – plant fundraiser – if same time as last year, it would result in fundraiser for Easter overlapping. Discussion to push plant fundraiser back toward end of May to stagger fundraisers a bit.

c. Carolyn Doyle – Spring Events

- Pre-Covid IDES ran great Spring events that provided a sense of community.
- 1. Spring Tea – tea put on by Grade 6's - serving tea to community members and family members of school. Cake and tea. Previously in gym – would likely need different format this year as unable to gather indoors. Picnic?
- 2. Spring Fling – dance family members and siblings could attend within school. Possibility for outdoor dance?
- Would it be possible to adapt some events or is it too much for this year? Discussed ideas of sports or carnival day (potato sack races), evening events, BBQ's, outdoor book sale and picnic? Tabled to discussing again in March and perhaps restrictions will be lifted.

d. Black history Month – February – Tanya Malcolm

- A reminder to celebrate Black History month.
- Tanya has resources if anyone would like them her.
- Possibility to include resources in minutes as a reference.

Meeting adjourn: 8:08 pm

Next meeting: Tues Mar 1st @ 7pm