

EIDES PAC Meeting - May 4, 2021 7:00pm

In attendance:

Nicole Heckendorf, Carolyn Doyle, Terry Paterson, Lenka Hawrys, Frank Lento, Jodi Erbacher, Janet Kuijt, Charlie Sawatzky, Kristina Wakeford, Ed Gillespie, Tanya Malcom, Tanya Bossio, Amy Hare, Sherri Earl, Laura Lee Phillips, Trena Drator, Janelle Park, Ed Gillespie, Ruby Yan, Neal, Jamie Carson

*Items to be added to agenda

Environmental Club student presentation for funding request to follow Adopting past meeting minutes.

To follow #3 Actions items Felina's Bus Policy/Survey update

To add to #10 Other business: Running Club request for funds

1. Adopt Agenda: 1. Lenka Hawrys 2. Tanya Bossio

2. Adopt April Minutes: 1. Sherri Earl 2. Tanya Bossio

Environmental Club add in:

Mauve and Taryn both student members of the Environment Club shared a presentation to request help with funds to purchase a new tree to be planted on the school grounds. The group will meet this Friday to have a vote on the type of tree they are hoping to purchase. The project timeline is in May and they are asking for up to \$200 to go towards the cost of both a tree and planting supplies.

Motion put forward by Nicole Heckendorf to approve funding
2nd Janelle Park
Vote = all in favour

3. Actions from previous meeting: nothing to report

***Added to agenda: Bus Report**

Felina reported that the survey results were both helpful and effective for presenting information to the new Committee for SD5 that has been tasked with updating the current policies.

Some of the key findings from the survey:

Hard No on having bell times moved

Expected walking distance of 4km not acceptable (most though <1km for Kinder/Elementary and <2km for Middle to High School)

Kids Must ride 3 times per week to secure their spots was also not widely accepted with some logistics on how this would affect kids have multiple house holds, weather permitting biking etc
Removing Courtesy Riders was not well received as an option either.

The main take away from this survey is that we have a huge need for additional buses in our area.

Next Step: Felina will present to the committee, which will review and update the current bussing policies. The survey will give a direction for which policies need to be addressed.

4. Principal's Report:

Laura Lee Phillips gave an update on the current and projected enrolment numbers for next school year. With numbers increasing she was able to add another French Immersion Classroom.

On the calendar for this month and later this spring:

May 27th Class pictures

May 27th Ready Set Learn

May 28th Running Club Event

June 2 Kindergarten Orientation with Live Teams

June 11 School Track Day

June 15/16 Blue Lake Day Camps for Grade 6 students

There will be a staff meeting next week to go over year end celebrations and Grade 6 graduations.

Janet Kjuit gave a quick update on Calendar Connection for May - Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion. The spring Rainbow Project will be announced later this week.

5. Treasurer's Report: *please refer to treasurer reports for numbers

Paid out this month from account: class room supplies, chocolate fundraiser

Money in this month: agenda purchase

Outstanding cheques for this month: 1 (chocolate fundraiser)

Gaming Account: no transactions

Our budget and account balances are looking good and there are funds available

Carolyn has submitted the application for a Gaming Grant for the 2021/22 school year.

6. Trustee's Report: Frank Lento

Frank started with thanking the 2 students that gave a presentation for the Environment Club and to Felina for her excellent report that was submitted after the Bus Survey was completed. This report made a huge impact for the committee overseeing bussing in SD5

The current expansion at EIDES is looking to be on schedule (update to be given by Charlie Sawatzky) Middle School discussions and planning is still happening.

Vaccines should be coming to all SD5 staff in the short future.

Early learning and child care initiative is looking at expanding the pilot program to 20 groups and he asked that Fernie be taken into consideration and added to this pilot.

7. DPAC: Tanya Malcom

Nothing to report at this time.

8. EIDES Expansion Update: Charlie Sawatzky

Charlie shared and went over details with a Site Plan Timeline for project is still on schedule.

Discussions again focused on the Bus pick up/ drop off zone. This is moving to 2nd Ave with Buses getting access from 1st Ave and turning on 16th Street before moving along 2nd Ave to enter the bus pull through that will be added in front of current main office doors.

They are still trying to come up with solutions to manage the congestion of this area as it is currently used for parent drop off as well. At this time there are no other viable locations. The City has requested that all bus traffic be removed from 13th Street.

9.FUNDRAISER Reports:

Jodi Erbacher : Spring Plant

Very successful this spring with the highest sale to date. Delivery is set for the 18th of May and volunteers are needed for both the unloading of the truck and handing out orders between 3:30-8pm

Terry Paterson : Virtual Book Fair

Sales for the virtual fairs are still substantially lower than our past live book fairs. This fair is currently live with end date for Friday May 7th. Hoping to surpass 100 books for the end of the fair.

Carolyn Doyle : Used Book Collection for Reading Programs

We have 2 boxes of books that have been reviewed and are ready to be added into the reading program inventory.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) **Lenka Hawrys : Bike "Rodeo"** has been pushed back to June and will include K1-Grade 2 students. This event usually requires a number of parents volunteers so Lenka will connect with Laura Lee Phillips closer to the date to come up with a Covid Safe Plan for the day.

b) Phys Ed Equipment : request for funding from Mr. Barlow in order to purchase equipment for Phys Ed (climbing ropes/ mesh bags/ weighted cones etc.) He asked if the PAC would cover 50% of the cost of goods needed to a total of \$575.00.

Motion put forward to cover funds - Nicole Heckendorf
2nd - Jodi Erbacher
Vote - All in favour

c) Environmental Group Request : moved to after items 2 on agenda see above notes

d) Staff Appreciation Lunch : Nicole Heckendorf has requested funding for staff lunches for this spring as we are not able to have a volunteer run buffet lunch. The plan would be for teachers to be responsible for their own drinks, desserts to be made by volunteers and a lunch provided by Big Bang Bagels. The budget needed for this would be \$550.00

Motion put forward to cover funds - Nicole Heckendorf
2nd - Charlie Sawatzky
Vote - All in favour

e) Running Club Request for Funds (added to agenda): Ms. Jackson submitted a request for replenishing stock of running club reward items and prizes for running events that will happen at the end of this month. Being the only sporting club that has been able to run this year the Club had record numbers for attendance. They are asking for \$941.49 to cover costs to restock current rewards for distances achieved by runners.

Motion put forward to cover funds - Nicole Heckendorf
2nd - Janelle Park
Vote - All in favour.

f) Executive roles for next year. There are two members that will be leaving roles next year. Nicole Heckendorf as Chair and Terry Paterson as Secretary. Carolyn Doyle has offered to step into the Chair position so we would need to fill her Treasurer Role. Volunteers that came forward with interest at this meeting
Sherri Earl - Treasurer Role
Ruby Yan - Secretary Role
To be decided and voted on during June meeting.

Meeting adjourn: 8:17

Next meeting: June 1 , 2021 - 7pm

