

Eleanor Hall School Council Meeting Minutes
November 23rd, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER- 7:00pm

- a) Welcome & Introductions-** Jantea Vandervelde, Shauna Nyal, Carrie Ruch, Jacquie Shank, Annette Bokenfohr, Celina deZoete, Tara Thue, Michelle Rigney, Cindy, Hnatiuk, Debbie Nestrovich, Dale Erickson, Nadine Marchand.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- Approved by Cindy

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- October 26th, 2016 Meeting, Approved by Jacquie, seconded by Carrie

4. OLD BUSINESS

a) Christmas Store Update (December 5-8)

- Debbie and Kelly have most of the shopping complete. Prices of items will range from \$1- \$5. Lori has a list of people all ready to help with setup for the day before and she is in need of just a few more volunteers. She will send out an email asking for them. Set up will be in the main foyer (Library) of the school. Last thing needed is just some wrapping paper and bows or ribbon. Lori asked administration if they could help resource these for them. They will put out a request.

b) School Spirit Wear

- Nadine met with some kids today from the Student Voice group (2 reps per class from grades 6-9). They love the spirit wear and they want the clothing to be traditional dragon colours, black or gray. Keep the logo in the traditional school logo colours and the printing all one colour. Kids were thrilled hoping that they can get their names put on the clothes and numbers. Carrie was asking if we could get the link added to the website to give parents an easier way to find the site to order from there. Carrie mentioned that shipping could take about 3-4 weeks, and that the parcel will be shipped via Purolator.
- Lori asked about would they do jerseys, basketball and volleyball, in same 4 color silk screening. Lori worried about the clothing getting lost and mixed with other school apparel if it were identical. Kids have been interested in getting some of the same material shirts as what the team jerseys are in.

c) Awards Night

- Lori tabled this until January. She is going to get a survey out to see if we can get more feedback on some of this topic.
- Jantea said she went to the school council meeting and heard that Fort Assiniboine does do awards.

Nadine talked to her group. Jr. high don't like it, Elementary love them. The Jr. high kids that they did love that they could look back to the previous years that they had gotten it. The kids liked the idea of the diligence award. Lori asked if there could be a separate sports award for each grade. And Nadine said that the kids were on the same page as this!

5. New Business

- PHPS Council of School Councils Meeting
- Jantea attended the meeting. There are two a year. One in the fall and one in the spring.
- AP 40-32 Recognition Awards: For the award part Jantea suggested we should promote this a little more within the school a little bit more. It was pointed out to all in attendance that the photos in the foyer are all for recognition of staff of EHS.
- Jantea shared her notes from what other schools are doing.

-DAPP Pembina North- does a HAM bingo and they pushed for school council FB. they said there's is so successful because the admin and the council secretary and such make a post each day. Including photos and such so that she has

-BUSBY- Biggest obstacle for them is obtaining parent volunteers. They are doing artist and residence this year.

-Westlock Elementary- They are trying to use committees for each of the events and fundraisers that they have around the school. Breakfast program: instead of having parents or teachers it's the older kids from 4-6 passing out the food, with a rotating system.

-Fort Assiniboine- breakfast program is run by parents and they feed 95% of the students of the school.

-RF Staples- cinervoice??(Not sure on spelling) they use to get reminders out to parents about different events within the school. It is a telephone system that calls homes of students at a set time and will leave voice messages. They are just recordings done by the office.

-Barrhead Elementary- There was no representation

-Neerlandia- just started up with their new school so no news to share at this time.

- New School Bus Regulations: Parents are unsure as to what is allowed on the buses now. If there is doubt about what is allowed on buses, then parents should contact their bus driver. If they do not agree with the driver then they need to follow 'Policy P9 Communication Protocol' (Which can be found on PHPS website)
- AP 60-16 Extracurricular Activities, Supervision & Coaching: Mark Theisen reviewed and highlighted the main points. Principles of fair play- sets guidelines for how our extra-curriculars will be coached. Community coach who has been coaching can coach through league games, but if the team participates in provincials there needs to be a teacher coach present. It is at the Principal's responsibility to decide whether a person(community) will be allowed to coach, It also summarizes expectations of parents. The AP also encourages schools to make an extracurricular handbook. There will be a Athletic Handbook created and then shared with all school councils/ parents.

- AP 40-32 Recognition and Appreciation Awards: Colleen demonstrated how to find the AP's on the PHPS website. With that she showed what the list of criteria is and that there is a link within the AP to make a nomination.

b) Money Mentors Presentation Idea

- There is a lady coming to the school to do presentations over two days for individual classes, and will also do one for the parents who attend the next meeting in January. Parents sound like they are on board with the presentation on how to teach kids to manage money.

c) FOOD BANK

- Dale said he will do the same format as before. With accepting cash donations, they can go to Janette. Dale will look a little more into how it worked. Jantea said that she had talked to another school where they had a different prize other than a pizza party. It will be brought to the leadership class and they will come up with the prizes rewards.

6. Enhancement Society

- Pizza day next week on the November 30th. Fundscrip was last month \$1888.00 was made. We don't really have any other news at this time. CArrie had applied for a grant from Monsanto and there are only 66 awarded across Canada and EHS was awarded it in the amount of \$2500 to use for the cement pad.

7. Administration Report

- Pembina Hills has started a new electronic newsletter. This month there are her and some other principals talking about what they are working on this year within their schools. You can ask to be subscribed to receive this monthly. It was from the communication task force that this come about it.
- In the letter from her education plan EHS has the Animal Assisted Wellness Program. This consists of a dog and a cat that spend time with small groups of students. Within the groups they are building empathy, dealing with trauma, social skills and new student orientation.
- Roots of Empathy is returning to EHS after many years of absence. This program will have a baby and mom visit the grade 4's throughout the year. As the students learn about the baby they will empathize with others.
- Talking about Spirit buddies, this is time dedicated to the students to have time to talk about different things in their lives, and this gives them a sense of belonging. Teachers use this time to use the 'Second Step' program to foster respect, empathy, problem-solving skills and self-regulation.
- To create a culture that honors different ways of being 'smart', teachers will present lessons in different ways and encourage students to demonstrate their learning in different ways.
- Improving Instructional Practice: Staff are active participants in the school's Professional Learning Community which meets on Early dismissal days. Guided by their individual growth plans, teachers:

-Create integrated curriculum to focus on essential understandings through thematic units and project based learning.

-Design differentiated assessments to demonstrate learning of curricular outcomes and develop activities and assessments based on multiple intelligences to promote the inclusion of all students.

- LLI will also be getting up and running which is the small group reading and writing practice.

b) PAT Results

- Grade 6 results were great. EHS did better than the rest of PPHS and the province. During our PAT Analysis day, the teaching staff analyzed test items. For grade 6 ELA, we need to focus on punctuation, drawing conclusions and poetry. In math, a couple of areas for improvement include graphing and probability. The science results also demonstrated a need for more experience with reading and analyzing graphs. The social studies results were lower in skills and processes.
- Grade 9 results were more difficult to analyze as there were only 10 students who wrote the regular PAT exams. That being said our acceptable standard results were very similar to Pembina Hills' results. The exception being science where we are almost 10% less. The students who wrote K&E exam did very well on all subject areas. After looking at the test items, we did not note any specific areas for improvement. However, we spoke about the need of implementing more project based learning activities that will promote higher level thinking.

8. a) Annette Trustee report:

See Attached.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE- January 18th, 7:00pm

10. ADJOURNMENT- 8:30 pm