

Feb 27, 2019 EMJS PAC Meeting Minutes EMJS Library

General Meeting commenced ~7:05pm following guest speaker Mayor Lisa Helps (6:30pm)

In attendance: Principal Brett Johnson, Vice Principal Janet Langston, PAC Executive Chair Anne Tomyn, PAC Executive members Carolyn Wick, Jessica MacDiarmid, Michaela Anderson, and approximately 20 additional parents, plus guest Rob Paynter School District Trustee.

Link to notes from the first part of the meeting with Mayor Lisa Helps:

<https://emjs.hotlunches.net/admin/view-doc.php?dnum=9695>

1. Garden Committee and Spring Fair Update (Heather): teachers continuing to use the garden beds.

DJ's, ambulance, and bouncy castles booked for the Spring Fair. Additional activities or food options up to the volunteers to coordinate, will be as large or as modest as the involvement of parent volunteers dictate. There is some pressure to keep costs lower for families to participate.

2. Upcoming speakers: If parents have suggestions for guest speakers we have grant funds available for this purpose. Contact EMJS PAC exec if you have requests/ideas. Someone observed that the upcoming VIHA public Health nurse conflicts with reunification night at Central.

3. Budget Update (Anne and Michaela): Budget was revamped in January to reallocate funds from 2017/2018 surplus spending that are no longer a priority due to installation and feasibility restraints. Teacher allotments have been increased by more than double as a one time bonus. With reduction in fundraising (due to request to reduce hot lunches) this has put some potential risk for next year's programs. The resolution of this discrepancy took too long to change at this point in the year. In April will call for ideas from teachers RE: fundraising and program priorities for next year.

4. PAC Exec/positions update (Anne): Currently we have five required exec members with room for more at large members if there is any interest.

5. Teacher update (Ashley F): Make Sale proceeds were used in part to re-stock the art closet.

6. Admin Update (Brett): Kids all sang together for Pink Shirt Day Assembly. There were Ministry reps here and they were moved. Thanks to parents for understanding during the snow days. Staff benefiting from district collaboration time, and are working on amazing things. There is going to be a very large cohort of grade 4's next year. When they leave it will make a big difference to our numbers. Thanks to all the parents that are helping with Trafalgar Park. Report cards are coming up before Spring Break starts. Basketball season went well; great coaching and sporting. District has given EMJS a gym divider to continue the OOSC and after school sport programs. Thank You to the District for installing the \$4000 sound system funded by the PAC.

Parent question: would the district fund the projector screen in the gym via the same program that allowed tech packages to be installed? Brett to check.

(Janet) Environmental education is being expanded. Space by portables is being turned into garden. First Nations ways of doing using modern equipment and museum/Floean Schultz, race rocks live feed fun for everyone.

7. New Business: Catchment Boundary Review Discussion

Link to notes from the boundary review discussion with SD61 Trustee Rob Paynter:

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