

## **Erickson Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 24, 2010 – 7 pm EES Library**

In attendance: Mrs. Barb Desiatnyk, Mrs. Leslie Roesch, Ms. Tara Elliott, Mrs. Lisa Burton, Ms. Yvette Courchene, Mr. Graham Edwards, Miss. Jennifer Carlson

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
2. Adoption of October 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Tara Elliott, second by Lisa Burton.
3. Principal's Report:
  - Christmas concert - Dec. 16
    - Will be a dessert and coffee/tea event
    - K – 2 songs
    - 1-3 choir
    - 1-3 play
    - 4-6 – 2 songs
    - Santa
  - Grade 6 has started collecting coats for Kids.
  - Grade 6's have started going to the care home every 2nd week.
  - RCMP will be starting the DARE program on January 10th. It consists of 9 one hour classes.
  - Grades 1-3 will be attending HONK Jr. at Brandon on December 3.
  - Kids Can Shop is taking place on Dec. 21 at ECI
  - Crissy Huhtala was hired as an EA.
  - Meagan Smith is here as a student teacher in grade 2.
  - Swimming Lessons
    - Letter requesting bussing was sent. No formal reply as of yet, but did get verbal confirmation.
  - Repairs to both washrooms took place.
    - Doors were fixed and backsplashes were replaced
  - Lights were installed on East side of the building.
  - Parent teacher interviews went very well. Very high % turnout, especially considering the weather. We are trying to have 100% success rate through rescheduling.
  - We have 6 students from grade 5 and 6 that are attending Career Trek in Brandon every Saturday for 12 weeks.
  - Newsletters will be done on a monthly basis now starting on November 30th. Overall behaviour has been wonderful over the past 3 months. Restitution type solutions seem to be working. Mike Keith presented to our staff last week on how to teach restitution to our children so they are more familiar with the language and procedures.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - Marsha Merrick unable to attend
5. Unfinished Business
  - Swimming Lessons
    - In Principal's report

- Meat Draws
  - January 8 and March 19
  - We are interested in picking our own prizes this time
- Cookbook Fundraiser
  - To date 301 cookbooks have been handed out
- Playground report by Leslie Roesch
  - Waiting on a quote from Beatty's. They have all the information that they require.
  - We need to work on a presentation – one for WI as requested and one for the Town council. The presentation to the town Council must occur prior to the end of January as the budget is done in February. Call to book a time to present.
- EES Craft Sale
  - We are all ready to proceed.
  - Have asked some Grade 6's to come help out.
  - Any purchases for supplies for the sale will be refunded.
- Request for Bookwork for money that Kathleen Slashinsky provided for the Playground – tabled.
- Reaching out to the community
  - Discussed holding a meeting, inviting other group chairs and representatives to see how we can come together for the benefit of the school and our children
- Hot Lunch Monday November 29th.
  - Tara Elliott has sent out forms and will be collecting money on Friday

6. Correspondence – MB PAC Newsletter

7. New Business

- Child Care for Meetings
  - Haven't been able to connect with the high school on this. How can we approach this better? Perhaps a letter written to their PAC about the volunteer hours
- Invite 1-2 NEW staff members a month
  - Mr. Edwards will put up a sign-up sheet and have staff pick a date to attend
- Co-op Membership Number and Account
  - Laminated cards will be supplied and those with a card can sign for purchases.
- The PAC created a Fundraising Coordinator Position – Leslie Roesch accepted this position.
- Magic Carnival
  - Big fundraiser for playground, held during summer
  - Need to set a date and arrange venues and talent according to availability
  - Will reach out to other community groups for involvement

**Next Meeting will be held on Thursday January 13, 2011 at 7 PM in the EES Library**