

## EES Parent Group Meeting Minutes

**April 20, 2010 – 7 pm EES Library**

In attendance: Mrs. Barb Desiatnyk, Mrs. Leslie Roesch, Mr. F. Sokoloski (acting Principal), Mrs. T. Mason, Mrs. D. Hanson, Ms. Tara Elliott, Miss. J. Carlson, Ms. Shanna Frith

1. Call to Order at 7:08 pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Tara Elliott, second by Shanna Frith
3. Adoption of March 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Barb Desiatnyk, second by Leslie Roesch
4. Principal's Report: none (Mrs. Slashinsky could not attend)
5. Unfinished Business
  - Swimming Lessons
    - Surveys were given to Barb Desiatnyk to tally.
    - We discussed some examples of how other schools have organized their swimming lessons. Educational assistants, parents, and teachers accompanied the kids to help out. The kids were away from the school for approximately 4.5 hours, leaving at 8:30 and returning at 1. The kids took part in 2 lessons each time they went – a 45 minute lesson, 15 minute break, another 45 minute lesson. Taking 2 lessons, rather than 1, each time the kids went to Brandon reduced the transportation costs.
    - Barb Desiatnyk reported on information that was sent to her from Mr. Daryl Tesarowski, transportation supervisor for the RRSD. The cost would be \$110 per bus based on 4.5 hours of away time.
      - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> buses would carry 42 students based on 2 per seat
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> buses would carry 30 students based on 2 per seat
    - There are approximately 118 students at EES
    - Cost of lessons depends on the number of kids going but we suspect the cost to be about \$37.
    - We need more information from the Sportsplex – How many kids can they accommodate at one time? Would half the school go at one time and the other half at another? Cost? Barb Desiatnyk to contact Sportsplex.
    - Carry forward
  - Cookbook Fundraiser
    - Due to time constraints, the cookbook will have to be postponed until next year. With the time that it takes to have them printed, we wouldn't get the cookbooks until mid-June and that is too late to sell them.
    - It was suggested that we add a request to have permission to use photos of the students in the cookbook, to the permission slip that goes home at the beginning of the year next year. Mr. Edwards, principal next year, will need to be contacted in September about this.
    - We should look for sponsorship from local businesses – they can purchase an ad in the back of the cookbook.
    - Mrs. Slashinsky was successful in getting Lifetouch to send out a cd of the photo of the whole school. This will have to be done again next year for the cookbook.

- Playground
    - Red slide structure will be removed this summer.
    - We decided to revisit the playground plan and look into other options, such as using recycled plastics.
    - Mr. Sokoloski knows Mr. Gene Finlay in Rapid City, who won a playground structure and donated it to Rapid City. He thought that it was Monsanto that donated the structure. Mr. Sokoloski agreed to contact Mr. Finlay for more details.
  - Childcare at Meeting – there wasn't any need for childcare at this meeting. If anyone wants to attend and needs childcare, please let one of the board members know and it can be arranged.
  - Mrs. Slashinsky has reminded staff about wearing vests while supervising on the playground.
  - Finance Meeting presented by the Manitoba Teacher's Society, Apr 21 at 4:30. Shanna Frith and Barb Desiatnyk will attend.
  - Front Entrance Door Use - Letter regarding the use of the front door by students was not sent out. The Parent Group had a list of questions regarding this issue. Mr. Sokoloski will pass them on to Mrs. Slashinsky.
6. Correspondence – none.
- Barb Desiatnyk thanked Miss. Carlson for writing a fantastic article for the South Mountain Press (SMP).
7. New Business
- Safety Week is May 2 to 8<sup>th</sup>. Leslie Roesch spoke about a brochure that she received in the mail regarding this. See the website “getprepared.ca”
  - Treasurer and Signing Authority
    - Marsha Merrick agreed over the phone with Barb Desiatnyk to be our treasurer (this was confirmed by Marsha Merrick on April 22 by an email to Shanna Frith).
    - Motion made to assign signing authority to the following people:  
 Marsha Merrick (Treasurer)  
 Leslie Roesch (Member at Large)  
 Tara Elliott (Member at Large)  
 - Moved by Shanna Frith, second by Barb Desiatnyk
  - A parent asked if parents are permitted to sit in on their child's classroom. The school representatives in attendance did not know if there was an official policy but all agreed they would be fine with it. They suggested that if a parent wanted to do this that they should contact their child's teacher.
  - Parent Advisory Council
    - Advantages of becoming a PAC are that there are clear duties and responsibilities, and PACs have better access to fundraising opportunities.
    - Please check out the information available online at:  
[http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/school\\_partnerships/appendix\\_d.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/school_partnerships/appendix_d.pdf)
    - We need 7 people in order to form a PAC. More interested people are needed.
    - Carry forward
  - The Parent Group is having difficulties getting their paperwork out through the school. How can we make this process work better?
  - Shanna Frith to provide an easy to read, short-form of the minutes for inclusion in the EES Newsletter, following each meeting. We hope to encourage people to get involved.

- Leslie Roesch to contact Greg Nesbitt at the South Mountain Press to see if they would run some small ads for our meetings.
- Staff Member of the Month
  - Nomination box to be put outside the office. Anyone can nominate a staff member. We will pick 2 per month to be included in the EES Newsletters. Tara Elliott to make the box and Shanna Frith to make the forms.
- Mr. Edwards, principal next year, will be invited to our next meeting. Mrs. Slashinsky was fine with this when Barb Desiatnyk asked her about it.
- Fundraising Letter
  - The fundraising letter will be sent out looking for support for the swimming lessons for next year. Shanna Frith to complete letter and Leslie Roesch to forward a list of organizations the letter should go to.

8. To Do list:

- Fundraising letter – **Shanna Frith**; List of recipients – **Leslie Roesch**
- Signing authority – **Marsha Merrick, Tara Elliott, and Leslie Roesch** to go to the ECU with minutes and ID.
- **Barb Desiatnyk** to contact Sportsplex to get details about swimming lessons.
- Cookbook – plan to complete early next year.
- Playground Plan – revisit.
- Pursue Parent Advisory Council
- Short form of minutes to go into Newsletter – **Shanna Frith**
- **Leslie Roesch** to contact SMP
- Staff of the Month – box by **Tara Elliott**, forms by **Shanna Frith**
- **Barb Desiatnyk** to invite Mr. Edwards to next meeting
- Farm Credit Canada Grant
- Letter stating that the red slide structure is unsafe – **Mrs. Slashinsky**.
- Add permission to use photos in the cookbook, to the photo permission slip sent home at the beginning of each year.

9. Motion to Adjourn at 9:03 pm - Moved by Barb Desiatnyk, second by Shanna Frith

**Next Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 7 pm at EES Library**