

Earl Grey Parent Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 28, 2023 6:15PM

Earl Grey School

Present at school: Lauren Dominici, John Dominici, Tanya Sigurdson, Sandri van Wyk, Johan van Wyk, Kristin Malenfant, Colleen Heuchert-Hammell (vice principal), Tricia Penner (principal), Aurelie Joly

Present on Zoom: Lisa Gilmour, Coty, Arla and Joel, Candielya Jackson

Regrets: Jane Friesen

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 - a. Appoint note taker for the meeting - Lauren Dominici
 - b. Pass around attendance sheet
 - c. Introductions
2. Acceptance of minutes from May 25th, 2023
 - a. Motion to approve: Sandra
 - b. Seconded: Kristin
3. Reports
 - a. Chairperson's Report
 - i. Spring to Summer: Requests for Funds
 - ii. Welcome Back to School event - PAC had a table set up
 1. Families requested virtual option to become involved with PAC
 - iii. Looking for feedback from parents
 1. Presentations from staff from Earl Grey School, continue this year?
 - a. General sentiment: yes, parents are interested in learning.
 - b. Tricia Penner will bring back to staff to arrange PAC meetings.
 2. Clubs - parent help to run clubs for students
 - iv. Fundraiser - looking for fundraising volunteers
 - v. School year - PAC election of roles
 - b. Principal's Report
 - i. Almost 400 students registered
 - ii. Primary class sizes 20-26, Intermediate: 24-28
 - iii. New staff hired this year
 1. Jr. High - 2 to 4 teachers
 2. Gr. 7/8 - Spanish bilingual is in its first year
 - iv. Terry Fox fundraiser - thank you to the community for such a phenomenal contribution. \$1800 was raised! Although it rained, students ran many laps for Terry. It was great to invite Fred Fox, Terry's brother, for an all-school assembly. Students asked amazing questions and were very engaged.
 - v. It appears that Earl Grey may be selected for an elevator in the future.
 - vi. Arts Explosion has begun!

1. Book: *Be a Good Ancestor* - passage for inspiration
 2. Grades 1-6, 1 hour of experiencing arts
 3. Students' classes are mixed to meet new students
 4. Teachers of those grades are in their TLC meetings during this time.
 5. New mission statement
 - vii. New Chief Superintendent: Matt Henderson
 1. Wants schools to look at how assessment is done in relation to learning clusters.
 - a. Purpose is to push understanding of assessment and advance practice.
 2. Administration team worked with teachers on their assessment plan, beginning with the question: "What does reading instruction look like in your classroom?"
 3. Writing, Math conversations will come next.
 - viii. Forest Time begins next week
 1. Outdoor/Place-based learning.
 2. The entire school has signed up to go.
 3. Fall, Winter, Spring, and closer to summer.
 - ix. Earl Grey blog - will be up and running soon
 1. Students publish their work here.
 2. Parents can subscribe and receive an email once new publications are pushed out.
 - x. Website is being updated, deadline 9/29
 - xi. Parent communication: email, Instagram, calendar on website etc. Please give feedback about communication so Earl Grey can improve.
 - xii. School has been engaging in age-appropriate, thematic learning about Truth and Reconciliation
 - xiii. Mike Plaetinck - new position, French & EAL
 - xiv. Trish LaRoque - big loss to the Earl Grey community, she will be missed. The school has been supporting and helping in all the ways that they can.
- c. Treasurer's report submitted by Jane Friesen
- i. A few months of checks
 - ii. Babysitting for PAC, support for school clubs
 - iii. Earned money back from raffle
 - iv. Sponsored support for camps and ski trip
 - v. Motion to accept: Johan, Seconded: John, approved.
 - vi. \$246 for room 22 & 16 to attend 3 performances at MTYP over the school year - approved
 1. Motion to accept: Sandri, Seconded: Kristin
- d. Lunch program report submitted by Tanya Sigurdson
- i. 98 students registered this year.
 - ii. 2 full time staff, 3 part time staff, additional EA support from the school
 - iii. Always welcome any community members interested in working for the lunch program.
 - iv. Current adjusted balance: \$10,410.30

4. New business

- a. Preparing for AGM meeting
 - i. More hands means less work for any one individual! There are many ways to get involved with PAC and to contribute to a strong community. Also, there are different levels of commitment for all families.
 - ii. Fundraising helps provide funds to give kids more opportunities.
 - b. Planning our first fundraiser
 - i. Take-away/Takeout night, FundScript, Shelmerdine's (poinsettias, wreaths), Mom's Pantry
 - ii. Request to bring back more information to the October meeting.
 - 1. Online options, ordering information, etc.
 - c. Sharing thoughts and ideas of how to make PAC meetings accessible virtually.
5. Adjournment.
- a. Motion to adjourn: 7:21 p.m.

Next meeting - Thursday October 28 at 6:15 pm

Childcare will be provided