

Earl Grey Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday January 25, 2024 6:15pm

Location: Earl Grey School Room 12

1. Call to Order, request for a notetaker (Lauren Dominici), Introductions of attendees,
Attendance -Lauren and John D, Tanya S, Courtney Y, Tricia Penner (principal), Laura F, Jane F, Colleen Heuchert-Hamell (Vice Principal), Diana S, Daniela M, Juan G, Temitope M.
Online: Arla M, Lisa G, Lisa S-B (school admin), Sandra I.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - click link for minutes from previous meetings.
<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/earlgrey/page/842/earl-grey-parent-council>
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal - December highlights: Earl Grey Eagles for Equality hamper drive, very proud of the turnout and efforts by the community and students. Filming is complete inside the building, there still is some filming taking place outside. The three winter concerts accumulated over 1000 attendees.
January highlights New Superintendent Matt Henderson visited school. Toured classrooms and spoke with teachers and students and observed students learning in action. Matt shared that the teachers seemed happy, and was curious about how to support teachers. Student surveys are complete and staff are using data to create focus groups. If PAC is interested, the data collected through the survey can be shared at a future PAC meeting. Nursing students are at the school 4 days a week and will be presenting health lessons including topics of mental health to grades 4-6 and 7-8's. Also social media awareness to jr. high students, and promoting good hand hygiene for students attending the lunch program. Ms. Tattersall sends thanks for supporting their popcorn sale for the convalescent home. Jan 18 was a math PD for teachers based on thinking classrooms, (Tara Henderson) Teachers are focusing on problem-solving and connecting it to the curriculum. School Programs information night date change will be announced soon. Safe schools - 3 medical incidents this year, many staff are trained in first aid/ CPR. Elevator plans are moving forward starting February.
Principal will meet with SueAnn from the community centre soon to discuss the play structure among other topics of shared interest.
Drop off situation in the mornings has not improved. We see a necessity to install a four-way stop at the corner of Fleet and Cockburn to keep our children safe. This need was brought forward to the city some years ago with no response.

School is requesting that we all work together to make the situation safer. Will resend bus/traffic stop and drop plan out again to families.

Attendance Facts- Province released Presence and Engagement document.

See link here;

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/presence_engagement/student_presence_engagement.pdf

There are a number of students with poor attendance at Earl Grey School. A student who misses 2 school days a month may affect academic outcomes. Mrs Penner is having conversations with families that struggle with regular attendance to determine how to best move forward.

- b. Lunch Program - Book drive very successful. 97 students,(almost at maximum capacity) The staffing has improved, Kelvin HS students completed practicum. Thanks to teachers for offering their classrooms during filming in December.
 - c. Chairperson - Shelmerdines fundraiser was successful. Survey is ready to send out in March to families to help us align PAC with the interest of Earl Grey School families. We are looking for a few parent volunteers for Gift card fundraiser, Bubble Run fundraiser and staff appreciation in March. PAC would like to set up help sessions to help parents sign up to volunteer and complete their mandatory volunteer training. Constitution updates with the lunch program have been done and are being sent to Brenda Lapoint for approval.
 - d. Treasurer - Closing Balance is 2151.84 Courtney/Laura - carried. Presented an updated budget proposal.
5. New Business:
- a. Special Advisory Report- Diana S(parent) Member of the Inclusive Education Advisory Committee.

Meetings provide information to the committee such as funding, current support systems in place and services offered in the school division and relevant topics such as adolescence to adulthood. Committee discusses needs after presentations and gives recommendations to the Board of Trustees to build inclusive environments within schools.

Brent Epp, consultant, presenter.

Inclusive Support Services team: Appropriate educational programming. IEP has been replaced with SSP(student specific plan) academic, behavioural goals which are tailored to student's needs.

Also, the committee discussed budget, block funding and the need for increased funding as there has been no increase since 2016. Earl Grey Parent Council would like to help support this cause and plan to meet with Diana again to make an action plan of how to help.

Future meetings are:

Thursday, March 7, (disability tax credit)

Wednesday, April 17,

Thursday, May 30,

at 7:00 p.m. at Prince Charles Education Resource Centre.

b. Upcoming Fundraisers

- Gift Card fundraiser- Feb-March (Laura Foth has volunteered to help).
- Bubble Fun Run - April-May. Need volunteers for planning as well as volunteers to help during the actual event. More info to come by the next PAC meeting.
- La Fiesta (May- June) we will be needing a few volunteers for planning as well as volunteers for the Fiesta.

c. Staff Appreciation in March. Requires one volunteer to schedule food/beverage donations throughout the week. Email earlgreyschoolpac@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for this or any of our volunteering requests;

Adjournment and submission of Attendance sheet 7:46pm.

Next meeting February 29, 2024 6:15pm