



École Charleswood School

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ÉCS Parent Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

School Library or Teams

1. Call to Order: 6:34 pm

2. Welcome and introductions for all in attendance

3. Minutes from Sept 14, 2023: Adoption of minutes approved by Susan and seconded by Heather.

4. Principal/Vice Principal Report

- Communication support for global conflicts and hate issues was sent by the division. Nothing has happened at the school. The school is prepared if there any issues.
- Phones – took a broad sweep due to past damaging and threatening challenges and issues from last year. Kids hand them in in the morning and get them back at 3:30 pm. The result – 98% kids feel safe, kids play and are more engaged. Kids are raising questions about getting phones at lunch time and have concerns about being kidnapped and having them for safety. Some issues with kids saying they don't have their phones so they can keep them hidden in their bags (for access at lunch). This causes an issue when teachers have class activities using phone technology. School is waiting to see if the behaviours will settle with the rules as they are. Kids are using SnapChat (at home on their own time) for reasons that are increasingly negative. That platform that is for 13 and over, and has never been condoned by the school.
- Kids have had some concerns with adults in the community – school resource officer is aware.
- License to Leave is going mostly well – kids are learning to be good citizens. There has been reported shoplifting. There are two reps from each class checking in with the businesses and to create respectful behaviours and partnerships.
- PAC and the school will have a seminar on safe cell phone use and the false sense of security – Brandi Bartok and Calvin Yong will do the session again this year. A parent did ask for a town hall on phone use but we will do the parent info session first.
- Babysitting course – during admin days Dec 8, Mar 15, Jun 24 by South Winnipeg Family Centre. This will be offered to the Grade 6's.
- Playground – there is a four square now. And there is new painting to allow for the south end of the building to have space for kids to walk so they are not walking in the road area. Division did the painting.
- It have been reported there is not enough room for a play structure on the school grounds. The only option would be in front of the school (bike racks would need to be

moved). We can look at other items for play as an alternative. Request has been put in to have someone from the Division to come to the PAC meeting. Parents can attend a Division meeting to voice concerns.

- Stolen bicycles – bicycle racks had been more south where cameras have been installed. Have had one damaged and one stolen. School will talk to the SRO and monitor the issues.

Question and Answer:

Can grade 7 and 8's stay everyday for lunch? Response: Yes – they can stay everyday. And some individual parents have pulled back permissions for "license to leave" for their children, which can be done anytime.

Students can leave but are supposed to be out for the lunch hour. If students are late returning from lunch or late to class – the minutes are being added up and when they hit a 20 minute minimum and will have detention after school.

Parent concern regarding safety of kids off the school grounds. i.e. an adult stopping and saying "your mom told me to pick you up". The kids do know all of the rules but there are concerns that kids are aware and in the know and will make appropriate and safe choices.

5. Council Reports:

Treasurer report – no change. Balance \$3,778

Lunch Program – nothing new to report

7. Old Business

- Constitution will be used for PAC going forward
- Request for gently used sports equipment is on the ECS website
- An email messenger to be sent asking for volunteers

8. New Business

Elections:

- Cochairs: Lisa and Lori put names forward to be cochairs. Motion to accept approved by Ashley and seconded by Susan
- Secretary: Shelly lets her name stand. Motion to accept approved by Lori and seconded by Lisa.
- Treasurer: Susan lets her name stand. Motion to accept approved by Shelly and seconded by Lori
- Fundraising Ashley let her name stand. Motion to accept by Lori and seconded by Lisa.
- Members at large:
 - Maggie let her name stand: Motion to accept by Lisa and seconded by Ashley
 - Heather let her name stand: Motion to accept by Lori and seconded by Shelly
 - Tyler let his name stand: Motion to accept approved by Lori and seconded by Lisa

Fun Lunch: McDonald's would like to be first fun lunch on November 28 (will continue to use Munch a Lunch). Calvin would like a few healthier options. Lunch will be priced in ways to keep costs down and consider other options in the community (i.e., proximity to McDonalds). Get lunches before lunch bell and have them handed out in the classroom. Only 205 kids allowed in cafeteria. Alternating schedule for eating in classroom vs cafeteria.

Bar Burrito will be on December 19

Pizza lunch used to be band related. No pre-orders and usually have enough for the kids. Money is going into a fund for school initiatives. Every Wednesday.

Fundraising

Ideas - supermarket sweep for \$1,000 of groceries at co-op.

Goals – some ideas are: audio-visual equipment or playground equipment.

Action: need contacts for the feeder schools to coordinate fundraising

Communication is ad hoc as needed – let school admin know.

Susan to facilitate fun lunch backend coordination. Pam will email cafeteria schedule to PAC.

Request for all emails to go to the ECS PAC email Charleswood.PAC@gmail.com

9. Announcements

- October 20 no school

Next meeting: November 16. 2023

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm