



École Charleswood School

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ÉCS Parent Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023
School Library or Teams

Admin Report:

School start up – Had 3 assemblies to give information to students and ensure students know priorities: how to treat phones, off-campus privileges and launch a great start to the year

License to leave – kids had to do a few activities with planned business visits. Kids are paired with a business so that 7/8's learn and develop appropriate behaviours in the community.

Phone guidelines –kids are learning how to use phones, discussed the background with the 7/8's and how it has changed, phones managed in basket by teachers, will allow for school activity and cannot use at lunch time. Previous years phone use was too disruptive. So far there is good feedback from students and parents, see much more play and laughter outdoors, kids are more present in the classrooms.

NB: Addendum and update to the minutes in response to a media request stating, "Given the recent protests we are looking to dispel some of the myths that are currently out there about what is actually being taught in sex and health education in schools and at what age." Here is our division's response:

"The work of Pembina Trails staff regarding health education classes is governed by curriculum. The complete curriculum outlines what topics are taught at which grade level ([Physical Education/Health Education | Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/physical-education/health-education/)). We also provide additional teacher training through the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and Sexuality Education Resource Centre Manitoba (SERC) to staff who deliver this content.

Numerous policies from Pembina Trails School Division including Policy JIC – Standard of Behaviour, Policy IMB – Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues, Policy AC: Non-Discrimination and Policy IFC – Inclusion and Appropriate Educational Programming also inform our work.

As well, associated documents including the Manitoba Human Rights Code, Bill 18 -The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe and Inclusive Schools), Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students in Manitoba Schools, Safe and Caring Schools-Respect for Human Diversity Policies, and Responding to Religious Diversity in Manitoba's Schools provide valuable direction and information to staff as they go about their work."

- Lisa Boles, Superintendent/CEO, Pembina Trails

Here are links to the policies that were referenced.

JIC

<https://media.pembinatrails.ca/media/Default/medialib/jic-student-standard-of-behaviour.b4aa098355.pdf>

IMB

<https://media.pembinatrails.ca/media/Default/medialib/imb-teaching-controversial-sensitive-issues.fd82358333.pdf>

AC

https://sbptsdstor.blob.core.windows.net/docs/5215806f-c668-4dbf-afe7-fef0c3337e09_AC%20Non-Discrimination.pdf

IFC

<https://media.pembinatrails.ca/media/Default/medialib/ifc-appropriate-educational-programming-inclusive-instruction.5bbf768315.pdf>

Staffing update – started without all staff, hard to find EA's, started 3 EA's short, As of Sept 14 all EA positions filled, staffing is now complete, Chantale Dallaire admin will start Monday.

Parent Council Items:

Constitution – as the parent council has evolved, we will now base the council activities using the prescribed constitution. **Action: Lori** will obtain constitution for determining roles and guidance for the PAC activities.

Outdoor play – A priority for PAC is providing outdoor play options. There is planning that needs to be done. In the meantime, PAC and school admin can look into four square (indivision painting request is in), funnel ball, gaga ball options.

Pam from the canteen uses funds for play at lunch time (will buy equipment, hula hoops, chalk, bubbles, etc) on hot days/extreme cold days– option to play games in cafeteria.

7&8's are in the front (Oakdale Dr.), 5 and 6's in the back field, could put in a basketball hoop in the front for the 7/8's so both sets of students have access to hoops.

Actions: Adrian: Put a request for gently used play equipment on the website and have a message sent out to parents. Invite a School division staff to the next meeting to discuss the outdoor space

Lost -and found – There is a system for displaying items during a school tournament. Unclaimed items are then donated to a charity.

Treasurer information - Had 3 fun lunches last year and made approx. \$2,300, Mask escape \$824, \$750 from division, balance is \$3,700, goal is to spend on students, trustees need to know fundraising plans for the year.

Fundraising ideas– stickers, pins (ideas for selling instead of just food), Bothwell cheese, ice cream (jumbo freezies and ice-cream sandwiches), canteen willing to share the coolers.

PAC Positions: Co-Chair, Fun Lunch coordinator, Fundraising, Treasurer (Susan), Secretary (Shelly), Volunteer coordinator **Action: Lori and Susan** send out message to school community asking for volunteers for PAC positions or to help during fun lunches and other activities.

Need a school calendar so PAC can plan out fun lunch dates **Action: Peggy** to share calendar with Susan and Lori, can pick fun lunch dates starting in October, set a date/week for staff appreciation.

**Email if you are interested in being on PAC or helping out in any way,
Charleswood.pac@gmail.com**

If anyone is interested in being a lunch supervisor (4 positions still need filling), email Pam at ecslunchprogram@outlook.com

The division is Also looking for EA's.

Next meeting: October 19 next meeting in person and on Teams