**WHYTE RIDGE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**7:00pm February 2, 2025**

**Location: 400 Scurfield Blvd**

**Co-Chairs:** Sam Lewycky & Rav Kaler

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Ashton du Plessis | Sam Lewycky | Rav Kaler  |
| Megan Ball | Sarah Rasmussen | Steph Johnson. Yevehn  |
| Yevhen  | **Heather Bosko (Teams)** | **Mariia Dymerets (Teams)** |
| **Praphpreet Toor (Teams)** |  |  |

School Team: Mike Weekes, Cindi Tibbs, Ms. Sawchuk (Grade 2)

**Secretary:** Ashton Du Plessis

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Agenda Item** | **Lead** |
| **Approval of Agenda & Minutes from last meeting**Motion to approve December 2024 minutesMoved by: Megan Second: Steph Carries | Rav/Sam |
| **Co-Chair’s Report*** **Fall Fundraiser**
	+ Quick recap – we net just under $8K from the cookie dough fundraiser
	+ In the last meeting we made a motion to allocate a total of $8,000 towards the outdoor space.
	+ We had an opening balance in our restricted fund (which is determined was going to be used for the outdoor space of $1,700.15) therefore the amount required to be allocated from the fall fundraiser was $6,299.85
* **Teacher Appreciation Week (February 10– 14th)**
	+ Set by the province to be next week
	+ We went ahead and reached out to parents via social media (Instagram and FB page) to see if there were any parents that wanted to donate Tim Horton gift cards or money specifically for the appreciation week – got a couple of donations.
	+ We received a very generous donation from Sarah R’s parents – a cheque for $300 that will be used for this week.
	+ Monday – Tea/Coffee and cookies
		- Have left over boxes of cookie dough – get a few volunteers to bake some cookies next weekend.
	+ Thursday – Pizza Lunch/Drinks/Salad for staff
		- Going to use Dominos (owe us 15 large pizzas for free from the Hot lunch issues)
	+ Thank you cards
* Bus drivers, crossing guards, lunch supervisors also to be included
* **Other**
	+ Attended the Kindergarten Open House – held for parents, had a table set up with some flyers
	+ Received a funding cheque from the school division. Every year, they provide PAC with $375 and in the past, this was typically put towards the purchase of dual language books for the library.

Motion to use $375 PAC Initiative from the School Division on Dual Language Books for the school libraryMoved by: Sarah Second: Megan Carried | Rav/Sam |
| **Administration Report*** **Assembly on Jan 24 about peer pressure, bullying and citizenship**
* **A few recess incidents – importance of common language, building routines and communication – how to seek out adult support, ownership of your part of the problem, language on how to give and receive an apology**
* **sand, pebble, rock problem**
* **diversity equity and inclusion conversation – what does that look like in the classroom – equal opportunities and actions have consequences**
* **lots of extracurricular – run club, indoor track, student action club, choir, cribbage, chess,**
* **Kindergarten open house last Thursday with about 60 families**
* **Some staffing changes with teachers coming to/from mat leave**
* **Grade level teams continue to meet weekly for planning, assessment and goals**
* **EDSBY transition – division is trying to minimize the platforms that staff and families have to use**
* **My Ride App – parents encouraged to ensure their notifications are turned on**
* **School has been given an extra bus to lower some of the numbers on busses**
* **Current enrollment – 613 students with new students coming every day**
* **Verification reports for next year have been sent home to plan for next year**
* **January 31 PD – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Structured Literacy initiatives**
* **Busy month with plans for I love to Read, Festival du Voyageur and Indigenous initiatives**
* **Indigenous Education focus particularly in Phys Ed. The goal will be to have more Phys Ed classes outside (up to 1/3)**
* **Looking at a “soft start” for the school day next year**
* **Tri – Conferences March 6 – plan to be more of a Celebration of Learning**
* **Nutrition Grant funding has been able to be used for Lunch Coordinator to support bringing snacks to the class**

**Grade 2 Team Report** * Busy month with I Love to Read – Mrs. Munro in the Library has put together activity challenges for teachers to take out
* Field trip to Fort Whyte for Winter Fun Day
* Grade level PLC learning about UFLI
 |  Mike/CyndiMrs. Sawchuck |
| **Program Reports*** Hot Lunches
* January went well – profit of $651.25
* Plan for what to do when kids are away on pizza day
* Spring Fundraiser/Community event
* Spring Dance vs. carnival?
 | MeganAll |
| **Financial Update**See Attached Report  | Rav |
| **Other*** **No update on Outdoor Classroom – project likely not to be done this school year**
* **Next step for Outdoor Classroom is for Mike to contact companies to draw up plans**
* **Cyndi will continue looking into swings**
* **PAC concerns on how to spend money we are fundraising for on the students who are at school this year**
* **Question to Admin on what Lunch Program fees are used for**
* **6 new lunch supervisors recently hired**
 | Everyone |
| **In Camera Session**  | PAC Members |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Next Meeting Date** | **Location** |
| Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm  | Library  |