

MINUTES
ROYAL SCHOOL PARENT CONNECTION MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:30 – 7:30pm by Teams

In attendance: Tanis T, Sara G, Julia O, Joe T, Danae T,

May 2023

1. Review / approve minutes from last meeting - approved
2. Feedback from PACs - Survey to complete by members
Needs to be completed by May 29.

3. Smile Report - one positive thing about Royal School this month

Julia: Special thank you to teachers – kids have been sick and thank you for working hard with me to ensure that they don't get behind.

Danae: Thank you teachers (Mrs. Pinchin) for the mother's day gifts.

Staff appreciation was greatly appreciated and there was a great turnout.

4. Treasurer's Report - Joe T

Last fun lunch – net ~\$400

Staff appreciation – received just over \$300 and spent \$190

For the year we spent as much as we earned, including the playground equipment. Still have a healthy balance.

Canada day walk – supply freezies – we will need 150 freezies.

5. Discussion topic of the month: planning for next school year (fundraising, getting more parents involved, fun community events, Royal School pride)

Meet the Royal Team Sept 20. Look into having a food truck. Fired Up – Pizza food truck – might need 2 food trucks. Danae to reach out & look into.

Possibly a bouncy castle (~\$375 for 3 hrs includes set up and take down), face painting (~\$75/hour – may need a couple people)?

Fire Rescue Truck – Winnipeg Fire services, possibly a police car too? Tanis to look into.

Tradition that Royal school labeled water bottles are for Grade 5's so can't do that for the meet the team. Tanis will plot something...

Fall Dance:

- After Thanksgiving and before Halloween – Oct 19th

- Details left to Natasha

6. Fun Lunch update/changes - Danae T

It was a difficult year with numerous issues. Some families are specifically cash so going all digital excludes them.

7. Glenlea Fundraiser

Pick up is Thursday May 18

8. Parent Connection presence at Kindergarten info night and Spring Concert

Welcome to kindergarten night which is little kid focus so no need for parent connection to be present. Do an update on the bulletin board instead.

No spring concert this year.

9. School Report - Tanis T

1. **Perennial Bee and Butterfly Garden** – raised bed installed this week, planting will occur at the end of May with the Living Prairie Museum staff.

2. **Staffing Update** – Though staffing is partly tied to enrolment, and enrolment may change prior to September 2023, our anticipated class groupings for 2023-24 are:

- Kindergarten (a.m.) – Sarah Leslie
- Grade 1 – Grace Carruthers
- Grade 1/2 – TBA: We wish Tania Hanslip all the best as she joins the Pembina Trails Collegiate staff
- Grade 2 – Kelly Pinchin
- Grade 3 – Jennifer Derksen (a.m.); Darla Forbes (p.m.)
- Grade 3/4 – Larena Dzik
- Grade 4 – Chad Gustafson
- Grade 4/5 – Christine Cambly Care (we wish Haley Coupland all the best while she is on leave for the year)
- Grade 5 – James MacLellan
- K to 6 Physical Education, Grades 3-5 Health – Blue Jay Bridge
- K to 6 Music – Regina Bowers
- Grades 3/4, 4, 4/5, 5 French – TBA
- School Support Team – Deanna Perche; Cyndy Jones
- Teacher Librarian – Lauren Friesen

The learning atmosphere in the classroom is the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students. The school team strives to create classes that are balanced in all respects. The following are some of the things considered in determining class lists when there is more than one class at a grade level:

- Male/Female ratio
- Range of student achievement, abilities, and talents
- Twins and siblings
- Students with specific needs
- Knowledge of friendship needs, social interactions and dynamics for individual students and groups of students
- Student/teacher learning and teaching styles
- Placement of students new to Royal School
- Class sizes at specific grade levels
- Parent information

We ask that families trust the decisions made by staff for classroom placements. It has been our experience that almost all placements are successful. Families can assist the class formation process by helping their children to understand the importance of class formation and supporting placements that are made. Your child's homeroom for the 2023-24 school year will be indicated on their Term 3 Report Card at the end of June.

3. **Track and Field Day** – grades 3 to 5 – this Thursday May 18 (rain date is Friday)

4. **Grade 5 Farewell** – Thursday June 22 from 2:45-3:30pm. Very informal – more info to grade 5 families will be sent out at the end of May.

5. **Tabloid Day** – Friday June 23 – school will provide watermelon slices for students that day.

Peak of the market fundraiser needs to be registered for next year. Need to get more buy in from parents.

Spring into summer – classrooms without air conditioning. Sensors – place in classrooms to start logging and pick them up on the last day of school. Joe will drop off by end of week.

***Next meeting to be September 19, 2023. Have a fantastic Summer!**