

Ecole Regent Park Parent Community Council Meeting

Minutes of March 2021

Attendance: Lucia Grande, Chris Coppinger, Jennifer Matthewson, Jennifer Richter, Corinne Wyatt, Gisele Cox, Heather Fleming, Thiea Skutnik, Kathy Isfield, Alyssa Harder, Lindsey Acheson, Lola Oso, Krystina Costello, Jamie Wolfe, Rebecca Clarke, Kendra Mazur

March 15, 2021

1. Call to Order and Welcome: 6:34 PM

2. Review of January 2021 minutes

Adoption of January Minutes: Corinne Wyatt 2nd: Gisele Cox

3. Principals Report: Lucia Grande

Big News! We are expanding our ERP family. We will welcome 144 grade 4 students from EC and EMU in September. We will be jumping to approx. 580 students.

Highlights at ERP

- Projected Classes at ERP for the 2021-22 school year:

- 6 classrooms in grade 4
- 4 classes in grade 5
- 6 classes in grade 6
- 4 classes in grade 7
- 4 classes in grade 8

24 homeroom classes in total

- Current renovations:

- Preparing our 6 grade 4 classrooms
- Canteen- new space
- Student Services Space (3 offices, Student Space, Calming and Sensory Room)
- Brand new Phys.ed Change rooms for girls and boys

- We will be starting a User Pay Lunch Program for our grade 4 and 5 students next year. We are in the process of meeting once a week to get this program up and running.

-Many of our students have and will continue to embark on Virtual Field Trips (Museums, Art Galleries, Paris, St. Boniface etc.)

- We will be starting a SCHOOL BUS and STREET PATROLS (grade 4-5) next school year.

-We are excited to embark on our own Applied Arts courses at our school for the 2021-22 school year. We will be further exploring these courses: Game Design and Coding, Graphic Arts, Digital Media, and Short Film animation. We have hired an Applied Arts French Immersion teacher- M. Robin Hryra (grade 6-8) Once a week, one grade per term, our students in these grades will still attend Arthur Day to receive their other Applied Arts Rotation.

-In April, we will be placing a walking trail around the back yard of our school. We have applied for various grants for our Story Walk and Exercise equipment structures. Cross our fingers! April 23rd- 25th, anyone interested in moving woodchips and helping, just bring your shovel, wheelbarrow or your muscle power!!

4. Upcoming Events:

Dates to remember:

- March 17th evening ERP EXPO- Virtual conferences once again.....with a twist. We will have breakout rooms and students celebrating their learning with their peers and their families.
- March 22nd in the afternoon, report cards for term 2 will be up on the Parent Portal
- Virtual TEAMS- Talent Show on March 26th in the p.m.
- Spring Break- March 29th to April 5th when school resumes

5. Fundraising Report:

Staff appreciation:

- A very generous \$323.30 was donated from parents to go along with the \$500 allocated at our last meeting. As a result we were able to offer a treat every day, including a dessert buffet, chips and drinks, a candy bar and Qdoba and drinks.
- Prior to this week our balance was just over \$4000

Wish lists:

Requests:

Grade 8 Farewell:

- Photo opportunity at the front of the school- Cookies, Flowers and Balloon Arch once again. We purchased flower seed bookmarks in bulk last year, so we have enough for our grade 8 students. We would like to add to their gift. Ideas? (All items not to exceed \$400.00)

Motion: Funds for the Grade 8 Farewell not to exceed \$400

Motion Accepted: 1st Jennifer Price 2nd: Corrine Wyatt

- Day Before Spring Break- Provide our students a packaged treat while they watch the Talent Show on TEAMS (Drink and a bag of chips or popcorn) (All items to not exceed \$350)

Motion: To provide packaged treats to our students while they watch the virtual talent show, not to exceed \$350.

Motion Accepted: 1st: Corinne Wyatt 2nd: Lola Oso

6. New Business

Grade 8 Farewell

- Can we potentially have it outdoors? In smaller groups if necessary? BBQ outside if allowed in smaller groups? Can we do something to expand above and beyond cookies and photos? Suggestions?

We are currently in Code Orange for sure until the end of the year which means we cannot leave the school grounds.

Playground PAC Subcommittee:

- We will be forming a new PAC playground subcommittee headed by Rebecca Clarke. The playground committee will bring proposals for approval to the entire PAC committee, but will decide as a committee on the nitty-gritty.

- If you would like to help with the playground committee, please email Becky at:
beckyesler@hotmail.com

- There have been many grants submitted for our playground.
- Playground committee is requesting a fundraising report from September.
- Playground committee is interested in having a read-athon for this year.

Motion: Assemble a Playground subcommittee on behalf of PAC.
Motion Accepted: 1st Jennifer Richter 2nd: Jennifer Matthewson

Fundraising 2021-2022

-We need to solidify fundraising for next year. New ideas, etc. along with the new playground fundraising.

7:05PM Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Meetings:

May 10, 2021 @ 6:30pm