

EIDES PAC Meeting - Feb 2, 2021 7:00pm

In attendance:

Nicole Heckendorf, Carolyn Doyle, Terry Paterson, Lenka Hawrys, Frank Lento, Jodi Erbacher, Sheri Earl, Janet Kuijt, Charlie Sawatzky, Jane Johnson, Kristina Wakeford, Kevin Giffin, Felina Arsenault, Donna Cameron, Jamie Carson, Tanya Bossio

1. Adopt Agenda: *item to be added: DPAK to follow Trustee Report
1.Lenka Hawrys 2.Tanya Bossio

2. Adopt January Minutes: 1. Jodi Erbacher 2.Carolyn Doyle

3. Actions from previous meeting: no action items to review

4. Principal's Report:

Janet Kuijt gave the update for this meeting. Janet will be filling in the role of Principal while Laura Lee Phillips is on leave. Janet also introduced Donna Cameron who will be acting as the Vice Principal for the same time period.

First update from January was to thank PAC for getting the Reading Log program back up and running. There were approximately 200 free books handed out last month to happy young readers.

Running Club was also still able to run through out January and attendance has been great.

February News:

Growth plan theme this month "connections of kindness"

SD5 Covid Safety Committee sent out a memo regarding Valentine's Day Celebrations within the school system. The decision was made that handing out and exchanging treats and valentines is not an ideal option at this time. The school is coming up with other plans to make this a special day.

Feb.15-March 2021- FSA will be happening within EIDES

Other items for February include:

Leadership club is going to do some "pink shirt" day activities.

Black History Month

We have a new EA practicum student. He has come to us from College of the Rockies and is both observing and helping within classrooms.

Running Club will continue

5. Treasurer's Report: *please refer to treasurer reports for numbers

Outstanding cheques for this month include: Outdoor class cheque and Classroom supplies
Gaming account was used to purchase books for the Reading Log Program

Cheques that will be issued later this month include: Nordic Society for use of trail system
Running Club

No other items to report at this time

6. Trustee's Report: Frank Lento

Frank welcomed Donna Cameron and thanked her for taking on the role of VP while Laura_lee in on leave.

EIDES Expansion News: There is now a committee that includes Stantec Architecture Firm, Parastone Construction Management and Charlie Sawatzky. Preliminary designs draws have been done and there has been a Geotec assessment done. They are now waiting to get the result back from that assessment to move forward.

The Ministry has a zoom meeting planned later this week with all Board Chairs from the province regarding Covid 19 updates that will be released this Thursday.

Budget for 2021/2022 is now in planning. There will be 2 dates Feb 22, 2021 and March 9, 2021 where you can present input for projects that you would like to see included within the budget. Written submission are also accepted for this process at anytime.

The Ministry is still moving forward with the plan to include Childcare services in-house by 2023. With this happening there will also be a relocation for our Strong Start Program to the SD5 building that currently contains Bright Beginnings Preschool and office spaces. With this relocation there is a renovation plan to upgrade both the building and grounds for this age group.

7. Fundraising:

The Chocolate Fundraiser for Easter, which has both Nicole Heckendorf and Jodi Erbacher as the leads is moving forward with our local Rocky Mountain Chocolate shop. The shop has offered to donate 25% from sales back to the PAC. They will offer a variety of price points.

Feb 16 - send home information and order forms

Feb 28 - order deadline

March 18/19 - order delivery which is planned for before the start of Spring Break

Advertising and send out information will be a 1 page sheet with links and emails for online orders. Advertising should also be added to the February school news letter.

Spring Plant Fundraiser: Jodi said that we are currently registered and will receive more information later in the spring.

8. DPAC:

Tanya Malcolm was not present for this meeting.

Charlie Sawatzky spoke for the AFRO (Association Francophone des Rocheuses du Sud)

This group is reaching out to all schools in the district to develop some partnerships and to offer programs in French. The next DPAC meeting is Feb 17, 2021

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Felina Arenault our local representative on the Bus Review Committee gave an update on concerns and things that are currently being discussed.

SD5 is doing a busing review and did hire a consultant that gave the suggestion to acquire more buses to alleviate current issues.

Felina brought it to our attention that the biggest concern at this point is having the current SD5 Bus Policy updated. The current policy does not include any hazards such as train or highway crossings. It also has a 4K walking distance for kids K-3, meaning anyone within the 4K limit would not fall under the current policy for busing. Most of Fernie would fall under this on the inside of this 4K zone.

They are currently hoping to get a survey out later in the spring for community feed back that will give direction on what would work for our local area. In trying to come up with a better solution some of the questions would include:
Increase bus numbers, adjusting school bell times, appropriate distance for a K-3 to be able to walk both to and from school, local areas that may be hazards.

Once an information survey has been put together Felina will facilitate it getting out to parents and schools.

b) temporary change administration: Laura-lee Phillips is currently on a leave of absence Janet Kujit will be acting Principal and Donna Cameron will be acting Vice Principal until she returns.

c) EIDES expansion - *see notes above

Charlie Sawatzky has offered to give us monthly updates on the project.

Meeting adjourn: 7:58pm

Next meeting: March 2 , 2021 - 7pm

