

EIDES PAC meeting – January 7, 2020 @ 7PM

In attendance: Carolyn Doyle, Nicole Heckendorf, Maureen Tuggle, Lenka Hawrys, Janet Kuijt, Nicole Neufeld, Tara Beck, Kevin Giffin, Halina Wlokah, Tanya Bossio, Trena Drotar, Kirsten Gillespie, Krista Leite, Dawn Deydey, Amber David, Chris David, Jodi Erbacher

1. Adopt Agenda: Lenka-1st, Tanya B -2nd

2. Adopt minutes from November meeting: Nicole H.-1st, Lenka -2nd

3. Actions from previous meeting: None

4. Principal's Report (Nicole Neufeld): We have added new staff: Raegan Etue for Ms. Barras Gr. 4. Stephanie Drolet Gr.5/6 french for Ms. Nault. As well as Haley Ewing and Carol Roberts for Noon hour Supervisors.

The volleyball teams attended the Elkford tournament and had a great time!

Report Cards went out before the break. If parents have any feed back, please approach teachers or Ms. Kuijt or Ms. Neufeld.

Avalanche Canada held a presentation for GR4-6

There have been some conversations about eliminating school awards? There is concern that giving awards for academics and athletics etc.. is not inclusive as there are many different learning styles. Is the impact of awards harming students' long term? Or is stopping awards demotivating to students? There will be a committee formed to discuss this further. Please contact Ms. Neufeld to join.

Upcoming events include:

Let Yourself Sing with Doug Mitchell on Jan 16

Maple Man for French Classes on Jan 20- Gr4-6

Pizza Days Jan 23/24- Gr.6 fundraiser

Skating programs have started

Cross Country Skiing will start in next couple of weeks on Mondays at 3:15pm.

5. Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Doyle): Apple funds, plant sale, bake sale and bookfair came in. The yearbook chq came out...some funds pending. Looking at paying for Cross Country Ski trail use which is around \$300.

6. Trustee Report: (Frank Lento): Not available tonight

7. Other Business

a. Wildsight Elk Valley Environmental Education Hub (EE Hub) request for \$500 to help fund programs – Dawn Deydey/Lee-Anne Walker. Beyond Recycling Program with Grade 6s. has been around for 2 decades with no cost to schools. Wildsight was started in 2011. The programs started with Education in the Wild with Lee-Anne, and Beyond Recycling with Dawn and now 25 classes in the Basin. Looking for help for funding and support the branch. Wildsight is struggling to keep its location. Want to keep this incredible hub with props to support this program and keep this staging area. \$500 funding will help secure use of location and props (Tupperware containers with supplies for programs) so they can still all

have access to them. Also looking long-term support through fundraising to continue the programs. (Winter wonderland, bats, beyond recycling K-gr 9- getting kids outside.)

Nicole H. put forward a motion to support this program by providing funding for \$500. The vote was anonymous the motion put passed.

b. Michael Bortolotto presentations- Requesting funds for school presentation – Nicole Neufeld – The Positive Rebel....talks about inclusion as he has Cerebral Palsy and provides a great message – 2 presentations and parents will be invited. Nicole is asking for \$525 for these 2 presentations. Nicole H put forward motion to support presentation providing \$525. All voted and the motion was passed.

c. Wish List ideas for teachers – Nicole Heckendorf- PAC has extra funds and looking to make use. PAC will ask teachers if they have a project or idea but don't have enough resources. Teachers can put forward their ideas and requests. A flyer will go out once the budget or allocation is decided.

d. Robotics Club proposal – Janet Kuijt- have had a program for last 2 years and want to continue as an option. Students learn how to program robots. Will try to expand from Grade 1-6 and Chris David looking for funds for equipment. Still pondering what their needs are at this point. Possibilities are a robot controlled by iPad that reads code. Or Spiro...which is advanced and could get 2 models for different grades and use the EIDES iPad to control. Program will be once/week and encourage parents of younger grades to attend. Janet and Chris will come back and request funds once they know. Cost looking at \$130 -\$300 per robot with 2-3 students in a group using. Janet K put forward proposal to PAC to fund \$2500 to the robotics club. All voted and the motion was but passed.

8. Meeting adjourned at: 8:10 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday February 4, 2020 @7 PM