

EIDES PAC Meeting - November 3, 2020 7:30pm

In attendance:

Nicole Heckendorf, Lenka Hawrys, Caroline Doyle, Terry Paterson, Laura Lee Phillips, Tanya Bossio, Trena Drotar, Kristen Gillespie, Melanie Wigglesworth, Jamie Carson, Frank Lento, Emily Sauve, Melissa Crowder, Jodi Erbacher, Tanya Malcom, Janet Kuijt, Tara Beck, Gareth Barlow, Torin Olver, Charlie Sawatzky, Jane Johnson, Helen McAllister

1. Additions to Agenda: to be added into Other Business : DPAC Update

2. Adopt minutes from September 2020: 1. Tanya Bossio 2. Caroline Doyle

3. Actions from previous meeting:

a) School Clothing Order: Lenka Hawrys gave an update. The order deadline is tomorrow, numbers are down from last year with only around 30 orders in total. Online forms and order system is working well. Lenka asked for confirmation from Laura-Lee Phillips to be able to have in classroom deliveries. As long as we follow the Covid safety protocols at the school and wear a mask this is not a problem.

b) Laura-Lee Phillips gave an update on the concern with the 13th St and 2nd Ave crossing. This needs to be discussed on how we could make the crossing area safer. There will be communication between Laura-Lee and a few others to submit something formal to the City of Fernie's Active Transportation Plan.

Frank Lento also brought up the concerns that have been ongoing with the 13th street/highway crossing to the Annex. Frank will bring this concern back to his next meeting later this month. Tanya Malcom also mentioned that this has been a repeatedly brought up to the Ministry of Transport and nothing seems to change, wondering if there is a better use of our time if things are not moving forward with the ministry.

4. Principal Report :

Laura-Lee opened with asking Janet Kuijt to talk to us about the new French Assisant that is now at EIDES, Mademoiselle Sarah Lee. She arrived on Halloween and will be helping support with learning and education in French culture. This program runs out of Quebec, it is the first time that our school has been able to participate. She is loving the students and Fernie and settling in well.

The new accessible play structure is now finished and being used in the play ground. The Artwork from M. Hanson's class is now up at the hospital. Running Club has started and Girls and Boys Grade 6 Volleyball is up and running. The Remembrance Day Ceremony will be done with FSS on Live Teams, the link was sent out through email today. Written report cards come out on December 10, 2020. We have 5 new students enrolled. The school year has been going very well so far this year and Laura-Lee is enjoying the students.

5. Treasurer Report:

Financial statement available upon request.

Carolyn brought up the discussion of reallocating funds in our budget. Our current budget has each classroom receiving \$400 total that is broken into \$100 for Classroom Supplies and \$300 for field trips. We discussed the idea to allow the teachers to have more flexibility with how they spend the \$400 on learning resources. Especially with the limitation that this year brings with Covid and not having the ability to take class field trips. The school also has a

transportation budget for this year. Laura-Lee will take this discussion back to the teachers at their next staff meeting, and get feedback from the teachers on how they would like to be supported we will vote at next meeting.

6. Trustee Report:

Frank started with a thank you to all who lent their support for the land rezoning process for the new school. The EIDES reno now has an open invite for Project Managers and Architects that will close later this month. They are still hoping to have this project ready for shovels in July 2021.

The formal public announcement has not yet happened for the new school, this is been held up with getting new cabinet together and a few other in-house government items since the fall election.

Tanya Malcolm asked if SD5 owns the portables and what would happen to them after the renovations are finished. Response: SD5 does own the portables and the ones that are no longer need at EIDES after the renovations will either move to another school in the district that needs them or to be stored by the District.

7. Fundraising Report:

- a) Book Fair: Lead: Terry Paterson. The Bookfair this fall will be going virtual. Once we open it live it will run for 2 weeks. All money and delivery are handle by scholastic and we receive 20% back for the school. Advertising will need to be done through social media as well as in class. We chose the start date to be Monday November 23 running until December 4th.
- b) Christmas Plant Orders: Lead: Emily/Jodi. Order forms went out last week and close on November 18. Delivery date is Dec 3. Emily and Jodi will need to recruit help for Dec 4th for pick up in the gym.

8. Other Business:

a) Request for \$1000 to Support Dwayne Peace Presentation:

Tara Beck brought this request forward and is asking for support from the EIDES PAC, FSS PAC and DPAC. The presentation which would be for both middle school student and grades 5 & 6. The cost would run at approximately \$7000-\$8000. The presentations "Life in Middle School" and "Think Program" are very engaging and deal with mental health. They are hoping that there will be a Parent Session (that would also be open to community members that work with youth such as coaches, teachers) on December 3 and there would be 2 days of programs for the Grade 5 & 6's at EIDES.

Link for information is : lifesynergy4youth.com

Nicole Heckendorf made motion to forward support for the \$1000 : Vote passed - all in favour.

b) Grade 6 Blue Lake :

Laura-Lee said that our deposit is still at Blue Lake for Spring 2021. We have until end of January to decided if we are moving forward after that date we would only get half of the \$2000 deposit back if we cancel. Laura-Lee to have a separate meeting for Grade 6 parents to make a more formal decision on moving forward. TBA

c) DPAC: Representative- Tanya Malcom

From last meeting the DPAC was happy with a higher rate of student return in class than expected. They projected to be down over 200, but that number is closer to 100. The DPAC is also looking at lobbying the Ministry of Education to not partake in FSA testing this winter.

Tanya also wanted to remind the attendees that she represents our concerns and if we have any to bring them forward to her.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm

Next meeting December 1, 2020 @ 7pm