

Strathcona Elementary School Parent Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes (Final)  
October 24th, 2023 7:00pm

1. Call to order, welcome, introductions:

Attendees: Allison Phelan, Tara Lanyon, Tanya Rath, Ritu Mann, Mike Kotanko, Jenn Howell, Tams Chomiak, Adel Klassen, Korina Gratton, Lindsay Abernethy, Kristen Wilton, Lisa Ball, Maria Jenner, Barbara Dekkers, Cary Moore, Scott Fiddes, Kristen Wilton, Radha Ramlu

2. Approval of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Adel Klassen motion to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tara Lanyon, All Approve

3. Reports

Treasurer:

General Account: \$25,673.76  
Gaming Account: \$1476.95  
Technology Fund: \$4018.95  
Playground Fund: \$15,134.75

Principal:

- New teacher has been hired for the 1 day a week Physical Education position.
- Parking lot concerns; reminder to parents and children to please use access point/paths when walking through the parking lot rather than right through the middle.
- Reminder to parents to please not park in the staff parking.
- Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween costumes welcomed. Reminder to students, no weapons, blood/gore and masks may be brought to show their class/friends but must not be worn otherwise.
- Carving contest; 1 pumpkin for each division. Voting will be grouped as K/1, 2/3, 4/5 grades.
- Remembrance Day Assembly: Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Parents are welcome to attend.
- Stat Holiday – Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Spirit Day: Twin Day – Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- Reminder to parents, please respect the No Parking signs on side of the roads around the school. Our main goal is to keep the children safe.
- Art Display: Mrs. Picco, Ms. Baginski, Mr. Kotanko had orange wooden hearts made for the children to write “I Matter” and were displayed around the school in honor of Truth and Reconciliation Day. Those orange hearts have now be placed on display at the Cultural Center in large frames to spell out TRUTH. Besides the frames is information about Truth and Reconciliation day and orange shirt day. The display will be up for 4 weeks at the Cultural Center if anyone would like to go and see it.

DPAC:

- PAC Café will be held Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the goal is to get more PAC representatives and learn more about PAC the “whys” behind it.
- General DPAC meeting is Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

4. Old and Ongoing Business:

- GLCB made \$2010 this year.

5. New Business

- KMS Fundraiser: Smokey Fundraiser – we are to supply signs and volunteers. PAC to apply for a Temp Food Premise Application 14 days before fundraiser. This is a three day fundraiser (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Tara Lanyon will look into times and dates. PAC will receive 100% of proceeds made from the fundraiser.
- AXE Throwing – Adel Klassen is waiting for a response from The Axe House – TBA

6. Funding Requests

PAC:

Year End Field Trip - \$10/per student

- Cary Moore motion to up the amount from \$10 to \$15/per student, depending on gaming grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenn Howell, All Approve

Grade 5 grad - \$200 for Grad Festivities (things such as hoodies, pizza party etc.)

- Lisa Ball motion to use \$200 for Grade 5 Grad festivities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Jenner, All Approve

Teacher Petty cash - \$125/per class (17 classes including Physical Education)

- Tanya Rath motion to use \$125 in petty cash per class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Ball, All Approve

Xmas Sale Donations (Volunteer Lunch) - \$700

- Proposal to give money made from the Xmas sale back to the school for the affordability fund minus the lunch money.
- Lisa Ball motion to approve proceeds from Xmas sale minus the lunch money be given back to the school for the affordability fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Korina Gratton, All Approve

February Pink Shirt Day (PAC sponsored Lunch) - \$650

- Include 1 hotdog and 1 ice-cream for each student
- Lisa Ball motion to approve \$650 for Pink Shirt Day Lunch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Jenner, All Approved.

Teachers:

Jen Beauchene

- Asking for a set of 6 noise cancelling headphones and 5 sets of Wobble Wobble chair feet
- Kristen Wilton is also requesting noise cancelling headphone and Wobble Wobble chair feet amongst her list so looking to add these together to belong to the resource room.
- Ritu Mann motion to approve 30 pairs of noise cancelling headphones and 15 sets of Wobble Wobble chair feet up to \$1005, to belong to the resource room and may be signed out by each classroom as needed, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Korina Gratton, All Approve.

Kristen Wilton (2)

- Vibrating pillow ( \$35 each requesting 2 = \$70) 12”x12” sized pillow

- Body Sox (\$40 each requesting 2 = \$80)
- Indoor kids tent (\$45 each requesting 1 = \$45)
- Bean bag chair (\$35 each requesting 2 = \$70)
- Stadium seats (\$35 each requesting 2 = \$70)
- Sequin wall 1 yard (\$30)
- Sensory brushes ( \$33 for a package of 6 brushes = \$33)
- Compression vest size large (\$40 each requesting 1 = \$40)
- Inflatable sensory pod 80" (\$243 each requesting 1 = \$243)
- Headphones 10 headphones (\$150 for 10 headphones)
- Lycra swing (\$60 each requesting 1 = \$60)
- Medicine Ball (5 lb ball = \$15 and 4 lb ball = \$20 total \$35)
- Bouncy Bands (\$196 for 10 bands = \$196)
- Wiggle Wobble Chair feet (\$31 each requesting 5 = \$155)
- Weighted shoulder blanket (\$43 each requesting 2 = \$86)
- all requests have been priced out on Amazon
- Tanya Rath motion to approve Kristen Wilton's list, minus the headphones and Wibble Wobble chair feet up to \$1245, 2<sup>nd</sup> Korina Gratton, All Approve.
- IPAD 10.9 INCH (TOUCH ID) WI-FI 64 GB - SILVER \$559.00 x2 IPADS - \$1,118 plus 12% tax - \$1,252.16
- LENOVO L13 Gen3 R5 8GB 256 GB \$993.00 x2 LAPTOPS = \$1986.00 plus 12% tax = \$2,224.32
- Exact total of \$3,476.48
- Ritu Mann motion to approve 1 IPAD and IPAD case up to \$656 and the school to purchase a second IPAD and IPAD case, both to belong to the resource room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Lanyon. All Approve.

#### Trisha Reimer

- Requesting new crash mat for the gym at \$2595
- Tara Lanyon motion to approve a new crash mat for the gym at \$2595 plus shipping, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Ball, All Approve.

#### Christopher Lister (3)

- Requesting \$25 for the Books for babies program
- Lisa Ball motion to approve up to \$25 for the Books for Babies program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adel Klassen, All Approve.
- Requesting \$615 plus taxes for the One Book One School initiative.
- Tanya Rath motion to approve up to \$700 for the One Book One School initiative, 2<sup>nd</sup> Korina Gratton, All Approve.
- New Library Shelving in the form of three movable bookcases on wheels to replace the two tall stationary bookshelves. - \$4000
- Tanya Rath motion to find out more information on logistics concerning flooring if it is even possible as well as an up to date quote for February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Lanyon, All Approve
- 5 packages of Banana grams - \$100
- Tanya Rath motion to approve the \$100 for 5 packages of Banana Grams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ritu Mann, All Approve.

Michael Kotanko

- Christmas Pancake Breakfast - \$500
- Tanya Rath motion to approve \$500 for the Christmas Pancake Breakfast, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adel Klassen, All Approve
- Lunch Program - \$3000
- Donations from the KMS fundraiser will go towards Lunch Program, will come back in February if more is needed.
- Home food Hampers - \$1400
- Maria Jenner motion to approve \$1400 for Home Food Hamper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Lanyon, All Approve.
- Garden Planters - \$3000
- Tanya Rath motion to push request for Garden Planters until February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Korina Gratton, All Approve.

7. Discussion

- Movie Night – December 8<sup>th</sup>, Cost is \$2.50/ per person. \$0.50 off the cost with every non-perishable food item brought in.
- PAC Volunteer
- Tanya Rath motion for PAC to pay for snacks and goodies up to \$350 and for all proceeds from the Movie Night to go back to the school, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Lanyon. All Approve.
- Social Justice Calendar – Looking to include more culture into the school
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Diwali

8. Next meeting is November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7pm in the multi purpose room.

9. Adjourn – 9:02pm

Minutes taken by: Allison Phelan