

ECVS Home and School Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2011
7 p.m.
Library

Present: Hans Stasiuk, Marie Gauthier-Patenaude, Delnora Rice, Carole Lupkowski, Lori Mackedenski, Tiffany Verwey, Kim Houle, Kim Cooper, Danielle Trudeau, Jackie Neibrandt

Regrets: Diane Wing

1. Minutes from last meeting (May 17th) – Read, discussed & approved
2. Chairperson's report - Hans
 - a. Hans welcomed parents new to the school and to the council. For their benefit, Hans talked about the council's role and past activities
 - b. Hans also talked about the need to appoint new members to the executive as Carole is completing her term as Treasurer and Hans is welcoming someone else to be the Chairperson.
 - c. 2010-11 Executive Members were as follows: Hans Stasiuk (Chair), Lori Mackedenski (Vice-Chair), Carole Lupkowski (Treasurer and Playground Chair), Danielle Trudeau (Secretary)
3. Treasurer's report - Carole
 - a. Carol presented her report up to the end of September. Our balance balance is: \$3,315.56
 - b. The only outstanding bill right now is for the playground plaque with names of donors for the new playground (about \$1100 total - \$700 already paid = about \$400 left to pay)
4. Principal's report – Marie
 - a. Marie referred to the September newsletter to talk about information that went home regarding start up routines and expectations. She talked about the staff pictures on the bulletin board in the hallway for students to make the connection to the staff in the school.
 - b. Character focus – teaching about a specific character trait each month to build good character among students. Grade 4 Leadership team created to help with monthly assemblies, Circle of Friends, Greeters at the bus loop doors to welcome students to the school. These students will wear badges with their name when performing these duties. They will be available on the playground to help students who may need a friend or someone to play with or who may need help solving minor conflicts.
 - c. School Photos – October 4th. Volunteers to help: Kim, Kim, Lori and Delnora
 - d. Fire drills, lockdown drills & evacuations practices will take place to ensure student safety. Always announced so students aren't panicked.
 - e. Active School Travel Week – Oct. 3-7th. Discussion about placement of bike racks to a safer location. Teacher input will be asked at the next staff meeting. Discussion of potential purchase of more bike racks- Marie to look into this.
 - f. Community Events Bulletin Board – with so many requests to have information put into the school newsletter, it was necessary to change the format to a bulletin board in the hallway for parents to see what's happening in the community. All are welcome to bring information to the office to be approved to post on the community board.
 - g. UNICEF fundraiser coming up. Grade 3 initiative.
5. Playground update:
 - a) New equipment – looks great. Discussion about daily rotating schedule for the students to use as there are so many students here to use it – too many to use at the same time.

- b) Plaque for Donors – is coming. Final names and wording to be decided on (Marie) and paid for then installed. Discussion about colour to match the playground.
 - c) Discussion about sand being put onto baseball diamond, circular concrete pad around red “basketball bucket” (expensive \$2000-ish), 4-squares repainted, equipment for students to use outdoors when it’s not their turn on the play structure. Most classrooms have buckets of equipment for this purpose.
6. Swim program
- a. Last year’s costs – \$1,597.58 for rental and transportation. Discussion about the Swim programs for Grades K, 3 &4 – continuing this activity. Discussion about possibility of having Grades 1 & 2 participating in the future if teachers in those grades are comfortable with the activity. Will discuss this at further at future meetings.
7. Home and School Association Constitution – Reviewed for the New Parents.
8. Executive for 2011-12 school year (General meeting?) – will be voted on at the next meeting as members wanted time to think about the positions and their availability.
9. Possible Activities/Fundraisers for 2011-12 school year
- a. Lifetouch Family Photos - \$10 sitting fee gets families an 8x10 photo (+ whatever other photos/packages they wish to purchase). Looking at doing this in time for Christmas delivery. Lori looking into this.
 - b. Spaghetti Dinner – as per the past couple of years. Do we want to continue to hold this event?
 - c. Crescentview Clothing Sales – T-shirts & shorts for gym class and potentially other items that parents may want to purchase. Delivery in time for Christmas? Kim & Kim looking into this
 - d. Show & Save Coupon Books – easy fundraiser – Marie has already gotten a call about it. We thought we would likely do this.
 - e. Christmas Performance DVD has been produced by Mr. Greenslade and sold for \$5.00. Would this be possible once again this year?
 - f. No Phonebook delivery this year – Arthur Meighen school to do it.
 - g. Peek of the Market Veggie Sale – Lori to look into it.
 - h. Bring ideas to next meeting for new fundraiser opportunities/activities.
10. Parent council brochure up-date
- a. Format to stay the same – just update the information.
 - b. Send home request for volunteers for certain events/activities. Please add “Email address – please print legibly”. Marie to make and send home this week or next week.
11. Date of next meeting (decide on dates for future meetings)
- a. Monday, October 17th. Discussion of day of the week & week in the month. Decision – Every 3rd Monday of the month from 7-8 pm in the library.
12. Adjournment – 8:30 pm