

ETHEL M JOHNSON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2017 **TIME:** 6:30PM

LOCATION: EMJ STAFF ROOM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:29pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Jennifer Perrott, seconded by Shannon Romeike, all in favour. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10TH 2017 MEETING

Motion to approve by Jennifer Perrott, seconded by Kelsey Wetsch, all in favour. Motion carried.

4. REPORTS

a. TEACHER PRESENTATION-- Ms.Higgs & Ms. Shank

Grade 4/5 team teachers with L&L "learning & literacy" program- There are 9 students in the class with learning disabilities, use computer and other technology supports. Program support can carry through to Grade 9 for these students. Different communities feed into EMJ for L&L. No visible disability. Word work program that deals with spelling and patterns- levelled for each student/group of students. Work with list of words to learn patterns, testing when ready, and move on to next pattern. (i.e. prefix, suffix, vowel sounds) Helps decoding skills, writing and speech.

Elephant's toothpaste (hydrogen peroxide- combined with mixture of yeast, soap and warm water- huge chemical reaction- fun to try with kids.

b. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Mr. Chris Radu and Mr. Dan Jones

i. Update on school year

Jennifer Hill- new teacher (supporting 2/3 and ¼ literacy and math skills)

Remembrance Day assembly went well, very proud of the children's contributions!

We Day- some grade 6 students attended, very great opportunity for leadership development

Social Media safety- police officer visit with Grades 4-6 re: safety, common sense, deleting of materials and web safety. Presentation for parents is available- **Chris will set up for an evening in spring.**

Family support- concern over who and how to support them. Magic at Christmas (associated with CUPS and City of Calgary); Fireman's Christmas Party; Adopt a Family (school Christmas tree, with ornaments that have items on them- colour coded by price- form will go home that parents can fill out and then students will pick out an ornament and buy said item). Identification of families to support is underway

by admin team. Me to We club is running a food drive, will help get kids excited. Food Bank will pick up in January.

Halloween Dance was a success! **Gingerbread Night is DECEMBER 7** (reminder will be sent out this week).

Winter concert- December 14th "EMJ's Winter wonderland" performance schedule will be sent out in weekly update from Chris. Those classes that don't perform in winter, will be a part of the spring concert.

Winter choir- Grades 4-6- going to perform in the Core and South Centre shopping centres

CBC music competition: Performance of "It Snowed" by Meaghan Smith will be filmed on Thursday. There are 20 students singing and 8 students on hand bells.

Provincial Achievement Tests Grade 6- year over year our numbers are improving as a school, which is more important than comparing with the provincial numbers. **2017/18 goals:** students will improve content specific vocabulary and fiction/non-fiction comprehension (start with the younger grades). Looking for a 2% increase in acceptable results, and to have on par results for excellence.

School results report- will be posted online before the end of November. The overall results are skewed by the zero that is reported for students who are exempted- results are drastically different when you only look at who wrote the exam. The admin team can break down results as a school and decide if there are areas for improvement. Sometimes problematic if students have test anxiety, or are confused by the question.

Grade 4 Alberta education survey, will come out in February 2018 from Alberta Education- only had 8 completed surveys last year. Would like to encourage more participation this year.

Questions are welcome to be sent to Mr. Radu.

- c. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- Kelsey Wetsch
 - i. Halloween Dance Recap

Huge success- \$1132.88 profit

Ran smoothly, we will send a thank you note to Superstore from Council.

- ii. Gingerbread House Night- Thursday, December 7th

40 gingerbread houses have been purchased, \$12 fee will cover materials. Will have hot chocolate, water, cookies for participants (Seek donation of hot chocolate from Tim Hortons?) This will be a come and go event, should be quite low maintenance. Kits are pre-built- families are encouraged to come with baking sheet. We will have 4 volunteers up front for registration/distribution of the kits.

Scholastic book fair: needs volunteers (including set up on Friday December 15 or Monday December 18 depending on delivery/ and take down on Friday December 22nd) Advertising comes with the orders. The fair will be set up in a classroom, minimize mess and will be able to be locked up to reduce any theft. Cherise our librarian only works mornings, she will need volunteers in hour long shifts to assist with sales- primary sales will happen on PT Interviews on December 21st. Classes will have a chance to preview- schedule will be set up.

EMJ Council is now insured, cost was \$1000 (\$500 retroactive to last year and \$500 going forward). Will be renewed at the start of each academic year going forward.

- iii. 17/18 Fundraising
 - 1. February 2018 ideas

Looking at hiring a fundraising coordinator for the winter events. Parents asked to bring ideas for fundraisers to the January 2018 meeting with a goal to promote in February/March 2018.

Bigger projects/opportunities for proceeds of fundraising: Getting library into really good shape (materials supply and furniture). Whole school sporting activity. Multiple residencies instead of only one in the academic year (drumming, hip hop, circus)

- 2. What are we fundraising for?

We currently have \$9200 in the bank (as of today). After budgeted expenses (Insurance annually, DJ for Halloween Dance, Farewell to Grade six, Teacher's Appreciation (call for contribution), Terry Fox/Sports Day, \$1500 carry over) we have ~ \$5000 to allocate.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$1500 on gym equipment by Paige Shaw, seconded by Nicki Brown. All in favour, motion carried.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$3500 on reading materials by Jennifer Perrott, seconded by Nicki Brown, all in favour, motion carried.

Detailed breakdown of specific expenditures will be reported as they've been purchased by the school. An expense report with receipts will be provided and a cheque will be issued by Parent Council.

- 5. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Open Floor- Q&A Period

Alison Erion noted that we need to redo our volunteer form next year: make it more specific as to what our initiatives are, and what volunteering means in terms of purchases funded by proceeds of events.

Jennifer Perrott will make a sign up genius for Healthy Hunger volunteering and have the link posted to the EMJ main site.

- 6. MOTION TO CLOSE

Motion to close by Jennifer Perrott, seconded by Alison Erion, all in favour. Motion carried.

ETHEL M JOHNSON FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

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4. REPORTS

a. TREASURER REPORT- Paige Shaw

i. Change of use of proceeds towards Field Trips-

We will not use the allocated funds that were listed for administration, these funds can be allocated elsewhere without specific approval from AGLC as long as it is in the list of approved use of funds. AGLC recommends that funds to not go towards curricular costs, though it is not prohibited.

We need to spend 2016 casino funds by the end of the 2017/2018 academic year.

Motion to approve allocation of \$4690.00 from administrative costs towards field trip fees by Jennifer Perrott, seconded by Bonnie Graham, all in favour, motion carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Schedule of Fundraising Society Meetings

Next meeting will be in February 2018 to prepare for the March 2-3, 2018 Casino. We will meet again in May 2018 to summarize the 2016 casino expenditures and to discuss the use of proceeds for the 2018 casino.

b. Open forum- Q&A Period

We are doing well for casino volunteers only 3 spaces need to be filled for March 2nd and 2 spaces in the daytime on March 3rd. The most need is for the night shift on March 3. Sign up genius link is on the main EMJ site.

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