

EWES SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: FEB. 2, 2021

TIME: 7PM (ZOOM MEETING)

ATTENDEES:

JENNIFER JELICOE (CO-CHAIR), ANDREA ANDERSON (CO-CHAIR) ERIN HUBER (SECRETARY), DANIELLE OLSON (PRINCIPAL), NICOLE LACOURSIERE (VICE PRINCIPAL), ADIN DERENIWSKI (PSSD BOARD REP), BRANDY BAYDA (TREASURER), RUSSELL HOFFMAN (PARENT REP), SHELDA SWITZER (PARENT REP), JASMINE REDDEKOPP (PARENT REP).

Absent: Codi Ens (Parent Rep)

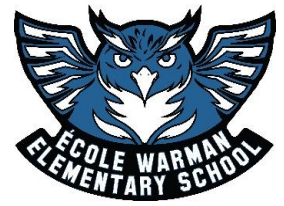
Motion to Adopt Minutes from Dec. 2020

- Russell, 2nd Erin

Old Business

A. Hot Chocolate Gift at Christmas

- There were some hiccups involved when the hot chocolate gifts were assembled. However, all of the gifts made it to the school, and were well received by the students.
- Extra reminder to give Brandy a copy of all receipts submitted for reimbursement to help us keep our books balanced.



New Business

A. Staff Appreciation

- Since we can't supply a potluck lunch this year, we need to brainstorm another way of showing appreciation for the staff at EWES. Jenn and Andrea looked into a catered lunch through Refuge. That would cost \$13/plate, which is too expensive for 50 staff members.
- We will buy a couple of different treats, one sweet and one salty, for the staff. They will be distributed throughout teacher appreciation week. Jenn will write up a note of thanks to attach to the treats, and Nicole and Danielle will take care of getting them delivered.

Motion: Russell made a motion to spend up to \$350 on treats for the staff. Brandy 2nd.

B. Family Event

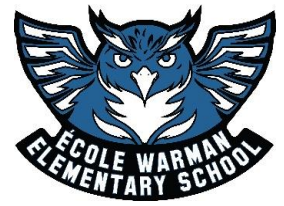
- We would like to find a way to connect families with the school. We brainstormed having an event like a scavenger hunt sometime this spring. Tabled until March or April meeting.

C. Story Walk

- We will have a spring story walk in April. Tabled until March meeting

Administrative Report – Danielle Olson

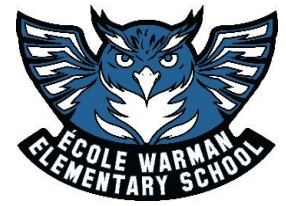
- January went by fast. The overall focus is still on community and connection. Currently focused on mental health literacy and mindfulness. They are using the morning announcements as a tool for coming together as a school.
- There's new health nurse students in the school who have already been busy in classrooms and bulletin boards with bilingual aspects.
 - There's also three new student teachers that have just joined the school.
 - It's French as a second language week. The school is actively recognizing French culture, and teaching all students some of the French language. For example, the school was taught the work "merci" via morning announcements. Carnaval de Quebec is also coming up, in which the French teachers are organizing many activities next week. Bonhomme will make an appearance.
 - Grade 1 will celebrate 100 days of school on Feb. 24.
 - Pink shirt day is also Feb. 24. As a part of "Inclusion Month".
 - Many teachers were very grateful and appreciative of the book gift card.
 - Long term goals include how the parent and student voices fit into the classroom environment.



PSSD Board – Adin Dereniwski

- French Immersion program approved to extend and expand in the big 4 for 2021-22. Will continue to add a grade every year.
- Finance Update – funding came through for pandemic related expenses.
- No reduction in provincial operating grants for next year.
- All bus drivers took an online training course in first aid and readiness for some potentially life threatening conditions. Bus drivers were trained to recognize and react to emergencies related to allergies, seizures, diabetes and asthma.

Next meeting March 9 @ 7pm (Zoom)



Old Business

We are going to design a wooden sign for Sam as a thank you/ good-bye gift. Jenn will take care of getting it made.

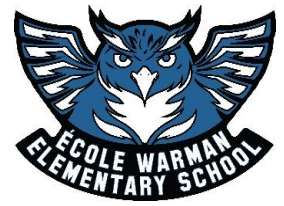
Motion: Erin made a motion to spend up to \$60 on a gift for Sam Dyck. Brandy second.

Treasurer's Report – Brandy Bayda

There were no financial changes this month

Administrative Report – Danielle Olson

- The nursing students are done on Wednesday Dec 2. Big shout out to all of the work they have completed while at the school.
- Learning Summaries when home last Friday.
- Still working on summative and formative assessments. Striving for strong communication through the term so there are not 'surprises' on the summative assessment.
- Day off for students (teacher prep day) on Oct. 26.
- Staff is amazing. All are working hard everyday to support on another. Striving to keep classroom rolling smoothly. Really hoping to remain at level 2 versus level 3 or 4.
- Had the first virtual staff meeting yesterday. Positive experience. Planning for what to do when or if Level 3 is implemented. Practiced sending and receiving assignments to students. Also practiced recording a lesson to allow for watching later.
- Christmas plans include encouraging classroom to develop an act of kindness to perform as a class. Classes are brainstorming ideas. Some ideas include sending Christmas pictures and cards to local care homes, Raising money and donations for the food bank, chipping ice or shoveling for those unable to.
- The Grade 1 classes will do separate stage performances that will be recorded and shared with Grade 1 families.
- The Grade 2 classes will also do separate stage performances to be recorded and shared with Grade 2 families.
- School wide
 - December 16 – Spirit Day, wear your Christmas clothes, winter crafts in the afternoon
 - EWES Christmas compilation video to be sent out to all families at EWES.
 - December 18 – PJ Day
- The SCC has donated \$100 per classroom for new books. Santa (Danielle), Rudolph (Mr. Flett), and Elf (Nicole) will deliver them to each classroom.



PSSD Report - Adin

- November 30 was the organizational meeting. Bernie Howe is the new Chair, and Bonnie Hope is the new Vice Chair.
- The board is currently undertaking many maintenance and repair projects. There's a major capital project beginning in 2023 in Blaine Lake.
- The board received \$15 Million from the provincial government for repairs and upgrades within the division.
- In terms of Covid Regulations, all of the schools in the division are level 2 except Martensville High School which is Level 4 (100 percent online), and Warman High School which is Level 3 (partially online).

Next Meeting (Zoom) Tues, Jan. 19, 2021 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.