

**River View Public School**  
**Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2013**

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Attendance and emails were collected.  
Nominations open for 30 school days so if you know someone interested please have them contact Melanie.
3. Elections for Executives:  
Chair/co-chair ~ Dawn Wilkinson and Lydia Easton ~ everyone in favour  
Treasurer ~ Leanne Sargeson ~ everyone in favour  
Secretary ~ Mary Lynne Cashmore ~ everyone in favour  
All members self nominated and the group was all in favour.
4. Dawn and Lydia welcomed all previous council members and especially new council members.
5. Principals report ~ we are 24 days into the school year and have 287 students as of September 25<sup>th</sup> and will be opening a third ELKP.
  - We have a large population in the primary grades with several split classrooms in the upper grades.
  - We also we have a ¼ time prep staff member joining us soon.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> fire drill of the year has happened and students did fairly well.
  - We'll have two more drills and a lock down drill in November.
  - Intermediate soccer started last week.
  - Lego robotics kit has been ordered and it on its way.
    - Cross country meet is tomorrow (Sept 25)
    - Melanie passed out the October Calendar for the group to review
    - New pizza system! Do we like it? The group felt that if it was easier for the organizing teacher and it reduces paper sent home then it should continue the way it is.
  - Lunch lady ~ Lydia to contact and see what is available. It was suggested that we offer this to the students every two weeks again as we did last year.
  - Fundraiser ~ Black garbage bags (\$8/50) and Paper leaf bags (\$4/5) Melanie asked for suggestions on a prize for the students as there is not reward system with this fundraiser. It was suggested that the winning class receive a pizza party. (money will be averaged per child per class) There will be a gift card for the top two sellers. Dave inquired when it would be sent home. Melanie suggested for Thanksgiving but the group felt it should go out sooner. Melanie will send it out in early October.
  - We will not be doing the gift catalogue.
  - Staff have moved to do the chocolate bar fundraiser for trip fundraising.
  - Hendrik's Greenhouse ~ Dawn will gather information at the PIC Conference about possibly doing a Poinsettia fundraiser at Christmas and the Mother's Day flowers again.

- Dave O'Connor ~ what is the goal of the fundraising this year? Last year it was suggested that we raise funds towards a primary outdoor play structure. Scott Wilkinson inquired if there are grants for that sort of thing, maybe apply for the Aviva Fund?
  - The play structure is extremely expensive, it was suggested that maybe we put a percentage aside each year towards an outdoor structure.
  - Melanie will put it on the garbage fundraiser stating that a portion of the money raised will be set aside for a primary play structure.
  - Should we raise money for Ipads? Melanie says the board fund technology each year. (although once the library computers become older they are moved into the classrooms and the library gets updated computers) We do need a smart board in ELKP 1
  - BINGO money cannot be used to fund books. We mostly use it to supplement the cost of bussing for field trips.
  - We have BINGO this coming Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> 9am – 11:30am. So far Leanne, Mary Lynne, Michelle and Carrie will be there. Please wear black pants and shoes, Leanne will have River View Redhawk collared shirts.
  
- 6. School Council Insurance ~ It has been suggested that the parent council have additional insurance to cover the events that we have off site (ie: Festival of Lights, International Marathon Cheer station etc.) The cost is \$140 + HST
  - Motion ~ Mary Lynne Cashmore                      Seconded ~ Jewels MacArthur All in Favour
  - Melanie will look into what coverage is and what the deductible is.
  
- Scott inquired if the school has a website that parents can access general forms for field trips, pizza days, sub days etc. Melanie will look into this.
- Sheds ~ Kernahan Park High School just had their tag and take (principals go and tag the items they are in need of for their school) We are waiting for a storage shed and it may come from any of the schools.
- Math program ~ get children involved using the Holidays (Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, Easter) to help improve their skills.
- Milk program will start in October.

Thank you everyone for a fabulous turn out.

Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Family Games night...stay tuned for details.

Next meeting ~ Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 6pm in the Learning Commons.