**Arborg Early Middle Years School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**April 13, 2015**

**6:30p.m. at AEMYS**

**Present: Mr. Harding, Mr. Bailey, Marlene Kroeker-Bodnarus, Tanya Stogrin, Joe Stogrin, Tara Buehlmann, Charlene Platford, Mrs. Bates, Kendra, Jacobson**

1. Marlene called the meeting to order at 6:34pm
2. Tara adopted the minutes and Joe seconded.
3. **Old Business** 
   1. Report from ESD:
      1. Gym Storage – Evergreen School Division has approved $21,500 of which $1,500 will come from AEMYS for a heated storage building with electrical.
      2. Early Years Playground – The $26,500 that ESD and Play Group are spending on the playground will get us 6 swings and a climbing wall. There was a discussion on how to double the amount of money to $53,000 in order to give the early years students more playground equipment. Mr. Harding provided a quote from Playgrounds-R-Us for the 6 swings and a climbing wall. He was told that if we were to install more equipment the labour costs would not change drastically and now would be the time to install additional equipment. Mr. Harding has $19,000 saved in a playground fund which he is willing to put towards other items for the early years playground. If we spend the playground fund Mr. Harding would like a commitment from PAC that we put money into the playground fund each year to build it back up so that when it comes time to replace the playground we are not starting from scratch. PAC has previously committed money towards the outdoor classroom/natural habitat so we don’t have much to contribute towards the early years playground unless ESD would approve a bridging loan. In the last 10 years our playground has lost the merry go round, the climber and the maypole. Joe suggested that we should only spend the $26,500 but change the climbing wall for a different item instead of getting a bridging loan from ESD as we have already committed to the outdoor classroom / natural habitat.

Motion: That as a school ($19,000) and PAC ($7,500) to match the $26,500 that the Evergreen School Division and Play Group are contributing to the early years playground conditional on Evergreen School Division approving PAC’s request for a bridging loan at their April 22nd, 2015 meeting for $7,500.

Moved: Marlene Seconded: Tara

All in favour – 4

Opposed – 1

Abstaining – 1

Marlene will write a letter to ESD requesting the bridging loan.

* 1. Outdoor classroom/natural Habitat – Update from Tara – Tara showed everyone a drawing that the teachers had done with what they would like to see for the outdoor classroom. It is a gazebo with wooden floor and a pergola floor with log benches. With this design it would be able to be moved if necessary. The committee is waiting on a quote from Bill Feschuk for the outdoor classroom so we can decide how to proceed. Tara made a presentation to the town asking for money that can be put towards the project. There are also a couple of other grants for $6000 and $3000 to be applied for. Mrs. Marteinsson and Mrs. Ladoski will choose wild flowers for the natural habitat. We could put some large rocks in the natural habitat for the kids to climb on.
  2. Hot Dog Day / Muffins / Bulletin Board – The next hot dog day will be on Thursday, April 23rd. Thank you to Tiffany for making more muffins. Alicia Friesen will be putting up a new bulletin board this week.
  3. MB Association of Parent Council AGM and conference – Fri, May 1st and Sat, May 2nd in Winnipeg– If anyone from PAC is interested in attending please contact Marlene.

1. **New Business** 
   1. Spring Raffle Tickets / Baskets – Marlene has talked to Norma and the Spring Raffle tickets will be sent home this week with students. Tara has a kitchen item that she would like to donate. Kendra will help do up the prizes. Marlene will ask Stephanie and Tiffany if they will also help. Mr. Harding will ask Mrs. Harding if she will donate a planter as she has done in the past. The draw will be made at the AEMYS Highlights.
   2. Staff Appreciation Lunch – Joe and Sally Stogrin will prepare a perogy and meatball lunch for the staff on Friday, May 15th.
2. **Other Business** 
   1. Awards Day – Awards Day for grades 5 to 8 will be held on Monday, June 29th at 10am.
   2. Busing – Mr. Harding advised that the difficulties Evergreen has had recently with busing was due to a combination of things. School buses have to be safetied twice a year. ESD fell behind with the safeties and then some buses broke down. As well the bus mechanic has been off sick.
3. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Junior Kindergarten – Registration has just begun for September. If you know of anyone with children who will turn 4 by December 31, 2015 please let them know they can contact Norma to register their child.
   2. Staffing – Internal postings will soon be out for the 2015-2016 school year. Our staffing should be in place by the end of May. Due to lower enrollment we have a reduction of 2 teachers from our current teaching staff.
      1. 0.50 FTE Kindergarten will be posted.
      2. Mrs. Ballard will not be returning to AEMS. She will be looking for work closer to home.
      3. Mr. Bailey has accepted the Principal position at Riverton Early Middle School
      4. Two classes at the grade 1/2 and 5/6 level for the upcoming school year.
      5. Roza Gray our current Assistant Superintendent will be our new Superintendent in August.
      6. Scott Hill will be our new Assistant Superintendent. He is currently a consultant with the division.
   3. Facilities
      1. Shelving has been ordered for our new gym storage room. Upper shelving will be used to store school and teacher items. The division provided the school with $12,000 as part of the storage proposal.
      2. The Board approved $18,000 to provide an exterior storage location. This space will be used for gymnastics equipment and the school will utilize any additional space.
      3. Playground equipment – Gary and I have met with two companies to discuss what we can get for the daycare and division budget allotment of $26,500. For this budget we can get 6 swings and a climbing wall. Are we going to put in some additional funds to increase the project?
4. Correspondence
   1. Fundraising ideas from Fresh New Ideas
   2. MAPC – AGM and Conference
5. Next Meeting – Monday, May 11th at 6:30 pm in the staff room at AEMYS. We are looking for parents that are willing to donate their time and become members on the Parent Advisory Council. This gives you as parents the opportunity to have a better understanding of what goes on at the school. All are welcome to come and discuss any concerns they have or offer their input.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.