**Arborg Early Middle Years School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**June 8, 2015**

**7 p.m. at AEMYS**

**Present: Mr. Harding, Marlene Kroeker-Bodnarus, Tanya Stogrin, Joe Stogrin, Tara Buehlmann, Stephanie Sigurdson, Tiffany Olsen, Mrs. Stoyanowski, Kendra Jacobson, Ms. Derksen**

1. Marlene called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Kendra adopted the minutes and Tara seconded.
3. **Old Business** 
   1. Report from ESD:
      1. Gym Storage – The materials were delivered today for the extra gym storage and will be starting tomorrow.
      2. Early Years Playground – The playground equipment has been ordered from Playgrounds r Us . Depending on when the equipment arrives in Manitoba we could have it set up by the end of June but it will definitely be ready when school starts.
      3. Gymnastics – Mrs. Ladoski and Marlene phoned Staci regarding the gymnastics program starting in September. The Rec Centre will do the registrations and Staci is working with Mrs. Burak to find a day to run the program on. Parents will be needed to help with set up and take down of the equipment.
   2. Outdoor classroom/natural Habitat – The outdoor classroom is a go. Bill Feschuk has provided a quote for the outdoor classroom of $7500 plus taxes. It will include a path from outdoor classroom to the driveway as well as a ramp. He is the same person that is taking care of the gym storage. Tara has ordered wood benches. The benches will be started on in the fall and ready in November. The $2700 in grant money that needs to be spent by June 30, 2015 will be used towards the cost of the outdoor classroom. Tara has a quote to have some of the fill scraped out and then more fill put in the correct spot and then topsoil. The quote is for $5628.
   3. Hot Dog Day / Muffins / Bulletin Board – We have had our last hot dog day for this school year. If we have more parent volunteers we could do hot dog day every 3 weeks. We make about $200 each hot dog day. We have a good supply of muffins. Norma will call Tiffany if we need any.
   4. Welcome Back BBQ – Marlene has ordered the bouncy obstacle course at a cost of $520. Tanya is working on the letter to send out to businesses asking for donations towards the bouncer. We will get Norma to print out the letters and then Tiffany is going to mail them to all of the local businesses. PAC will cover the cost of postage. If we get enough donations it would be nice to order a regular bouncy castle for $150 for the K-2 kids as they have a hard time with the obstacle course. Tiffany emailed Old Dutch to see about donating 300-350 small bags of chips. Tanya and Joe will purchase the drinks, wraps for the hotdog and hamburgers, the styro foam cups if we are having ice cream. The after school program will donate spoons for the ice cream. Marlene will write the letter to Coop asking for them to donate the hotdogs, hamburgers and buns. Marlene and Mrs. Ladoski will run the games. Marlene will make a schedule for parent helpers.
   5. THANK YOU to Vidir Machine for donating $2,500 towards the new playground equipment and THANK YOU to the After School Program for donating $1,000 towards the new playground equipment. These funds will decrease the amount that PAC owes towards the playground equipment.
   6. Bridge Financing from ESD – ESD has given us the bridge financing but all of the money must be paid back by June 2016. ESD will give us an extension of 6 months if necessary. Marlene, Tara and Mr. Harding looked at things and decided that we could pay back $4000. Marlene will send a letter to ESD to let them know. We should send letters to the Town of Arborg and to the RM to see if both will provide money towards our community playground
4. **New Business** 
   1. Thank you to the PAC executive – All of your efforts are much appreciated. Joe and Tanya Stogrin only have one more year left as part of the PAC executive.
   2. Gideon Bibles – Bibles will now be provided again to any grade 5/6 students that would like.
   3. AEMS Community BBQ / Open House – June 10th at 5-7pm – Mr. Harding will attend on behalf of the school. This is geared towards families that do not know much about the school and anyone interest in hosting international students. This is not the same as our Welcome Back BBQ in September.
5. **Other Business** 
   1. Grade 5/6 Spring Musical – The musical will be on June 26th with one evening and matinee performance.
   2. Playground supervision – Should the outdoor supervisors wear a bright coloured vest so that kids can easily find the supervisors? Mr. Harding will discuss this with the staff.
   3. Dates for school events
      1. Awards Day is June 29th in morning for grades 5 to 8
      2. Sports Day is June 23rd from 11:30 to 3:30 for K – 4. There is no rain date.
6. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Facilities
      1. Playground – Equipment has been ordered from Playgrounds r Us. We hope to have it installed over the next few weeks once it arrives in Manitoba.
      2. We have been approved to have the south wing of the school painted over the summer. I am hoping to have new cabinets installed in the classrooms as well.
      3. Gym storage should begin this week including the storage shed.
      4. Gazebo construction should begin this week as well.
   2. Thank you on behalf of the staff for the appreciation lunch. The staff really appreciated and enjoyed it. Thank you to Joe and Sally for the excellent meal of perogies and meatballs.
   3. Thank you for another excellent year. Your efforts help make the school a better place for all of the students and staff.
   4. Mrs. Plett has been hired for Kindergarten
7. Correspondence – None
8. Next Meeting – Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the staff room at AEMYS. We are looking for parents that are willing to donate their time and become members of 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 8:06 pm.