**Arborg Early Middle Years School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**May 11, 2015**

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

**Present: Mr. Harding, Mr. Bailey, Marlene Kroeker-Bodnarus, Tanya Stogrin, Joe Stogrin, Tara Buehlmann, Ms. Ladoski, Stephanie, Gladys Kohler, Tiffany Olsen**

1. Marlene called the meeting to order at 7:08pm
2. Tara adopted the minutes and Tiffany seconded.
3. **Old Business** 
   1. Report from ESD:
      1. Gym Storage – Mrs. Ladoski will contact Stacey to make sure she knows that ESD will be putting up a heated storage shed with the plan that there will be a gymnastics program up and running for the fall.
      2. Early Years Playground – Mr. Harding presented two quotes on the playground equipment:

Playgrounds-r-Us quote ($52,807.05) will get us 8 swings, a group swing, saddle spinner, a spinner like to the maypole, standing teeter totter and 2 picnic tables

Blue Imp quote ($53,000.00) charged way more for the safety base than Playgrounds-r-Us. Blue Imp will provide 1 less picnic table and 1 less play item.

Mr. Harding has discussed the cost of the safety base with Blue Imp and has given a deadline of May 12th to rework the quote otherwise the equipment will be ordered from Playgrounds-r-Us.

The playground equipment should be installed and ready for use in September 2015.

* 1. Outdoor classroom/natural Habitat – Tara has talked to Weik Construction about the natural habitat. Weik Construction is working on a quote to have a skid steer come in and more the fill around as it is in the wrong place. Tara has not seen a quote from Bill Feschuk on the outdoor classroom. Mr. Harding thought that Mrs. Marteinsson had met with Bill Feschuk. Tara will check with Mrs. Marteinsson. Should the outdoor classroom have a floor? It is not as natural with a floor but in order to make the outdoor classroom movable should the need arise it makes sense to build it with a floor. ESD could decide at anytime that the outdoor classroom needs to move for a variety of reasons. The $2000 grant as well as a $700 sustainability grant Mr. Harding has need to be used right away. The benches, trees or materials from Bill Feschuk that are purchased need to be at the school and the invoice paid for the product by June 30th, 2015 or we lose both grants.
  2. Hot Dog Day / Muffins / Bulletin Board – The next hot dog day will be on Thursday, May 28th. It is Junior Kindergarten grad that day so there may be additional orders. Thank you to Alicia Friesen for putting up the spring new bulletin board.
  3. Spring Raffle Tickets – All prizes were donated including a solar light by Mrs. Harding and a hanging basket by Charlie from Friendly Flowers. PAC raised $787.15 towards the outdoor classroom / natural habitat and the playground equipment
  4. Staff Appreciation – Sally and Joe Stogrin will be doing the staff appreciation lunch on Friday, May 15th. Marlene is going to donate a ½ slab cake to the lunch. Marlene will make sure the kitchen is clean. Tiffany will come and help serve.

1. **New Business** 
   1. May 22nd – Community Track Event – There is a Community Walk/Run being held at ACI at 6:30pm on Friday, May 22nd with all of the proceeds towards the revitalization of the track. It is a $100 for each team to enter. There also will be a kids zone, fun tent, bake sale, etc. The students from AEMYS will be going over to the track from 2:15pm to 3pm on May 22nd to walk.
   2. Bridge Financing from ESD – ESD is looking for more information about the $10,000 bridging loan that PAC has requested. PAC should be able to pay the bridging loan off in 4 years but will ask for 5 years in case of unplanned things that come up. Marlene will meet with Norma and Brad regarding the financials and then submit the information to ESD.
   3. Welcome Back BBQ – PAC will host the 3rd Annual Welcome Back BBQ on Thurs, Sept 17th from 5 to 7 pm at AEMYS. Marlene will write a letter to the Coop asking for the hamburgers and hotdogs to be donated. Marlene will phone Bounce a Roo and book a bouncer. Tanya will revise the letter to businesses requesting donations towards the bouncer and send it out to PAC members. Tiffany will talk to Old Duch about donating chips.
   4. School Greenhouse – Mrs. Ladoski and Mrs. Skoropet are using the greenhouse.
2. **Other Business** 
   1. Grade 5/6 Spring Musical – It is wonderful that the Spring Musical is happening. Thanks to all for the effort that is put into the musical.
   2. Bus Lane – There was an incident where a woman parked in the bus lane who is considering sending her kids to our school. She was scolded by a staff member for parking in the bus lane. When she got back to her car she was given a tongue lashing by a bus driver. We are working to attract new families to our school and when people are treated this way it doesn’t give a very good impression of our school. Mr. Harding will look into the incident.
3. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Facilities
      1. Gym Storage – Shelving units have been ordered. Installation will begin once all supplies are in.
      2. School/Gymnastics Storage Shed – Has been approved and contractor is hired. We need to wait for the company who did the Wellness Center to come back and landscape before beginning construction.
      3. Playground – I am waiting for one more question to be answered before committing to a company.
      4. Am now working at getting prices to install new cabinets in the EYs classrooms. Hopefully these classrooms will also get painted.
   2. Staffing – Below is staffing as of now. There will only be 2 classes at grade ½ and 5/6 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Early Years Middle Years

Not filled yet (K) Tanya Harding (5/6)

Grace Marteinsson (1/2) Cheryl Bates (5/6)

Alicia Skoropet (1/2) Heather Ladoski (7/8)

Gwen Stallard (3/4) Wanda Sparkes (7/8)

Cheryl Chwaliboga (3/4) Dianna Kicenko (7/8)

Cheryl Johnston (3/4)

Resource Music

Not Filled Yet Carlin Kilbrei

Phys. Ed Counselling

Sheila Stoyanowski (K-4) Shelly Burak

Shelly Burak (5-8)

French

Heather Ladoski

* 1. Classroom configurations for 2015 – 2016

JK – 16 3/4 - 20

K-22 5/6 – 26

1/2 - 20 5/6 – 27

1/2 - 20 7/8 – 20

3/4 - 20 7/8 – 20

3/4 - 20 7/8 – 19

Mrs. Plett is eager for the Kindergarten position.

Our current resource teacher is on maternity leave until Dec 2015.

1. Correspondence
   1. Letter from ESD regarding bridge financing
2. Next Meeting – Monday, June 8th 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 8:10 pm.