

1. Welcome and Call to Order
 - Marylou called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - No additions to the agenda
 - Errors/Omissions to the minutes of meeting – November 20, 2018. Heather made a motion to approve the minutes. Pauline seconded. Carried.

2. Old Business: Following Up
 - Parent Council Board is up in the hallway. Thank you to Joelynn for doing that and keeping it up to date.
 - Brett Kissel Tickets - from unclaimed prizes - awarded to staff member for Christmas – Deb S. had a great time at the concert. She wanted to extend her thanks for the tickets.
 - Scotia Wealth Official Donation Cheque – we are following up on donation cheque – we will do some PR for Scotiabank at the next assembly (February 7th).
 - Thank You Cards to Businesses and Individuals for Donations to Fundraisers this year. Thank you to Joelynn and Caley for sending these out.
 - Teacher in Excellence Nomination – there was a nomination put forth by a few parents – more information to come.

Tabled Events - waiting until after Dance-a-thon Fundraising complete - revisit in March

Recess Equipment Bags

Scooter Racks

3. Treasurer's Report – Shane Mann
 - Current expenses include hot lunch for December and concert hall. Upcoming expenses to approve - Hot lunch for Quiznos/ January and Booster Juice/February
 - Current bank balance is 10846.00
 - Motion for change to signing authority. Heather made a motion to remove all signers except Shane Mann and add Holly Debnam and Marylou Williams. Heather seconded. Carried.

4. Making Connections – Christine Bishoff – No report

5. District School Council Representative – Pauline Hall
 - K-4 curriculum was discussed. Marylou shared some information about the curriculum.
 - There is a parent information night coming up. You can find information about this on the website.
 - There will be a math help session focused on middle school aged children but can include children as young as grade 4. These session will be held at Gilbert Paterson on Thursday nights from 6-7pm. Until February 7 – Free Drop-in!
 - Some district policies are changing, if you are interested in reviewing them, Marylou can email them to you to review.

6. Teacher Report – Arlene Wagar – Gr. 4/5
 - Past Events:
 - Garden Clean up – it was very fun to see the kids operating the tools for the first time.

- Dec. 8 – Christmas Concert at Park Meadows Baptist Church
 - Any feedback from parents present regarding time, date, locations, etc. – it seems that everyone enjoyed the venue, parents thought the length was great.
 - Thank you to Jolynn and Amanda for Photo backdrop
- Dec. 17 – 21 – Holidays Carols & Assemblies
- Cookies and Milk for a Christmas Video party for kids (Thank You to Hall Dental and Pauline Hall for sponsoring)
- Jan. 10 – Genius Hour Assembly/Occupation or Genius Theme Day – the day has switched from Fridays to Thursdays because it was more conducive for teachers schedules as well as music classes for children. If you have any lego that you are willing to share with the school (it will be returned), please bring it to Amanda Krawchuk.

Upcoming Events:

- 1 District 1 Book – (1D1B) – today we received an email from the committee that the cost of 1D1B has been covered by an Alberta Government grant. Looking at doing a Maker Space where kids can buy vouchers to host a handmade market and can build their own small business (crafts, baking, etc.). The funds raised from this will go towards a foundation that ties into the book (details TBD). Looking at promotion leading up to 1D1B and an opening ceremony. Planning to hold off on the talent show so that we can tie our efforts into this event. Very exciting!!!
- Teacher Helper Board – thank you, this is very helpful.
- Any questions about events at the school?

7. Administrator's Report – Mark Blankenstyn & Jackie Fletcher

- Mark's Read-a-Loud
- Accountability

Upcoming Events:

- January – February – Gr. 5 Basketball (Tourney at Wilson on Friday, Feb. 8th) – 6 coaches this year! Games are on Monday/ Wednesday. They will find out their teams tomorrow!
- Feb. 5 (6:30pm) District - Town Hall Meeting – at Victoria Park High School –Need minimum of 4 parents or more! -need electronic device (phone, tablet)
- Feb. 7th: Theme Day – “Beach Day” + Feedback from Parents on Theme Days – going to start sending out Monday memos on Fridays so people can better prepare.
- Park Meadows is hosting the resiliency program for Westminister School which is taking place in the art room. We will have limited access to the art room for a short time
- Accountability Pillar Survey – if you get this survey you can do it via paper or online. Because of the size of our school, any parent has the ability to complete this survey.
- Any questions about events at the school?

8. New Business:

- Becoming a Society – Lisa Weiss
 - this could be a benefit to form a separate society from the council
 - Fundraising – we struggle to take this to the next level because the school is not allowed to hold funds. Council focuses on the educational part, Society focuses on the fund development part.
 - Lisa shared an information package and the benefits to parent engagement

- Members can review information via the following link:
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/resources/school-councils>
- Discussion
- Decision: The general consensus is that our council needs to develop a society however we would like more information to move forward. Lisa will assist us to reach out to Allison Pike to provide more information to us. Holly made a motion to hold a separate meeting on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. to share information about becoming a society. Amanda seconded. Our hope is that ASCA and Allison will present at this meeting and we will make a decision about moving forward. Please send any questions to the park meadows parent council email by February 19 so that presenters can review in advance.

- Dance-a-thon February 14, 2019

- Theme: Valentine's Day: Love and Friendship
- Live DJ - Sounds Unlimited sponsored by Hall Dental - Pauline Hall
- Prizes - Main Prize for top seller? remaining prizes distributed how?
 - In the past we gave out prizes via a name draw – pick prizes in the order they are drawn. All kids were entered.
 - Amanda made a motion that this year prizes will be distributed as follows:
 - 10 prizes minimum
 - Top Seller – for every \$50 dollars raised you get one entry into the “big prize”. The big prize is the gaming chair – children can pick something else if they win this and do not want it.
 - Other prizes will be drawn based on participation
 - Pizzas – go to top sellers in each class
 - Spot Dancing Prizes. Heather seconded. Carried.
- Organized parent volunteers for following tasks – Marylou developed sign up sheets and will contact each group to organize
 - Decorating ShowCase at Entryway (ASAP)
 - Preparing info envelopes to go home (Jan 21-25) Info home on Jan 28
 - Decorating afterschool Wed, Feb. 13
 - Counting pledge money Thurs. Feb. 14 morning
 - Clean up after the dance Feb. 14 (2:30pm)

9. Next Meeting:

- February 26, 2019
- March 19, 2019

10. Amanda made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.