AESPA - Meeting Minutes   November 14, 2023

Call to Order - at 7:26 pm

1	**Attendance**	Dan Verhoeff, Carla Kokotailo, Tina Zerebeski, Vania Lloyd, Val Ulliac, Kari Ludwig, Jami McLaren, Tanya Doren, Chelsea Pretzlaw, Holly Lefebvre, Layla Pretzlaff
2	**Review Minutes from Last meeting**	- Approval of last meeting minutes - motion Chelsea - not approved, changes need to be made - *Paid delivery discussion for hot lunch did not take place during last meeting, motioned to move this action item to tonight's agenda

3	**Treasurer Report**	- Community Spirit - $44,256.64
		- Money - outstanding to be paid…..
		  - $2374.85 - apparel
		  - $22,093.63 - staging
		  - $2551.50 - musical instruments
		  - $125.64 - Art Cards shipping

4	**Chair Report**	- Start thinking about upcoming fundraising options
5	**Principal Report**	- Staff to put together a wish list to present to the board. - Principal's report - see attached, given to members during meeting
6	**Other Business/ Fundraising**	1. Playground- new playground opened and well used 2. Christmas Cards - Lisa and office organized this year, next year the parent group will take over 3. Hot Lunch Fridays - not using Quiznos in Fort Saskatchewan -too many allergy concerns. a. Hot lunch Deliveries - $5 credit given to volunteers willing to help deliver lunch on order in Fridays. Contact Carly (volunteer coordinator) to be added.

		The list currently contains names of pre-vetted volunteers and those whom have completed appropriate paperwork. By offering credits, we are sure to have the appropriate amount of helpers on those days.
		4. Insurance - renewal upcoming, stay with the same policy, will look into ASCA membership as it could offer a discount on future insurance policies
		5. Grade 6 concession - Dec 22 - volleyball
		6. Bison Bravo - on going, cards and chocolates will continue
		7. Colibri profits - $489.00
		8. Christmas concert concession - pre-order will be available though the hot lunch portal. Cash concession on the nights of the concert. All information will go home with the tickets as well as email to families.
		9. Future Fundraising
		    a. Casino -April 24-25, we will need to create a casino committee and chair, organize volunteers. Notice will be sent home for all families. Val will act as chair and submit the needed paperwork.
		    b. beef Jerky in the spring
		    c. spring plant sales

	Voting Items -	MOTION - up to $160 for grade 6 girls to attend the WISEST conference at U of A, Motions ADY, Second JAMIE, APPROVED MOTION - Pay up to $100 of a tap square to use during future fundraisers. MOTIONED - Tanya, Second Tina, APPROVED
7	**Next Meeting**	January 9, 2024 @ 7:30pm
8	**Adjournment**	8:40 pm by Vania Lloyd

Principal's Report
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Follow Up from Prior Meeting:
1) Musical Instruments Arrived! Total cost was $2551.50 + tax, total of $2677.14 Thanks so much!!!!
2) Bison Gear Order total- 54 orders in total. We will also be running the "Ardrossan Swag store" which

has been run in past years, but has been geared more to the grade 6 classes. This is where they order
the hoodies or t-shirts with the school year and have the grade 6 student signatures. In upcoming
years, we will combine the two.
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Current Funding Requests:

1) WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science & Technology)- began in 1982, when Dr.Gordin Kaplan, then University of Alberta Vice-President (Research), noted that of the 150 attendees at a seminar on microprocessors, only one of the participants was a woman. With the help of fellow engineers, educators and academics, Dr. Kaplan formed what is now known as WISEST. And, for more than 40 years, we have continued our commitment to empowering women who are interested or want to seek out opportunities in underrepresented fields, specifically in science, engineering, and technology (STEM).
Date of the conference: February 21 st or 22 nd .
a. We are hoping to send 4 amount of grade 6 girls (Individual cost- $40 per girl)
b. Total request= $160.00

Anticipated Upcoming Requests:
1) Young Authors Conference (EIPS)- Each year over 400 selected students in grades 4 to 9 from both Elk Island Public Schools and Elk Island Catholic Schools are invited to spend the day with a variety of well- known children and young adult authors, illustrators and graphic artists—working with them and learning the tricks of the trade. Students who show special interest or aptitude in the areas of writing and illustration are invited by their teacher to attend the conference. Attendance is teacher selected and there is no open registration, however, every attempt is made to give opportunities to those students who would value most from this experience.

2) HIP HOP Dance Artist in Residence- This group will come and work with all kids ECS- Grade 6 through the week (maybe two, waiting for details) and at the end of the week there is a whole school presentation. This was scheduled to be done the last week of March 2020, but because of COVID closures, was not completed. Estimated cost $3,000.00. More details to follow.

3) Chromebooks- We have about 60-80 Chromebooks that are set to expire, depending on our registration numbers for 2024-25 we will need to replace these machines in order to ensure we have enough machines. The school does have money set aside for this, however depending on the numbers we may need support. (Request to be brought forward in Aprils Meeting)

a. Currently, we have Chromebooks for Grades 3-6 and iPads for ECS-Grade 2 (not one-to-one). As mentioned in the previous meeting, we would like to move away from iPads in grade 2 and move to Chromebooks (We would most likely not need 1-1 in grade 2). The cost of replacing a Chromebook is: $389.80, and the cost of replacing an iPad is: $559.80-$759.80 (depending onthe storage amount)

4) Classroom Furniture- Depending on registration for the 2024-25 school year, we may need to purchase additional classroom furniture. The school does have money set aside for this, however depending on the numbers we may need support. (Request to be brought forward in Aprils Meeting)