

EPS MPA Meeting Minutes

December 2 2024

In attendance: Dana K, Faye G, Jennifer WS, Paul B, Jeroen P, Heather C, Leah E, Krista R, Tara W, Catherine W,

Welcome and call to order (Heather)

Motion to accept the November 2024 meeting minutes by Jennifer, seconded by Faye, all in favour, and the motion passes.

Treasurer's report (Dana)

- There is currently about \$57,000 in the account. There is about \$49,000 that is available and the remainder is already accounted for. There is about \$2,300 in personal student accounts.
- Paul suggests that a significant amount of funds could be allocated to uniforms. There is a yearly uniform fee of \$25 per student that, in previous years, was specifically set aside each year. In recent years, these funds have not been clearly set aside. Dana will work on establishing an estimate of the available uniform funds.
- Paul notes that the MRU clinicians invoices have not yet been processed, but are about \$12,000 for multiple times that clinicians have come into EPS this fall.

Director's Report (Paul)

- Vic Lewis, the Remembrance Day assembly, the retreat, and the winter concert have all gone very well.
- The kids sometimes focus on the small mistakes, but it is important to remind everyone how amazing it was on a whole.
- There will be a Jazz Workshop at the end of January. The EPS MPA fronts the money, and then feeder schools contribute what they can. The total cost is about \$5,000/\$6,000.

- Motion to fund the Jazz Workshops by Heather, seconded by Dana, all in favour, and the motion passes.
- In the past EPS MPA has partly funded Vic Lewis and the retreat up to about 50% of the total cost. The Vic Lewis Festival fee was \$5,932.50 and the projected amount for the MRU retreat clinicians is about \$4500.
- Jeroen suggests that a yearly budget might be helpful. Heather and Dana will work on that.
- Motion to fund approximately half of the cost of Vic Lewis for about \$3,000 and of the retreat for about \$2,250 by Heather, seconded by Jeroen, all in favour, and the motion passes.

Fundraising

- Flames (Tracey absent)
- Purdy's (Dana) – most boxes have arrived, overall profit was about \$1,900 and sales were about \$7,000
- Ice Melt (Dana) – profit is about \$11 per pail, suggestion of January and February, requires pick up by several people, there might be a minimum or a per palette order, product delivered prior to Family Day
- Motion to proceed with the Ice Melt fundraiser by Heather, seconded by Dana, all in favour, and the motion passes.

Moonlight Knights (Faye and Tracy)

- Some duties have been assigned (including decorations and the silent auction), information will be added to the blog in January and there will also be a second meeting in January

Blog

- Jeroen will get the blog set up tonight after speaking with Heather

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Heather, seconded by Tara, all in favour, and the motion passes. Adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next EPS MPA meeting will be in 2025.