

**Hay Lakes ECS Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom - March 24, 2021**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Pam Called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm

**Attendance**

Addie Hobbins (Teacher), Marie Stratuliak (Coordinator), Pam Ritchie (President), Desiree Davis (Vice President), Blaine Seutter (Treasurer), Avey Christiansen (Secretary), Jody Melin, Penny Martin, Bethan Walter, Jenny Crandall, Dena Weiss, Lindsey Gerber

**Adopt Agenda - Additions or Deletions?**

There were no additions or deletions. Desiree motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Penny seconded. All were in favour. Motion carried.

**Minutes from the Meeting on January 27, 2021**

Penny made a motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting. Desiree seconded. All were in favour. Motion carried.

**Treasure's Report**

Financial Report

- Chequing - \$17,713.02
- Savings - \$23,586.58
- We are expecting a large deposit tomorrow.
- Lindsey made a motion to accept the treasure's report as presented. Desiree seconded. All were in favour. Motion carried.

**Co-Ordinator's Report**

1. ECS Registration
  - If parents know of anyone with kids who will be going into ECS, it would be helpful if children register as soon as possible. Registration forms are up on the ECS website ([haylakesecs.ca](https://haylakesecs.ca)). Please spread the word.
2. Grade 1 Registration
  - Parents need to register their children in grade 1. Registration forms are located on the Hay Lakes School webpage (<https://haylakes.brsd.ab.ca/families/registration-forms-information>). Marie will also send out the link. If you don't have a printer at home, please let Marie know, and she will get you a copy of the registration form. Birth certificates are mandatory to register for grade 1, so if you don't have one, please apply for one right away. Marie can give you instructions on how to do that if you need help. Gina Young (admin at the school) can help if there's any problems with this the registration process for grade 1.

**Teacher's Report**

1. Mother's Day gifts and Easter
  - The kids will be making Mother's day gifts for mothers. They won't be doing much for Easter since it falls at the end of spring break.
2. Measurements
  - The students are learning about linear, volume, weight, capacity, identifying 3D shapes, addition and subtraction, counting backwards and review.

3. S-X Letter Identification
  - Letter identification, print practice, sound matching
4. Plants
5. Personal Safety
  - learning address, phone number, talking to strangers, street safety
6. Outdoor Games
7. Pictures
  - Avey has volunteered to take a class photo and individual pictures of the ECS students in May.

### **Old Business**

1. Staying Private
  - at the last meeting we talked about staying private
2. Fundraiser Report
  - we had talked about the mom's pantry - it has been our best selling fundraiser so far and we didn't even have full participation. The profit was \$1200

### **New Business**

1. Calendar for the remainder of the year
  - Because our enrolment numbers for the 2020/21 school year only enable us to split for a portion of the year, we now have to make decisions about combining the 2 classes.
  - We've come up with 2 possibilities ways to finish off the year and wanted to present them tonight for the parents to vote on. These options take into account that COVID is still going and numbers are again rising. One of the options does incorporate some at-home learning. The classroom is small and combing the classroom would mean kids would be packed in pretty tight and cleaning would be decreased.

Option 1 - Because combining the classes will double the exposure chances for the students, we've come up with an option to keep classes separate until the end of the year. This option would include some at-home learning in May and June. After the 2nd week of May, there would be one in-class day for each class, and one at-home learning day. With this option, we would be able to have our EAs support for the at-home learning and it would be more structured then we were able to do last year, and there would be better support for the students.

Option 2 - Combining the classes. In talking with the board and the teaching staff we've come to realize that combining the classing suddenly would be extremely difficult at this time. The kids have done a great job dealing with this pandemic, but the pandemic has raised the social and emotional needs for many of the students. Some of them need more time to work on social skills and emotional regulation. The option would be to slowly and gradually combine the classes.

There was discussion around the 2 options and some of the parents asked for more time before they decide. The decision was made to have a meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021 to vote on option 1 or 2.

2. Last fundraiser

- discussion around which fundraiser we should do next - possibly Little Caesar's Pizza kits, or gift cards to Sailbury Green Houses (both offer 20% back).
- We will gather some more info and decide during the meeting on Monday.

**Date of Next Meeting**

- Monday, March 29 at 8 pm

**Date for Next Meeting - AGM**

- May 12th at 7:00 pm

**Adjournment**

Meeting is adjourned at 9:11 pm