

Hay Lakes ECS Meeting Agenda January 27, 2021

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Pam called the meeting to order at 8:01

2. Attendance

Addie Hobbins (Teacher), Marie Stratuliak (Coordinator), Pam Ritchie (President), Desiree Davis (Vice President), Blaine Selin (Treasurer), Avey Christiansen (Secretary), Elise Schultz (Bookkeeper), Bethan Walter, Jody Melin, Penny Martin, Jenny Crandall, Lindsey Gerber, Dena Weiss, Derrick Lukin, Tim Ellis

3. Adopt Agenda – Additions or deletions?

Pam asked if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. Jeff made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Bethan seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Minutes of November 24, 2020 meeting

Derrick made a motion to accept minutes from the meeting on November 24, 2020. Penny seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Financial Report

Chequing - \$20,793.69

Savings - \$23,578.69

Blaine reports that we had to borrow \$10,000 from the savings account because some of our funding is late in coming in.

Derrick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Jenny seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. Co-Ordinator's Report

Registration is open: Registration for next fall has opened for Hay Lakes ECS.

Registration forms are up on the website, or parents can contact Marie.

Marie could use everyone's help to get registrations in, which will help us to get funding. If you think you may have your child repeat ECS, please let Marie know ASAP, because that will make a difference for our funding in the fall.

Teacher Evaluation: Marie is communication with AISCA to set up an evaluation for Addie in March. Her pervious evaluation was done in may by the principal at her previous school. There were no concerns.

7. Teacher's Report

Report Cards: The second set of report cards will be sent home mid February.

Addie will also be offering parent teacher conferences online - more information to come.

School Photos: Addie will be taking school photos of the students in the Spring and providing families all with a digital copy for an important keepsake! They will also be doing outside class photos! I will send a date closer to the spring.

Valentine's Day: Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day activities will be coming soon. Because the students are not able to bring Valentine's Cards to school, we will be making them in class so that they can still celebrate and have a special day! Students will make a Valentine for each student in their class. No need to send supplies.

Learning update (letters, comparison, feelings): The class is continuing letter practice: M-P Letter identification, print practice and sound matching. They continue to use comparison to compare two objects based on a single attribute, such as length (height), mass (weight) and volume (capacity). February will be focused on being a good friend, feelings and finding healthy ways to express yourself, respect and acceptance and friends and family

8. Old Business

Fundraising: Pam thanks the parents for all of their work fundraising. Our total so far is \$2600. Please know families don't have to participate with all fundraisers. They can pick and chose the ones they would like to participate in.

- The next fundraiser is called 'Mom's Pantry' and we get 40% of sales back. We expect it to do really well. It will be coming out quite quickly.
- We normally do Vesseys in the spring, which is a seed and bulb fundraiser, but they aren't doing fundraisers this year.
- We've decide to do Growing Smiles. They have plants that are already started, succulents, hanging strawberry baskets, etc. We're going to try to have product out just before Mother's Day. We're just waiting to hear back about available dates.

Fundraising Totals to date:

Irvings - \$1108.60

The Mixing Spoon - \$560

Poinsettia - \$989

Donations - \$65

9. New Business

Private vs Public

- Marie has talked to AISCA, and Pam has talked to our BRSD support person, as well as a parent from Round Hill who has been through the shift from private to public.

- Pam shares that we really want to be an inclusive kindergarten for all. In the fall, our hands were tied so we really felt like we needed to look at going public. But, we now have a new teacher who is willing to stay on, even if she is only part time. We have great PUF funding, which we wouldn't have received through BRSD. Marie has figured out how to get funding, and who to get funding through

- We now have AISCA behind us who are a great support. They can do teacher evaluations for us.

- The board is making the recommendation to table to Private vs. Public for now and to remain private.

- AISCA let us know that if there are parents who want to pursue and investigate the private issue further, they can begin that process. The board's responsibility is to run the kindergarten.

- As discussion was made on the topic, a few parents expressed their satisfaction with how things are running. There was some concern about how things might change moving forward if Pam, Marie, and Elise leave their positions, but all plan to stay on for now.

- Elise let use know that costs for administration and bookkeeping will be a little higher. She is hopeful that it won't be quite this high every year, but that it's important to be aware that the work on the back end of things is becoming so much more.

9. Date of Next Meeting:
March 24, 2021, at 8:00 pm

11. Adjournment
The meeting is adjourned at 8:35 pm