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Esko's Corner

Connecting School and Community

Esko Public School District #99

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October 2015



HOMECOMING 2015

Friday, October 9, Game @ 5:00 pm

The freshman class will kick-off the week's activities with a volleyball tournament starting at 6:00-9:00 PM on Sunday, October 4. On Friday, October 9 the coronation ceremony for grades K-12 will be during the day, followed by the game at 5 PM against Virginia Blue Devils. After the game, grades 9-12 can attend the Homecoming Dance from 8:00-10:45 PM (\$5).

Homecoming week is October 5-9

- **Homecoming Ceremony - varsity gym on October 9th for grades K-12.**
- **Homecoming Dance for grades 9-12 after the football game from 8-10:45 pm.**

The 2015 Homecoming Court candidate were selected by the senior class.

Queen candidates: Ashley Arntson, Elle Emanuel, Gianna Jubie, Suntina Spehar, CJ Stoyanoff

King candidates: Teddy Carlson-Webster, Ross Erickson, Casey Kulas, Ethan Linder, Jaxson Turner

Paiges are Aubrey Kulas and Bella Huffman.

Come wearing your blue & gold apparel to our homecoming football game!

Our Esko Apparel Kiosk will be at the game if you want to purchase any items!

Face painting by the Art Club - \$1.00

Kids Plus will be collecting Non-Perishable Food Donations for We Scare Hunger

Look to the school website for more Homecoming events and activities.

2015 Fall Festival

Saturday, November 7

Esko Public Schools

Carnival

10:00am – 12:00 pm

Varsity Gym

Ages Preschool – Grade 6

Game Passes - \$5.00

★ Games ★ Giant Slide ★ Crafts

★ Prizes ★ Photo Opportunity –

★ Bring your camera!

Craft Fair

9:00am – 1:00 pm

Practice Gym

FREE entry

We need: Volunteers to run games (Grade 7 – adult), Cake Donations for the cakewalk, and Craft Vendors.

Call Community Education 879-4038

You are welcome to come in costume!

Sponsored by Esko Community Education and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Youth Group

Concessions will be available!

Events & Notices

◆ Bookmobile

Mondays, Oct. 19; Nov. 9; Dec. 21
Think-N-Play - 9:30 - 10:30 am
Tuesdays, Oct. 13; Nov. 2, 24; Dec. 15
Esko School - 5:45 - 6:30 pm

◆ Census

Please help us keep our school census accurate. If you are new in the area or have recently had a child - please contact 879-4038 to have your children be put on our age 0-4 census. Thank you!

Kiitos – Thank you

.....to the anonymous person who gifted the lovely roses to the Esko Senior Women on Wed., August 26th at the Senior Potluck that day. They were beautiful and we loved them.

Sincerely, Esko Senior Women



Coming Soon!

EEF Spaghetti Dinner

Watch for more info!



Local youth will be collecting non-perishable items for the food bank. Any donations would be appreciated!

When & Where:

October 9 – Homecoming Football Game – Esko Stadium Field
October 31 – Trunk or Treat – St. Matthew's Parking Lot

Sponsored by Esko Community Education & Kids Plus
[Wwactprogram.com/wescarehunger](http://www.ecko.com/wescarehunger)

SAINT FRANCIS FALL BAZAAR

31 County Road 1 in Carlton Parish Office: 384-4563
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th, DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

BINGO 1:00 TO 3:15 PM

SILENT AUCTION/DOLLAR RAFFLES/CAKEWALK

BAKED GOODS/BOUTIQUE/COUNTRY STORE

SPIN THE WHEEL/CHILDREN'S GAMES

RELIGIOUS ITEMS

FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL!

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ESKO MUSIC BOOSTERS

Important Dates for Parents & Students!

OCTOBER

- September 26-October 6 - Pasta & Pan Fundraiser
Tentative Fundraiser, Pending Approval
- October 8 - Schmitt Music Open House; 6:30pm
- October 9 - Pep Band at Football
Possible October 13, 17 & 22
- October 14 - Pep Band at Volleyball
Possible October 28 & 30
- October 19 - Elementary Music Program; 1:00pm
Lyric Opera of the North

ESKO MUSIC BOOSTERS LIKE US ON

TRUNK or TREAT

FREE
NEIGHBORHOOD
EVENT

OCTOBER 31
5:00 – 6:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW'S PARKING LOT

Craft and Vendors wanted for the
annual Esko Craft / Vendor Fair

Sponsored by St. Matthews National Youth Gathering Group

When: Saturday, November 7th

Where: Esko High School Blue Gym

Time: 9am – 2pm

Cost: \$25 booth space is approx. 10X10

To register your booth, please contact Lynn at
mccomber.esko@gmail.com or 218-590-8246 or
Christina in Community Ed at
cwalth@esko.k12.mn.us or 879-4038
for an application and set of rules

Deadline for craft / vendor fair applications is
October 21, 2015. Sorry we cannot have duplicate
consultants, we will accept on a first come
first serve basis.

Free entrance to the public on shopping day!

Featuring...

Superintendent's Update

By Aaron Fischer



Welcome Back

It is a wonderful day when all of our staff and students are back in the building and the building comes alive with the energy and excitement that come with the start of a new year. The staff have been preparing their rooms and working to create lessons for these first days. The students show up with smiles, their best school clothes, with hopes to build and renew relationships with their teachers and friends. I have been in schools for over 42 years as either a student or professional educator, and the first day of school never gets old.

Enrollment

Attendance is at the highest level that I have seen in Esko. We have 1,229 students attending, which means there are 39 more students attending this year than we had in school last September. I believe the success that we have had in our academic, athletic, and fine arts programs are responsible for this increase in students and interest in the Esko Public School District. A number of families that requested to open enroll their students

into our school had to be denied because the class size targets have been met. I am proud to lead a school that families are waiting to get into.

Locker Room/Concession Building

The new building at the athletic complex continues to have issues. The sewer line has frozen each of the last two winters. The District has been working with the designer to correct this issue. The design company made improvements to the sewer line this summer to address the problems. The District will continue to work with the team to make sure these improvements correct the situation. To date, all of the improvements have been at no cost to the District. However, there has been a loss of access to the building and countless hours of work to manage the situation.

The water at the building also had some issues with sand getting into the fixtures and causing problems. Filters have been added to the system to catch the sand and the well has been enhanced to eliminate the issues. The extra work that some of our local contractors put in to help solve these issues is appreciated.

I am hopeful that our beautiful building will be up and running for many years to come.

Test Scores

There have been many articles in the

local newspapers and segments on news stations already this fall about our academic success last year. I am very proud of our students and the staff that continues to provide a first-class education. Our scores lead the area and are actually some of the highest scores in the state!

Digital Engagement Plan

This is the second year of the Digital Engagement Initiative and the plan has gone extremely well. The staff and students have excelled with the use of iPads and our learning management system (Canvas). I have not only witnessed the success of the initiative first hand as a parent and educator, but have witnessed other organizations observe the plan in action and recognize the success as well. What is most remarkable to everyone is how well this has been implemented. After one year, many outside organizations consider Esko to be one of the places to visit to see how it is done. My hat goes off to the staff for creating and implementing a very robust 1:1 program. I am amazed at the level of proficiency the students have demonstrated in a short amount of time. I am also very thankful for the support from the families during this process last year.

We are on to the second year. Now what? The staff continues to

receive training on how to best use technology to personalize learning and to maximize learning opportunities. We will continue to gain insight from staff, students, and the parents to ensure needs and concerns are being addressed. This collaboration will develop and support a learning environment that will help the students to prepare for the 21st century work environment.

Transportation Director

I would like to announce a new member to my administrative team. Laurie Groth has taken on the duties of Transportation Director. Laurie takes over for Kathy Hammarlund who retired from this position. Laurie has been with the District since 1993 and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Please join me in welcoming Laurie to her new position.

I would also like to recognize Kathy for her outstanding accomplishments during her time as Transportation Director. She supervised a strong team that provides excellent service to our students. As a bonus, Kathy will continue as a bus driver and will once again bring our students to school.

ICES, International Cultural Exchange Services

ICES, International Cultural Exchange Services would like to thank all of our families for opening their homes to our students.

Orientation was held September 13 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Carlton

We would like to thank Deputy Russ French for discussing American laws with our students. We would also like to thank our local coordinators and assistants as well as our families who helped make this event successful.

Across the United States Host Families are asked to open up their hearts and homes to help build bridges of friendship that will last a lifetime. Each student will become a part of your family; you will be

able to share our American Culture with them while learning about their home country as well. Students arrive with their own spending money and insurance. We ask each family to treat the student as their own, providing food, a bedroom (can share with a sibling), and most importantly a loving family environment. Families interested in hosting will have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, provide a unique contribution to their community and make a positive impact on youth exchange.

Call Arlette Haupt today at [218-384-4096](tel:218-384-4096), to host a January semester or full year student. Call with any questions about hosting or to be a welcome home for our students.



Front row: Celina from Norway; Lasse from Germany and Guo from China all living in the Twin Cities area.

Pictured left to right, back row: Maeva, from Thailand and Rebeca, from Spain both living with Donna Mullenix and attending Carlton High School; Lisa, from Belgium attending school in Barnum, living with Julie and Bryce Bogenholm family; Oscar, from Germany, attending school in Wrenshall and living with Paul & Jody Goodreau family; Emily, Germany attending school in Superior, WI, and living with Danielle Brady and Dustin Anderson family; Anne-Charlotte, from Belgium and Zana from Slovakia, both living with Arlette and Ron Haupt, Carlton and attending Carlton High School. Not pictured: Alejandra from Spain living with Kristie and Chris Schultz Family and Tuomas from Finland living with Sarah & Dennis LeGarde Family both students attending Esko High School.

Thank You so much for opening your homes up to our young people!



**ENRICHING OUR WORLD
THROUGH CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

Community Churches

Esko Apostolic Lutheran Church October Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am	Worship Service – All Ages
9:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 am	Worship Service – All Ages
10:45 am	Sunday School

*(3rd Sunday - Holy Communion)

Wednesdays

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE:

5:45 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Activities for all ages...

Kids for Jesus (Pre-School-4th Grade)

Jr. Youth (5th-8th Grade)

Sr. Youth (9th-12th Grade)

Adult Bible Study - For our Adult Bible Study this Fall we will be exploring the relation between Christianity & Islam.

7:30 pm Choir

† Check out our Church website at www.eskoapostolic.org.

Please Come and Join Us.

Pastor Bruce Bergstedt
Pastor Nathan Juntunen

Apostolic Lutheran Church
25 Church Road, Esko, MN 55733
(218-879-3882)

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

"A family of believers grounded in, growing in and reaching out in Christ."

Pastors Jeffrey Walther and Tom Brinkley

4 Elizabeth Avenue, Esko, MN
879-3510

stmattsesco@aol.com

Visit our website at:

<http://stmattsesco.wix.com/st-matts-1>



Sunday Mornings

- Worship Service – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
- Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Family Life Center
- Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Church Basement
- Parents Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Nursery
- Ladies Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Pastor Jeff's Office

Youth

- Youth Connect (Sunday Bible Study) 9:15 a.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation – Weds. 3:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Youth event – 3rd Sunday of the month
- National Youth Gathering (every 3 years)

Weekly

- Men's Morning Bible Study – Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
- Experience Recovery for those battling addictions (Thursday 5:30 p.m. potluck, 6:00 p.m. meeting)
- Choir – Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- Marriage Enrichment – Sunday evenings

Monthly

- Book Discussion Club – variable dates
- LWML – 1st Thursday 10:00 a.m.
- Women Inspired – 2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
- Girlfriends Unlimited – 3rd Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
- Birthday Luncheon – 2nd Thursday 11:30 a.m.
- Grief Support – 3rd Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study at Clyde Iron in Duluth – 3rd Thursday

Dates to Remember

- New Member Classes – Starts October 4th
- Fall Harvest Dinner – October 21st



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

62 West Highway 61

Esko, MN 55733

218.464.1636

Pastor Gary Gottfried

revgottfried@yahoo.com

Sunday Worship 9:00 - 10:00 am

Fellowship 10:00 - 10:30 AM

Sunday School for preschool through adult 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Come just as you are to worship!



Thursdays at 6:30 pm ~ New Beginnings Choir rehearsal.

Choir rehearsals are just starting up for the fall.

This would be a perfect time to come on board and join us!

New members welcome!

Check out our website for pictures and upcoming events!

Weekly bulletins (current month) and weekly newsletters also are available for viewing.

www.northwoodesko.com

St. Matthews

Fall Harvest

Roast Beef Dinner

Wednesday, October 21st

4-7 pm

Takeout Available

Adults \$10.00

Children 6-12 \$5.00

Children Under 6 - donation

We Love Our Loft!



Little Eskomo Lutheran Preschool has a beautiful new addition to our classroom! Thanks to a hard-working parent board, enough funds were earned to achieve another goal on our long-term list. Mr. Gene Lindquist and Mr. Don Lanhart then made our "lofty" dream a reality, by designing and building the loft that is now (and will continue to be) a favorite spot in the classroom for students to

play and learn. What a privilege it has been to watch these two experts in action, as they tailored it perfectly to its space and constructed it using top quality craftsmanship. LELP sends heartfelt thanks to them for sharing their countless hours of time and talent to benefit the preschool. We are also truly grateful for the special work Mr. Tom Schmidt did to install carpet on the steps and upper portion of our loft. The students are blessed to have such a cozy space Many Thanks!



Our Youth

ESKO YOUTH HOCKEY MEET & GREET

Esko Hockey will be having our Meet and Greet at the **Northridge Park building from 5:30-7:30 on October 7th**. This will be a fun introduction to our 2015-16 Mite Hockey season as well as a way for the new families coming in to meet and ask questions. We will be providing a burger, hot dog and Brat with chips and other BBQ type items as well as a drink option. We will have schedules and seasonal information to discuss, meet the board members and coaches, and apparel will also be able to order. Please visit our web site for information or to contact us. www.eskohockey.com

YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS GRADES 4-12

Are you interested in increasing your basketball skills? This clinic is open to those who are not playing a Junior or Senior High Fall sport. Volunteer coach and parent, Matt Berger, will spend time working with youth on the following mornings in the blue Gym. 6:45-7:30 am
If interested contact Matt at mberger@proctor.k12.mn.us.

- Week 1 9/23 and 9/24
- Week 2 10/1 and 10/2
- Week 3 10/7 and 10/9
- Week 4 10/12 and 10/14
- Week 5 10/20 and 10/21
- Week 6 10/27 and 10/29



Elementary Basketball Picture Day Reminder Saturday, October 24th

Parents and Coaches meeting immediately following each picture session.
T-shirts and reversible jerseys will be distributed.

Picture times are as follows:

K-1 Boys 8:00 am, K-1 Girls 8:45 am, 2-3 Boys 9:15 am, 2-3 Girls 9:45 am, 4th Boys 10:15 am, 4th Girls 10:30 am, 5th Boys 10:45 am, 5th Girls 11:00 am, 6th Boys 11:15 am, 6th Girls 11:30 am

Please contact Todd Rengo,
Community Education Elementary Basketball Coordinator with questions.
tdrengo@msn.com or 218-348-8467

Avoid \$10 late fee by registering by October 15th. Register online:
www.esko.k12.mn.us under Community Education-Class Registration-Sports & Fitness.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

We are very excited to be hosting a Barnes & Noble book fair on Saturday, October 3, from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Miller Hill Mall store. We'll earn up to 15% back on purchases you make during our book fair.

We will have a variety of great activities planned! They include: hands-on, interactive challenges, story time, musical entertainment and more! Proceeds will benefit our Destination ImagiNation, History Day and Enrichment programs. Even though our activities will run from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Barnes & Noble will honor purchases made throughout the day October 3. If you are in the store and don't have a voucher with you, just tell the cashier you are from Esko Schools.

If you can't get to the store on October 3, please shop online in support of our book fair at bn.com/bookfairs using our book fair ID. On-line shopping runs from October 3-October 8. Please be sure to enter the ID number on the payment page so we get credit.

Esko's Barnes & Noble bookfair ID #11682531
We hope to see you at the book fair!

VOUCHER

Barnes & Noble Bookfair



supporting

Esko Public Schools Destination Imagination

Saturday, October 3, 10:30 – 3:00 pm

Barnes & Noble

1600 Miller Trunk Highway

Bookfair ID #11682531

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to you school/organization.

The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafes owned and operated by Starbucks and other items Barnes and Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied.
See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

KIDS PLUS

For all students in grades 6-9



Kids Plus Dates to Remember:

- October 9 Esko Homecoming Game –
We Scare Hunger booth
- October 22 After School Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- October 31 **Trunk or Treat**
- November 3 We Day! At Excel Energy Center
- November 10 & 12 Community Service Project

SubZero Robotics Mentor Search

The 2015/2016 FIRST® season is just around the corner and the SubZero Robotics Team 5690 is looking for mentors to share their knowledge and experience in the areas of electrical and mechanical engineering, programming, graphic design, business, marketing, leadership, and professionalism. As a FIRST Mentor/Coach, not only will you have the opportunity to share with students the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), but also to witness first-hand the impact that you have on the lives of the students that you mentor. As a part of FIRST, you are helping students to discover for themselves how they have the power to change the world.

If you are interested in joining Team 5690 as a mentor, please contact:
Justin Scheider [218-879-4673 ext 627](tel:218-879-4673) jscheider@esko.k12.mn.us
Laura Zimny [218-879-4673 ext 202](tel:218-879-4673) lzimny@esko.k12.mn.us

No previous experience with the FIRST® program necessary!



Eskomo Activities

ESKO MUSIC BOOSTERS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9/14/2015

A meeting of the Esko Music Boosters was held in the band room on Monday, September 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Stracek at 6:33 p.m.

In attendance were: Lisa Stracek, Lisa Robinson, Shari & Buzz Acker, Rich Mowers, Matt Wade, Jeff Laundergan, Sara Omberg & Todd Rengo.

Choir Report – Matt Wade:

- Matt Wade is the new Esko Choir Director/Teacher. He comes to us from the NorthStar Academy in Duluth, where he taught 5th-8th grade students. He's very excited to be at Esko, and have the opportunity to teach & reach older students with a more advanced and developed talent level. The entire Esko staff has been very friendly & supportive. Matt lives in Duluth with his wife, who is a dentist in Cloquet.

- 1st week went well, meeting & getting to know all the students and their abilities and talent.

- Currently doing a lot of warm-ups and simple songs/rounds.
- Madrigals tryouts going on this week.

- Concert dates

- 7th-12th grade concert Monday, November 16

- Still need to solidify a date for the Holiday Elementary Concert, February concert & May/Spring concert.

- Contests

- Need to coordinate with Rich Mowers before making contact with organizers of spring contests.

Band Report – Rich Mowers:

- Wants to make sure band/music calendar is seen by all (music) parents, including posting to the school calendar & canvas.

- Jeff Laundergan will coordinate contacts for each calendar & outlet, and e-mail updated monthly schedule, including the possibility of an "ad" in the Esko Corner.

- Important dates so far:

- Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm Schmitt Music Open House

- Thursday, November 19 band concert

- Sunday, February 14 Jazz concert at Grandma's Sports Garden

- Need to contact & confirm with Grandma's

- No school on Monday, February 15

- Saturday, March 19 band trip

- Thursday, May 12 Jazz concert

- Thursday, May 19 band concert

- Pep Band

- 5 games this fall & 10 games this winter.

- Schedule sent to Chad Stoskopf (Esko Activities Director), and posted to Canvas.

Old Business:

- Proposed Elementary Project: Lyric Opera of the North

- Before Beth Anderson left, she proposed bringing in the Lyric Opera of the North this fall to the Music Boosters at the June meeting. As it turns out, this group has been booked to come into Esko Schools on Monday, October 19. The cost is \$750.

- MOTION: The Esko Music Boosters ask Kara Staples to request the P.I.E to pay for all or part of the Lyric of the North program since it is an elementary music program. If the P.I.E. group declines the request the Esko Music Booster's will pay what the P.I.E. group does not pay.

- Esko Music Booster Officers

- Reelecting the current Esko Music Boosters Officers was tabled at the June 2015 meeting, as Jeff Laundergan was not in attendance.

- All officers were asked at the September meeting if they would continue their position & duties for the 2015-16 school year. All accepted.

- President Lisa Stracek

- Vice President Shari Acker

- Treasurer Lisa Robinson

- Secretary Jeff Laundergan

- Facebook

- Be active & involved with the page to keep parents informed. We need to promote the fact that Esko Music Boosters has a Facebook page, to get more Esko (music) parents to "like" us.

- Post to Canvas? Flyer home with students? E-mail to Esko Music Booster mailing list? Display at booth during music or sporting events?

- CD

- Lisa Robinson is looking into purchasing a \$10,000 CD from Republic Bank.

- Length/term? Interest rate?

- Esko Music Boosters Checkbook

- Need to change the checkbook to remove Beth Anderson and add

Matt Wade. Other authorized signatures include: Rich Mowers, Shari Acker & Lisa Robinson.

- Look into dual signature checkbook. Cost?

New Business:

- Calendar/timeline

- We need to create a timeline with all important dates for the Esko Music Department for the 2015-16 school year.

- This would include all concerts, competitions, pep band & awards night dates and fundraising windows.

- 2015-2016 Budget

- Once we've built an Esko Music Calendar, we can create a budget for any of the events that need a budget.

- This item was tabled until Rich Mowers is available for the entire meeting for discussion (he needed to leave early to direct the pep band on 9/14), and until we create a calendar/timeline.

- Fundraising

- In the past, Beth Anderson ran with this huge undertaking. With Beth gone, we need to review how this is handled, and if we need subcommittees or volunteers to help with any aspect of the multiple fundraisers done on a yearly basis.

- Shari A & Lisa R have discussed with Matt Wade prior to the September meeting, as one fundraiser is tentatively scheduled to start at the end of September, pending approval.

- Fundraisers are presented to Greg Hexum (High School Principal). If he approves the fundraiser, it's presented to the School Board. If it has Mr. Hexum's approval, the School Board will more than likely approve it.

- **NOTE: All listed fundraisers are tentative/possible, pending administration & school board approval.**

- Fall Fundraiser

- Pasta & Pans: September 25 – October 6.

- Looking for something to rotate every 3 years. Pasta & Pans, Cutlery, and ???

- Early Winter Fundraiser

- Chocolate & Butter Braids: November 16 – December 1. Delivery December 14.

- Fruit Fundraiser

- February 1 – 16. Delivery March 3 & 4.

- Gas Card Fundraiser

- April 18 – May 5. Winners announced during Fine Arts Awards Night.

- Bylaws

- The Esko Music Boosters bylaws/constitution were distributed. Officers need to review the bylaws, and come back to the October meeting with their approval or any changes, corrections & suggestions, especially on Article V, Officer Duties.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm in the band room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Laundergan

Secretary, Esko Music Boosters

2015-2016 Esko Sporting Event Prices:

Single Event Tickets:

Adult Ticket \$6.00

Student Ticket \$4.00

Punch Passes:

Adult 10-game punch pass \$50.00

Student 10-game punch pass \$25.00



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Esko Hockey and Skating association is looking for a few volunteers to help with our concession stand operations this upcoming winter skating season. If interested in helping out please contact Brian Foster at [218-348-4735](tel:218-348-4735) or our "contact us" tab on our website at www.eskohockey.com

Youth Enrichment

AWESOME ART - Tiger Painting

Use acrylic paint to paint a big tiger with a green, jungly background. Make him cute or make him fierce...you decide!

Age Req: Grades 2-6

Cost: \$18.00

10/26/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - E370

10/29/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - E370

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY

Drinking from this bat cup will be "spook-tacular" on Halloween!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$13.00

10/06/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - S101 Art

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY

Celebrate fall and make a great leaf bowl!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$13.00

10/22/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - S101 Art

SAVANNAH'S POTTERY

This great autumn plaque will look great in any room!

Age Req: Grades 1-6

Cost: \$14.00

10/27/2015 3:30PM - 4:30PM Esko Schools - S101 Art

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Do you like to:

- *Write plays or songs?
- *Build and/or paint stage backgrounds?
- *Solve problems using your creativity and imagination?
- *Create and sew costumes? Act in plays or skits?
- *Research scientific topics?
- *Perform in front of audiences?
- *Create an improvisational skit in 5 minutes?
- *Build mechanical "things" or other structures?

If you answered "yes" to any or all of these questions, Destination Imagination may be for you!!

Destination Imagination is a creative problem-solving program that allows students in grades K-12 to work in teams of up to seven students developing a "solution" to a Challenge presented by the Destination Imagination organizers. Teams meet one time a week (more as the competition date approaches!) under the supervision of a "manager". The manager serves as a facilitator! The solution—from beginning to end—is up to the students on each team.

****Competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016****
(This is the same weekend as the Boys' State Basketball Tournament)

For answers to any questions, please contact Mrs. Bergstedt in Room S230 or at 879-4673, Extension 230.

COST - \$40/person Grades 3-12
\$25/person Grades K-2
TO REGISTER: PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH
ESKO COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Online at www.esko.k12.mn.us OR
in the Community Ed Office. 879-4038

Become a **DESTINATION IMAGINATION** Manager!

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- ❖ Leads a team of up to seven students while they solve a creative problem.
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For more information, please contact Joyce Bergstedt at 879-4673, Ext 230

SUBZERO ROBOTICS PRESENTS... "COOLED DOWN" ENGINEERING CAMP

SubZero Robotics is back in action and excited to share their passion for all things engineering! While learning to work in teams to solve various engineering challenges, students who attend this camp will use their creativity to design, build, and program Lego robots. Students who have previously attended the SubZero "Thawed Out" summer camp are also encouraged to attend as they can build upon their existing knowledge in all new challenges. The students will also have a chance to see SubZero's FIRST Robotics robot, "Tom" in action.

Age Req: Grades 5-8

Cost: \$30.00

11/02/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104

11/04/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104

11/09/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104

11/11/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104

11/16/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104

11/18/2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM Esko Schools - S104



After School Club/Class Registration Form:

Esko Community Education, P.O. Box 10, Esko, MN 55733

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ Cost: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Additional Student:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Club: _____ Cost: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____

T-shirt/shoe size (if applicable) _____

Any special needs? _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Type:

Check # _____ Cash

Credit Card

____ MasterCard ____ VISA ____ - ____ - ____

Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Authorized Signature: _____

To register online visit www.esko.k12.mn.us

You will be contacted only if a class is filled. Otherwise, consider yourself registered for the class. Make checks payable to Esko Community Education and mail to the above address or drop off at the office. Cancellation fee is \$2.00.

Esko Adult Community Education Classes

ESKO SCHOOL GARDEN



Esko students have been busy in the garden! Elementary classes have been involved in harvesting fruits and vegetables for use in the school lunches. Thank you to the teachers, students and kitchen staff for their work with the school garden produce! They have prepared rhubarb cake, broccoli, carrots, zucchini pickles, and Kale chips.



HISTORICAL AGRICULTURAL TOUR OF CARLTON COUNTY

The Carlton County Historical Society is offering a tour of farming/agricultural sites in Carlton County on Saturday, October 10th, 2015, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Carlton County has a rich history of farming and agriculture. It helped shape the county we know today. Join us as we visit several farms and areas that reflect that history.

With less than two percent of Americans living on a farm, the public is becoming more and more removed from farming practices and agricultural production. We will see and learn how farming attracted immigrants to the area and provided a livelihood for generations.

We will travel by bus to five sites and learn the history of the location and see structures that have survived the years. Lunch is included in the price and will be held at the Cloquet Forestry Center after a wagon tour through the woods.

The cost for this event is \$32.00/person. You can register by calling the Carlton County Historical Society at [218-879-1938](tel:218-879-1938), or stopping in at our museum, 406 Cloquet Avenue, Cloquet, MN. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9-4PM. Payment is required in advance to hold a place for you. Will we leave from and return to the Cloquet Super One rear parking lot. **PLEASE NOTE:** This event will require some walking and is not handicapped accessible.

SUICIDE AWARENESS MEMORIAL WALK

It is important to recognize the importance of mental wellness, so come join us for our 7th Annual Event in memory of loved ones lost to suicide and for awareness and education towards prevention. This event is not a fundraiser – please walk with us in support of mental health and suicide prevention.

DATE: Saturday, October 10, 2015

TIME: 9:30-11:30 AM (Registration begins at 9:30AM at Bethesda, walk will begin at 10AM)

START/FINISH: Bethesda Lutheran Church, Carlton, MN

WALK: Approx. 35 minutes (beginning and ending at Bethesda)

The non-competitive walking route will begin by walking down main street, then a brief distance on Hwy. 45, and finally a short stretch on the Munger Trail.

SPEAKER: Mindy Kline, Spouse Survivor

Also sharing:

Deb Semmelroth, DNP, RN, Assistant Professor of Mental Health Nursing at CSS, co-facilitator of a monthly grief support group at Essentia Health/St. Mary's for family/friends who have lost loved ones to suicide, and serves on the local NAMI Board of Directors

Amanda Lufholm, MA, LPCC, Crisis Response Team Clinical Supervisor will share about the new Birch Tree Center and the Mobile Crisis Team

(Speakers share for approximately 30 minutes following the walk, at Bethesda – includes refreshments)

Details:

- Part of our banner will include a "ribbon remembrance" that will allow you to honor the person you know who has attempted, or completed a suicide. We will carry this with us on the walk.
- Information on suicide awareness, suicide education, and TXT4Life will be available.
- Participants may want to wear something with the name/picture of the person they are honoring the memory of (not required).

If you have questions, please call Meghann Levitt at 218-879-4511

SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - FIRST TIME COURSE

This is an eight hour course for those who have taken the class before. An insurance discount is usually given for those who have taken this class. You must pre-register by calling 879-4038. \$15 payment can be made to AARP at the class. Non-members fee is \$20.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP

Age Req: 55 +

Costs \$15.00 Class Fee - AARP Members Pay Instructor

\$20.00 Class Fee - Non-members Pay Instructor

11/02/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144

11/03/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144

SMART DRIVER PROGRAM - REFRESHER COURSE

This is a four hour course for those who have not taken the class before. You must pre-register and bring your membership card with you to class. \$15 for AARP members/\$20 for non-members. Payment will be taken by the instructor the first night of class.

Bring to Class: Check to AARP

Costs \$15.00 Class fee - AARP Member Pay Instructor

\$20.00 Class Fee - Non-member Pay Instructor

10/05/2015 5:00PM - 9:00PM Esko Schools - S144

Please pre register through Esko Community Education
879-4038

Esko Adult Community Education Classes

ARMOR CLUB -Open to all Esko students in grades 7-12!

Join us Mondays after school until 4pm in the Art Room for the latest techniques in costume armor and weaponry creation! We use a safe and soft foam to build anything your imagination desires! From helmets and gauntlets to swords and shields! Cost is \$20 per student and covers their first medium-sized piece of armor to get started. Additional pieces will be available at extra cost. Cost: \$20.00

10/05/2015	3:15PM - 4:00PM	Esko Schools - S101 Art
10/12/2015	3:15PM - 4:00PM	Esko Schools - S101 Art
10/19/2015	3:15PM - 4:00PM	Esko Schools - S101 Art
10/26/2015	3:15PM - 4:00PM	Esko Schools - S101 Art

BALLET

Classes will be held on Thursdays and Fridays at Northwoods Methodist Church, Hwy 61, Esko. For ages 3 1/2 - adult, beginning-advanced. All ages will be put into appropriate level classes. We are also offering: Pre-ballet/music & rhythm for 3 1/2 and 4 year olds. Classes for junior and senior high beginners. Classes for adults. Classical Ballet, Pointe, Cecchetti method of Ballet taught to develop techniques for coordination, grace, self-esteem, and muscle tone taught to classical music. Students will be placed in classes by grade level and/or experience. An all adult class is also available. Class times will be determined after registration. Orders for proper wearing apparel will be available at first class. There will be a parent demonstration in February and a recital in June. For more information contact the instructor at 879-5377 or 343-6635. Please register through Community Education.

Age Req: Ages 3 1/2 - Adult

Cost: First Family Member \$ 225.00 each

Additional Family Members \$ 215.00 each

09/17 - 5/27/2015 3:30PM - 8:00PM Northwoods Church

DRIVER'S ED.

This class provides students with a basic understanding of MN Traffic Safety laws, and the complexities of driving. It also gives participants information necessary for acquiring a MN Learners permit upon successful completion of the written exam. Students who were not born in Carlton County should begin to acquire their Certified Birth Certificate which is essential for taking the permit exam. Students should reach their 15th birthday by January 9, 2016. Priority will be given to current 15 year olds who attend Esko Public Schools. Students must attend all 30 hours of training (a make-up day will be available). You will need to sign up with a Driving School for behind the wheel lessons (at an additional cost) before the permit test.

NEW class component:

Students are required to Log 50 hours driving time and this must be turned in to the DMV prior to the road skills test. Attendance at the optional Parent Program can reduce the numbers of logged hours to 40.

Parent Program - offered the last day of class from 5:15 - 6:45 PM

--90 minute Point of Impact program presented by a Trooper from the MN State Patrol. --If attended, 40 hours of behind the wheel must be logged by the student. --If unattended, 50 hours of behind the wheel must be logged by the student. --Logs must be turned in to the DMV prior to the road skills test. --Distribution of Blue Cards (needed to take the permit test and to sign up for behind the wheel instruction).

Age Req: 15 years old by November 17, 2015

Cost: \$85.00

11/09/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/10/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/12/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/13/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/14/2015	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/16/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/17/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/19/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/20/2015	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Esko Schools - S231
11/21/2015	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Esko Schools - S231

LAUNDRY SOAP MAKING

Learn how to make Homemade Laundry Detergent that will save you money & works great!! Safe for HE washing machines & septic systems. We will go over how to make this laundry detergent at home and little hints I've learned along the way. Each person will leave with a quart size jar that will last 5 weeks at home (if doing 4 loads/week). Makes a great gift as well.

Age Req: Adult

Cost: \$12.00

10/26/2015	6:00PM - 7:00PM	Esko Schools - S100 Family Consumer Science
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ZUMBA

The Zumba (one hour class) fitness cardio workout combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves that will make you forget you're even working out! Our goal is simple...we want you to be healthy, to love working out and to enjoy one exciting hour of calorie burning, body energizing movements meant to be enjoyed throughout your life at any age!

Bring to Class: Water Bottle

Cost: \$40.00

11/09/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
11/16/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
11/23/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
11/30/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
12/14/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
12/21/2015	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
01/04/2016	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria
01/11/2016	5:25PM - 6:30PM	Esko Schools - Cafeteria

WHERE TO REGISTER: Please note the location of the class you are registering for and send it to the appropriate place with a check made out to the correct program!

ESKO

P.O. Box 10
Esko, MN 55733
Phone#: 879-4038

CLOQUET

509 Carlton Ave.
Cloquet, MN 55720
Phone#: 879-1261

CARLTON

P.O. Box 310
Carlton, MN 55718
Phone#: 384-4464

WRENSHALL

207 Pioneer Drive
Wrenshall, MN 55797
Phone#: 384-4274 ext. 1410

REGISTRATION - COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

For Esko Comm. Ed. classes-Esko students please include:

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Birthdate: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Class: _____

Cost: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send this form, with payment to the appropriate Community Education Office as listed above.

ECFE & School Readiness

Leap – N – Learn

For ages 3 to 5 years

(Must be age 3 by September 28, 2015)

When: Monday & Friday mornings

Class increased to 11 weeks per session

Sept. 21, 25, 28; Oct. 2, 5, 9, 19, 23, 26, 30; Nov. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 30; Dec. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18

**Time: Mondays from 9:30-11:00 am
and**

Fridays from 9:30 – 11:30 am

Cost: \$110 for first child; \$85 for each additional child in class

Sibling Care: \$2 per child / per visit

This is a great time for children to gain pre-Kindergarten knowledge while parents are learning more about how to guide their child through these early learning experiences. Children will explore arts and crafts, introduction to basic concepts, music and movement, and large muscle activities. Class will meet 2 days a week for 1 ½ hours on Mondays and 2 hours on Fridays. Mondays will include quality time between parent and child. Parents will also meet, with a licensed parent educator, to discuss parenting joys and concerns, as well as their child's social, emotional, and physical development. Fridays will be a day for parents to drop their child off for a more child/teacher learning experience. *Must be potty trained to attend Friday class.* Please call and ask for Shannon if you have any questions about this or any other issues.

Tiny Tots

(16 – 36 months)

When: Tuesday evenings - Class increased to 11 weeks per session

Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15

Time: 4:15 – 5:30pm

Cost: \$50 for first child/ \$30 for each additional child

Enjoy one-on-one time with your toddler before attending a discussion about a variety of topics specific to a toddler's social, emotional and physical development. Children enjoy socializing under the supervision of an early childhood teacher. **Parent and Child will have a short separation during this class.**

Evening Adventures

(Mixed ages)

When: Tuesday evenings - Class increased to 11 weeks per session

Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15

Time: 6 – 7:15pm

Cost: \$50 per family

Enjoy playing and making fun crafts with your child(ren) while also meeting other families in your community. Come discuss positive and practical ways to handle the challenges of raising young children. This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge and get advice from other parents who may be experiencing similar situations. This is also a great opportunity to share any tips you may have from your own life experiences, with other parents. **Parents and children do separate for part of classtime. This class focuses on children ages Birth to five years.** Older siblings are welcome. Fun for the whole family!

More classes to watch for in the Fall:

Dates and Topics to be determined yet.. Watch for more class info to come!

New Class!

Baby Buzz

(birth to 10 months)

When: Tuesday mornings

Oct. 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15

Time: 9:00- 10:00 am

Cost: \$25

“Men”tor Night

(3 years through Kindergarten)

Kids...bring your favorite guy and join us for a night of fun!

Nov. 8-Dinosaur Roar- Come explore everything Dinosaur!

Dec. 3- Holiday Hoopla- Come make holiday decorations & snacks!

Time: (Thursdays) 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00 per class (1st child) \$3.00 per additional child

This is a time for children and their Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or other special guy to enjoy activities together.

School Readiness Trike-a-Thon St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

October 26 & 27



School Readiness Preschool Field Trip Silver Brook Farm Pumpkin Patch

October 22 & 23



ECFE CLASS FEES: Families pay what they can best afford. Those who are unable to pay are still welcome.

Annual Income	ECFE Fee/Semester
\$50,000 +	Full Price
\$30,000 - \$50,000	10% discount
\$10,000 - \$30,000	25% discount
under \$10,000	50% discount

Esko ECFE

Esko Community Education, P.O.Box 10, Esko, MN 55733

Class _____

Cost _____

Child's Name _____

Birthdate _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Address _____ City/ip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Please list any special needs or allergies: _____

Please make checks payable to Esko Community Education. Registrations can be dropped off in the Community Education office or mailed to the above address. You will need to register for each semester. Thank You!

Total Enclosed _____ Check # _____

To register online visit www.esko.k12.mn.us

From Our School Board

Clerk's Minutes

The Esko Board of Education, Independent School District No. 99, Esko, Minnesota, held their regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room.

Members present: Julian Bertogliat, Rick Liljegren, Lynn McComber, Todd Rengo, Jeff Salo, Margaret Sunnarborg, and Superintendent Aaron Fischer. Member absent: None.

Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Rick Liljegren called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- Approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 school board meeting.
- Approve the checks as follows:

Date	Check #s	Total
6/12/15	79493-79557	\$49,860.23
6/22/15	79558-79590	\$124,966.39
6/26/15	79591-79608	\$22,011.67
6/29/15	79609-79612	\$8,848.78
7/9/15	79613-79639	\$33,257.80
7/9/15	79640-79662	\$120,977.01
7/17/15	79663-79689	\$45,914.61
7/22/15	79690-79703	\$20,356.43
7/27/15*	79704-79716	\$15,917.03

*= pending treas. review

- Approval of Treasurer's Report – June 2015 before end-of-year adjustments.

Date	Direct Deposits	Electronic Payments	Grand Total
6/15/15	\$173,732.69	\$122,341.46	\$378,887.99
6/30/15	\$182,970.55	\$128,470.68	\$392,111.90

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Substitute Pay Rates

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Lynn McComber to approve the substitute pay rates as presented. The Board instructs administration to get input from supervisors to see if they are experiencing trouble getting substitutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Janine Marxhausen

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Margaret Sunnarborg to approve the hire of Janine Marxhausen to the position of Athletic Administrative Assistant for 10 hours per week. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Laurie Groth

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Julian Bertogliat to the hire of Laurie Groth as Transportation Director effective July 29, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Hire of Matthew Wade

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to the hire of Matthew Wade to the position of 1.0 f.t.e. Vocal Music teacher for 2015/2016 at BA Step 5. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Updated 2015/2016 Fall Coaching List

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Todd Rengo to approve the updated 2015/2016 fall coaching list as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the superintendent.) Motion carried by the following vote: aye: Lynn McComber, Margaret Sunnarborg, Rick Liljegren, Julian Bertogliat, Todd Rengo; abstain Jeff Salo.

Authorize Call for Quotes – Bread & Milk

Moved by Lynn McComber, second by Julian Bertogliat to authorize administration to call for quotes for the purchase and delivery of bread and milk products for 2015/2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Authorize Call for Quotes – Fuel & Snowplowing

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Lynn McComber to authorize administration to call for quotes for #1 and #2 diesel fuel, gasoline, and snowplowing for 2015/2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set Food Service Pricing for 2015/2016

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to set 2015/2016 food service prices as follows:

Elementary Lunch	\$2.10
High School Lunch	\$2.20
Student Breakfast	\$1.10
Milk	\$0.35
Adult Lunch	\$3.50
Adult Breakfast	\$1.70

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set Activities Pricing for 2015/2016

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve activities pricing at the current 2014/2015 rates for the same activities for 2015/2016 (no increase since fiscal year 2012). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Set Ticket/Pass Pricing for 2015/2016

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Jeff Salo to approve ticket and punch pass pricing at the current 2014/2015 rates for 2015/2016. There will be no season passes or family passes offered. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the 2015/2016 Activities Handbook

Moved by Todd Rengo, second by Julian Bertogliat to the 2015/2016 Activities Handbook as presented (copy of handbook on file in the office of the superintendent). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual Review of Policy 807 – Health and Safety

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve and accept as written Policy 807 – Health and Safety. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve Bid for Storage Building

Moved by Jeff Salo, second by Todd Rengo to approve a bid from Lindquist Buildings not to exceed the quote in the amount of \$41,639 for a storage building. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approve the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan (10 Year Plan)

Moved by Julian Bertogliat, second by Todd Rengo to re-approve Health & Safety Policy 807 with no changes, and to approve the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan as presented (copy on file in the office of the superintendent) and to allow the superintendent and business manager to submit a Long Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue Application to the Minnesota Department of Education. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Administrative Reports

Principals' Reports:

Elementary – Principal Brian Harker reported that the Title I grant is approved and he is working on Title II.

High School – Principal Greg Hexum reported that he has two applicants and interviews scheduled for the open Physical Education position. He is still working on filling the Health Occupations position. The principals will meet with the Technology Integration specialists tomorrow. He will be attending the state assessment conference next week.

Board Committee Reports:

Lynn McComber – Esko Educational Foundation meeting.

Margaret Sunnarborg – Three Certified Negotiations Committee meetings, met with Community Education Director to get students to work the medallion hunt at the Esko Fun Days.

Jeff Salo – Facilities meeting, Esko Sports Alliance meeting.

Julian Bertogliat – Facilities meeting, Esko Sports Alliance meeting, meeting with B. Pera and Peterson Companies regarding the shotput area, three Certified Negotiations Committee meetings.

Rick Liljegren – Three Certified Negotiations Committee meetings.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Aaron Fischer reported on:

- There is a need to look at a design firm for facilities planning.
- The Special Education monitoring questioned two classrooms. The DCD program will need to be moved to a new space as well as an alternate classroom for speech therapy.
- The district's internal storage area needs will be assessed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, moved by Jeff Salo, second by Lynn McComber to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motioned carried by unanimous vote. Jeff Salo, Clerk

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Winterquist Elementary News

Elementary News

By Brian Harker



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Sept. 23: Elementary Picture Day
- Monday, Oct. 12: PIE Meeting – 6:30 – Library
- Thursday, Oct. 15: No School
- Friday, Oct. 16: No School
- Thursday, Oct. 22: PIE Fund-raise Delivery Day
- Friday, Oct. 23: Picture re-take day
- Wednesday, Oct. 28: Early Dismissal

Welcome Back

We have one month of school already under our belts here at Winterquist Elementary. It was an exciting start to our year as we welcomed in many new students to our school community. We also received news

that we were once again identified as a Reward School in the state of Minnesota. We are one of the top schools in the state. We have received this designation for a 5th time. Only 13 other schools in Minnesota can say that. Hats off to our students, families and staff that work so hard to help prepare our young people to be great learners and more importantly great people.

Communication

As we begin this exciting journey of a new school year, it is important for families to take the time to set routines at home with your children. We are all busy with after school activities and work schedules, but starting homework routines and bedtime routines will help keep the family organized. Another important piece to remember is to talk to your child about their day. Stay informed about what is happening in their classrooms or

the newest game they are playing on the playground. These conversations help us begin to see what experiences our children value at school and what is stressing them out. We can then help them in the areas that seem to be causing them concern and celebrate the successes they are having.

Partners in Education (PIE)

If you are looking to get involved in a worthwhile organization that does wonderful things for the students in our building, then PIE is the group for you. Becoming a member is easy! If you are a parent of a child in Winterquist Elementary School, then you are already a member of this group. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library. This is a great opportunity to get together with this progressive group to talk, discuss, and support the school experience at Winterquist Elementary. PIE continues to raise

money each year to support and provide educational opportunities for our young learners. We hope to see you at the meetings.

Other Items

- Students are not allowed in the building before 7:45 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision by a teacher or coach.
- Please be sure to contact the school by 8:30 if your child is absent. Parents/guardians are required to inform the office of their child's absence and the reason. If they do not call the office we will contact them as a safety precaution. If we can't get an excuse for the absence it will turn into an unexcused absence.
- With fall fast approaching, the mornings are quite cool. Make sure to send along a jacket or sweat-shirt with your child. They are outside on the playground to start the day.



Winterquist PIE Meeting Minutes-September 14th

Meeting started at 6:30 in the library. Introduction of new officers: Heidi Adkins as chair, Karen Pettyjohn as co-chair and Nadine Miller as treasurer.

Nadine presented the treasurer's report for June, July and August. A break-down of the income and expenses for the 5k will be made at the October meeting. Current balance in the account is \$20,870.31. Of that amount, \$7,500.00 is designated for teacher requests, skate-time, ELC and school patrol spring trip. There was some discussion from previous meetings about signing up for a debit or credit card for the PIE account. After speaking with the bank, purchasing a card for the amount needed is the best available option for our group since the only time we would need a credit card is for online purchases (done very infrequently) and calendar orders.

Next was discussion on the fall fund-raiser that started today and will run through October 5th. The apparel sale is continuing with sweatshirts & T-shirts with the new school logo. New this year added to the apparel sale is stocking hats! They will be available the first week in October. We are currently taking pre-orders so if you would like one please let Karen know.

Calendars were available this year and we appreciated by everyone at the open house. If you would like one but do not have one

yet they are available in the office. **There are two errors on the calendar!** There IS school on December 1 & 2 (is marked as off on the calendar) and there IS NOT school on January 18th. This is a day off for students and an in-service day for teachers. We apologize for the errors. Please spread the word!!

Heidi mentioned last year with the iPad distribution to all students grade 4-12 that stylists were needed for students. As a group last year we agreed to purchase these but could not due to not having a credit card available as payment. A new parent to the group volunteered to do some research on the cost to supply one to each student in grades 4-6 and some for the K-3 classes as they have pods of them in each classroom. She will present her findings to the group at the October meeting.

Discussion was also held on all the items in the lost and found at the end of the year and what was being done with the clothing. A Girl Scout troop has offered to take these items, wash them and donate them to a local children's shelter in Carlton County.

Another item that carried over from last year was the Esko Events sign at the corner of Hwy 61 and Canosia Rd that has not been working for a few years. The Community Ed department is still working on different avenues to replace the sign and will come to the PIE group when major donator /s are available.

The PIE group does a pot-luck for the teachers on one of the evenings during the November conferences. We will be doing the pot-luck on Tuesday November 10th and are open for discussion of a theme for the meal. One option was a baked potato bar. Input will be asked

from the teachers and we will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. If you are interested in making something for the teachers please let Heidi, Karen or Nadine know! You could also email the group at pie@esko.k12.mn.us

It has also been brought up to some of the new officers that parents would like to do something different than sell 'stuff'. We are currently looking at any and all ideas. The only concern is that the fall sale is used to fulfill the teacher request fund for the next school year. If you have an idea that you would like considered, please attend the October meeting! Some ideas brought up were scrip cards, an Amazon smile account, a school sock-hop style dance and a carnival at open house. If you would like to be involved please message one of the officers! Some of these ideas involve many volunteers so we will need more help!

YEARBOOKS - There are only 12 yearbooks left from the 14-15 school-year. If you would like one please let the office know.

Heidi also let us know that a certificate to do a movies-in-the park type activity has been purchased by the school and the PIE group may be able to use this as a possible fundraiser option. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

TEACHER REQUESTS: There were 4 teacher requests this month. The school nurse requested funds to purchase water for her office for students that are not feeling well. The amount is \$17.50 per month for 3 five-gallon bottles (for 9 months this should total \$157.50). The PIE group has paid for this the past couple of years. This was voted on and approved.

Second was for Ms. Uecker for 2 more Hoki stools for her class-

room. She has two from last year and they worked so well she purchased two more. The request was for \$221.08 and was voted on and approved.

Third was for a second-grade field trip to the Duluth Playhouse for Aladdin Jr. This activity meets requirements for listening and language. A parent contribution for some of the tickets helped keep the cost low. The request was in the amount of \$581.00 for the remainder of the tickets. This was voted on and approved.

Fourth was a request from Ms. Vessel for the rental of roller skates for the lower elementary gym classes. The request is for \$870.00 to cover the cost for 290 kids x\$3.00 per rental. This price may be adjusted up or down depending on students with injuries that cannot skate and/or students moving into or out-of the school. The cost to rent the skates is \$8.00 per student, the past few years PIE has contributed \$3.00 toward the cost so the parents will only have to pay \$5.00 per student. This was voted on and approved.

There were no other items on the agenda; Mrs. Harden had the most parents in attendance so she will receive the gift card!

The next meeting will be October 12th at 6:30 in the library! We hope to see you there!!

2015 Homecoming Dress-up Days for Elementary Students!

October 5-9

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday: Disney Day
- Thursday: Super Hero Day
- Friday: Blue/Gold Day

Lincoln High School News

Esko High School News

By Greg Hexum



Conference Night Information

On October 8, conferences will take place by invite only. This evening is not for general student conferences. Rather, on this evening, teachers will hold scheduled conferences for those students who are demonstrating significant academic struggles. Parents will be contacted directly by Esko High School staff if or when a scheduled conference is deemed

necessary. Teachers and parents will work together on this evening to support struggling students in a positive and proactive manner.

Traditional conferences for all parents will take place at the end of the first marking period on Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12 from 3:30 to 7:00 in the varsity gym. In this conference format, parents pick up their student's report card in the high school commons and spend approximately 5 minutes with each teacher to get progress reports.

To accommodate this positive change, EHS will host just one Spring conference night on April 7, 2016. Put these dates on your calendars.

MID-TERM REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS

Information indicating student progress is available to parents on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and the Canvas Learning Management System. To set-up access, contact the high school office at 879-4673. Paper copies of Mid-Term Reports and report cards will not be mailed to student's home, unless there is a written request on file in the office. Paper copies of report cards are provided to parents at parent-teacher conferences.

Look to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal for digital copies of report cards, but view your child's Canvas account for the most up-to-date daily progress.

Attendance Reminders

Punctuality and regular school attendance are essential to success in school. The State of Minnesota requires compulsory attendance for all children between 7 and 16 years of age. Students who acquire more than 15 absences in a semester, for any non-school related reason, may receive a grade of Incomplete. Each absence beyond 15 requires a physician's note to be considered excused. Consistent school attendance is one means by which a student develops responsibility and self-discipline. For these reasons, student absence should be limited to those instances in which absence is genuinely unavoidable. Each student, his or her parent/guardian and the school share an obligation to encourage and insure good student attendance. Any time a student misses more than 10 minutes of a class period, he/she will be considered to have been absent for the entire period. For report cards and state reporting purposes, attendance will be reported as half or full days with 12:00 p.m. as the dividing point.

Excused Absences – The burden of a child being excused from school is placed on the parent/guardian of the child. **A school has the right to accept or deny an application for an excused absence.** Therefore, schools can develop reasonable policies for school attendance and reject invalid excuses offered by the child or parent.

ACCEPTABLE REASONS for Absence

Sickness (School may request doctor verification.)

Medical/Dental visit/mental health included

Religious holidays

Extreme family emergencies

(e.g.: death in the family, house fire, etc.)

Funerals for immediate family members, relatives or close friends

Official school or college visits

Active military duty

UNACCEPTABLE REASONS

(including but not limited to the following)

Staying home to baby-sit

Overslept

Missed bus

Inclement weather when school is in session.

Travel without school permission.

Needed at home

Work

Vacations with family

Personal trips to other schools or colleges

EXCUSED ABSENCES - SCHOOL RELATED—Those where a student is under school staff control or supervision such as for a field trip, music contest or sports event. Students will not be marked absent on their report card for these days if they are excused by the school for these events, but they are expected to keep up with their school work and may not be given extra time to complete it.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - NOT SCHOOL RELATED—**Must be verified within 24 hours by a parent or guardian** for illness, medical appointments, religious instruction or observance which can only be held during the school day and for limited emergency situations. Needed at home is **NOT** usually an excused absence. Prearranged temporary absence is excused when the application form has been completed and approved prior to the absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES—All other absences. Major tests and assignments may be made up but no credit will be possible for daily participation grades and most quizzes.

CLASS TRUANCY/SKIPPING—Truancy is an absence from school without parental permission or not following an assigned school schedule. Leaving a class early and excessive time on a pass will also be considered truancy.

Offenses: Zero grades for all assignments and/or tests that day. Teacher may require make up of work missed and/or compensatory assignments, all for no credit. Students are responsible for completing assignments on time and for taking quizzes or tests with the rest of the class.

Contact Principal Hexum at 879-4673 with questions about this or other high school policy matters.

Scholarship Renewals

The Floy Gilman Scheidler Scholarship Foundation announces the awarding of nine renewal scholarships of \$2,000 each to past recipients of the scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year: Korina Borash, Zachary Liupakka, and Christaia Houser from Esko High School, Hunter Ravola from Cromwell/Wright High School, Anthony Wojtysiak from Wrenshall High School, Haley Radel from Moose Lake High School, and Emma Hoche-Mathews, Emma Casey, and Lauren Hultgren from Barnum High School.

The late sisters, Floy Dickison, former Esko High School

English teacher, and Ona Scheidler, former Cloquet High School Business instructor, established the Scheidler Scholarship Foundation in memory of their mother, Floy Gilman Scheidler. Notices of application procedures are sent to schools in Carlton County in January of each year and recipients are chosen in May from among Carlton County graduating seniors who apply and plan to major in Communications and/or Business. The scholarship of \$2,000 per year is renewable for up to four years of education. For more information, contact Linda Suer at suerlinda01@msn.com.



Fall play is in early rehearsal for November performances.

Esko High School presents:

FATHER KNOWS BEST

BY KRISTIN SERGEL

Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois

Getting her first date with Ralph wasn't easy and Betty's afraid it will be her last. After reading a newspaper story about teenage elopement, Father has decided he'd better get acquainted with the young man first. He asks the family what's so awful about spending an evening at home. Nothing—but it seems Bud, Kathy and, even Mother, have made plans to go out. Aggravated, Father puts his foot down and they all stay home. The town's social life is suddenly centered on the Anderson household. The excitement and humorous complications grow, until in the final scene, Father discovers that while he may know best, young people know a little too.

Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14—1:00 p.m. matinee

All performances will be in the High School Theater.

Tickets: \$8.00—Adults
\$5.00—Students
\$3.00—Children under the age of 5

Reservations will be taken starting on October 19. To reserve tickets, please contact Kristy Streveler by email at kstreveler@esko.k12.mn.us or by phone at 218/879-4673, Extension 237.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

JULY 16, 2015

Present: Ruth Janke, Dave Sunnarborg, Bill Gerard, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Absent: Terry Hill, Tony Compo

Vice-chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 151,749.00 (Check #'s 40500-40533) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 5,856.16. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

June receipts in the amount of \$ 27,547.63 and June fund balances were reviewed.

A letter was received from Friends of Animals requesting clarification of what should be done with monies they collect from the sale of pet licenses. Peleski will notify them that the funds should be turned over to the Town of Thomson.

A thank you note was received from the Esko Class of 2015 for the Town's donation to the post-graduation party.

A letter was received from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) stating that the plans for retaining our ISO fire protection rating are sufficient to do so. The improvements and revisions will need to be implemented by May 16, 2016.

Bob Draeger was present from the fire department relief association to report on the results of the annual financial audit.

The repair work on State Highway 210 thru Jay Cooke State Park will begin soon. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at the old Thomson City Hall. Sunnarborg and Gerard will attend.

Rob McCabe and Joe Raisanen were present to request that Laitinen Drive be taken over by the Town as a township road. They've completed all of the upgrades that were requested. David Black, Road Foreman, has inspected the road. More gravel needs to be brought in and the road needs to be graded. Black will work with McCabe and Raisanen to finish that work. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Sunnarborg to accept Laitinen Drive as a Township road to be maintained by Town of Thomson. Motion carried. A letter will be written to outline the terms of acceptance and to clarify the issuance of future new home construction permits for that road.

Joe Jurewicz from MSA was present to provide the results of the recent bid opening for paving projects that are being proposed for this year. For the Korby Road and Ridge Road overlays, one bid was received for each project from Ulland Brothers. After review a motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to award the Korby Road Alternate A portion of the bid to Ulland in the amount of \$ 59,156.50. Motion carried. Because the Alternate B quote was higher than anticipated, that work will not be done this year.

Two bids were received for the paving of Erkkila Road. After review and discussion a motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard to award the Erkkila Road paving project to the low bidder, KGM Contractors, in the amount of \$ 353,261.00. Motion carried.

The sale of two lots in the Esko Business Park to Lohse Transfer was completed on July 13.

A purchase agreement is in place for the sale of three lots to Brown-Wilbert. That sale should be completed soon. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Sunnarborg authorizing the execution of all documents needed in the sale of lots to Brown-Wilbert to be completed by the Chair or Vice-chair and Clerk. Motion carried.

A meeting with MNDOT representatives was held at the Esko Business Park to discuss the request to remove trees from the I-35 right-of-way. The Carlton County Transportation Department survey crew located the corners of each billboard outlot for the Town.

A heating / cooling contractor will be contacted to look at the system at the town hall.

Eric Rish was present to follow up on his request for information regarding the police department.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:33 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

AUGUST 6, 2015

Present: Ruth Janke, Dave Sunnarborg, Bill Gerard, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett
Absent: Terry Hill, Tony Compo,

Vice-chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Sunnarborg made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 150,350.26, (Check #'s 40534 - 40590) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 13,149.96. Second by Sunnarborg. Motion carried.

Virginia Tuttle was present to discuss Laitinen Drive. She feels the road wasn't centered on the easement and is taking part of her driveway. Pritchett explained that it doesn't have to be centered on the easement.

Korby Road resident, Cathy Erola, was present to ask the Board for dust control on Korby Road. The road in front of her house was paved but because work is being done to the road, the pavement was taken up. It will be repaved as soon as the contractor can schedule it. Water will be put down on the road until that time.

Bob Draeger from the Firefighters' Relief Association was present to request the Board's approval for an increase to the annual retirement payment amount. Currently firefighters receive \$ 1,600 for each year of service when they retire from the department. If an increase is approved and the earnings on relief association investments drop, the Town will be responsible for making up the deficit. A resolution was presented by Sunnarborg to approve an increase to \$ 1,700 for each year of service. Seconded by Gerard. Resolution approved.

Gerard and Sunnarborg attended a meeting held by MNDOT to provide information on the improvements being made on Highway 210 thru Jay Cooke State Park. MNDOT was made aware that East Palkie Road is not to be used by the contractor during the project. Dust control will also be provided on Jay Cooke Road.

Gerard requested that a second quarter report be provided by Friends of Animals. Peleski will follow up with them.

It was requested that a representative from WLSSD be present at the Sept. 3 meeting for discussion on bio-solids.

The closing on the sale of three lots in the business park is scheduled for August 11.

Sunnarborg reported that Randall Brothers Heating is working on the heating system at the town hall.

Dale Mattinen was present to request that the Board reconsider its requirement to only allow parcels to be split every five years. It was explained that it's needed in order to encourage orderly development of the Town. Parcels can be split sooner than that if the subdivision ordinance is followed. Mattinen would still like to see an exception or variance for family owned land.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Sunnarborg with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY TOWN BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2015

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, David Sunnarborg, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett, Brian Belich, Leah Pykkonen

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall. The purpose of the emergency meeting is to discuss the recent resignation of Police Chief/Officer Tom Foldesi.

Officer Foldesi's last day will be Sat. Aug 22 when he will be patrolling the high school football game. He'll continue after that time as he's able to secure evidence and turn active cases over to Carlton County. Pykkonen will assist him as needed.

He was the only police officer employed by the Town. The possibility of contracting with Carlton County as needed was discussed with Belich. Upcoming football games and the first day of school will have to be covered.

Discussion was held on what other municipalities in the County do for law enforcement. Also on using the County for a trial period of 6 months to see if it will work to strictly contract with them and eliminate the local police department. Discussion was held on costs involved which would be \$50 - \$60 per hour.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to contract with Carlton County Sheriff's Department for 16-30 hours per week, as needed. The police committee will continue to meet to discuss options and continue discussions with the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried. Hill will meet with Belich to develop a schedule.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m. by Janke with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2015

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Dave Sunnarborg, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 36,331.95 (Check #'s 40591-40616) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,088.96. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

July receipts in the amount of \$ 860,303.44 and July fund balances were reviewed.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to accept with regret the resignation from the Police Department of Tom Foldesi. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the future of the Town's police department. The Board will be working with Carlton County Sheriff's Department to pay for additional shifts to be covered until they can look at options. Eric Rish stated that he hopes that the Board will take citizen input before any decisions are made.

Discussion was held on Patriot Drive. In 2007 the developer, Legacy Homes, laid one lift of blacktop with the intention of laying the second lift once all the lots were sold. There is still one empty lot remaining but the residents of Patriot Drive would like to see the project finished. A motion was made by Sunnarborg with a second by Janke to authorize Peleski to contact Legacy Homes to request the blacktop be finished. Motion carried.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been development with MNDOT is regards to the trees along the I-35 right-of-way by the business park. The MOU will allow for some of the trees to be removed. The Town will have to have the designated trees removed and pay for the installation of a snow fence.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Janke to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to improve visibility of businesses located in the Esko Business Park. Motion carried.

Korby Road resident, Cathy Erola, was present to voice her concerns with the work being done on Korby Road. Since the last meeting there has only been water put on the road once. The Board stated that we will try to do a better job of applying water to the road.

Peleski will be attending a Municipal Stormwater Sewer System meeting on the evening of August 26. MSA is holding the meeting to assist some of their customers with the completion of the MPCA MS4 application.

Eric Rish was present and updated the Board on the Cloquet Area Fire District plans to build a new fire station. The project will require bonding and assessments to fire district residents only.

Jim Lagios, Larson Lane, was present to discuss his neighbor continuing to use a driveway that isn't supposed to be used.

Gerard reported that the "No Parking" signs on Thomson Road by Birch Drive have been installed.

The sale and closing on three lots sold to Brown-Wilbert took place on August 13.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:35 p.m. by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

Present: Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett Absent: Terry Hill, Dave Sunnarborg

Vice-chairperson Janke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion with a second by Gerard to approve Change Order No. 1 from KGM, in the amount of - \$ 21,271.45, for the paving of Erkkila Road. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion with a second by Gerard to approve Pay Application No. 1 from KGM, in the amount of \$ 307,630.47, for the paving of Erkkila Road. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 344,236.38, (Check #'s 40617 - 40661) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 6,394.22. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

The overlay work on Korby Road should be completed within 2-3 weeks. Because of the additional maintenance that is normally required on a different section of that road, an estimate will be obtained to extend the

blacktop to the top of the next hill. The contractor will also be patching the areas on Ridge Road that were recently dug up.

Craig Lincoln and Paul Wilken from WLSSD were present to talk to the Board and answer questions about bio-solids.

A quote was received from O'Day Equipment for the repair of the gas pumps at the town garage. The work should begin within 6-8 weeks. An insurance claim has been submitted.

Jim Lagios from Larson Road was present to discuss his neighbor's driveway entrance onto that road. The driveway was to be abandoned when Riverwood Subdivision was developed but continues to be used. The Town's engineer will visit the site and make a recommendation.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:04 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer, Ruth Janke, Vice-chairperson
Town of Thomson

Esko Fun Day Parade Winners:

1st Place: Esko Cheerleaders

2nd Place: Esko Youth Hockey Association



Neighborhood
Bean Bag
Champions!



Dave Anderson & Roger Walck



Join us for
Praise & Worship

Join us for an evening of praise and worship with Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. The concerts these men present include gospel music, old-time Sunday School songs, contemporary Christian music, and stories of God's grace and mercy including "The Rescue Story" which has been heard by millions of people around the world!

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
4 Elizabeth Ave, Esko
October 18 at 6 p.m.

Come and bring friends... for a great time of music and fellowship. A free-will offering will be received to Benefit the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat.

Dave & Roger's music ministry benefits Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org
509.789.9079

School Lunch Menu



October 2015

Breakfast is served from 7:50 - 8:10 am
No Charging Meals

View student's meal accounts on Parent Portal www.esko.k12.mn.us

Alternate menu for grades 7-12 only. Subject to change.

Daily ala carte options available for grades 9-12.

School Lunch/Breakfast Prices:

Lunch:	
Grades 1-6	\$2.10
Grade 7-12	\$2.20
Adults	\$3.50
Reduced Lunch	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.35

Breakfast:	
Kindergarten	\$0.00
Grades K-12	\$1.10
Adult	\$1.70
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.00
Milk	\$0.35

Please send check in an envelope labeled with exactly what is being purchased.
Lactose reduced milk will be provided to a student upon written request from a parent/guardian.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*ALTERNATE MENU FOR GRADES 7 – 12 ONLY.	*Fruit & a juice cup offered daily with breakfast. *Whole Grain Rich cereal & a Cinnamon Goldfish Graham may be substituted for main breakfast item.	*Low fat or fat free milk choice offered daily with breakfast & lunch.	1 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Bagel Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun, Potato Smiles, Steamed Mixed Veggies, Fruited Gelatin ALT: Stuffed Crust Pizza	2 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit ALT: Hot Dog Bar
5 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit ALT: Shrimp Poppers	6 Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Hot Dog/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	7 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Egg Roll, Stir Fry Veggies, Vegetable Fried Rice, Pineapple Tidbits, Fortune Cookie ALT: Mini Pizza	8 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: "Lunch Brunch" French Toast, Sausage Links, Tri Tater, Baby Carrot, Applesauce ALT: Taco in a Bag	9 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: French Bread Pizza, Spring Salad Mix, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit ALT: Pulled Pork Sandwich
12 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Rounds, Steamed Broccoli/Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit ALT: Soup/Sandwich	13 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wraps Lunch: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Crinkle Cut Fries, Cucumbers/Dip, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	14 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Hamburger Helper* Cheeseburger Macaroni, Bread Stick, Golden Corn, Fresh Veggies, Frozen Fruit Cup ALT: Grilled Chicken Burger	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
19 Breakfast: Muffin Choice, Yogurt Cup Lunch: Fish Sticks, AuGratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit ALT: Soup/Sandwich	20 Breakfast: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick Lunch: Pizza Burger/Bun, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	21 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey Sandwich, Crackers, Baby Carrots/Dip, Fresh Fruit ALT: Lasagna Roll Up	22 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Chicken Strips, Bread Stick, Twister Fries, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Fruit Sauce ALT: Burger Bar	23 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Ham Sub, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Pickle Spear, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit ALT: Tater Tot Hot Dish
26 Breakfast: Bagel Choice, Cream Cheese Lunch: Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Steamed Carrot Coins, Fresh Fruit ALT: Garlic Cheese Bread	27 Breakfast: Mini Pancake/Sausage Wrap Lunch: Chicken Patty/Bun, Cheese Slice, Lettuce/Tomato, Sweet Potato Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit Sauce ALT: Salad Bar	28 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll or Super Donut, HB Egg Lunch: "Taco in a Bag" Chips/Meat/Cheese Lettuce/Tomato/Fixings Celery & Carrot Sticks, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit NO ALTERNATE EARLY DISMISSAL	29 Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Ribette/Bun, Mac & Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, Romaine Salad Blend, Fruited Gelatin ALT: Baked Potato Bar	30 Breakfast: Colby Cheese Omelet, Mini Bagel Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach/Lettuce Salad, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit ALT: Turkey/Bacon Sub

RECYCLING SHED HOURS

The recycling center is located at the Town Hall at 25 E. Harney Road.

Beginning April 1, 2015 the new year-round hours of operation are:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Please do not leave items at the facility when it is unattended.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

All dogs and cats within Thomson Township must be licensed. Licenses can be obtained at the Thomson Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road, Esko or Friends of Animals, 1418 Highway 33 South, Cloquet.

Fees are: \$ 5.50 for a spayed or neutered animal

\$ 10.50 for an animal not spayed or neutered.

These licenses are good for 2 years. Please call the Town Office at 879-9719 if you have any questions.

The Town does have a leash - running at large ordinance. All animals must be under their owner's control at all times and not on neighboring properties.

Animal control is provided by Friends of Animals in Cloquet.

They can be reached at 879-1655.

CURFEW FOR MINORS

Just a reminder that there is a curfew ordinance for minors in Thomson Township.

"Curfew hours" are 11:00 p.m. on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 12:00 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, until 6:00 a.m. the following day.

A minor for the purpose of this ordinance means any person under 18 years of age.

You can view a copy of the entire ordinance on our website or at the Town Office.

PLOWING POLICY

A new plowing and sanding policy has been adopted by the Town Board. You can read it on our website - thomson.govoffice.com

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Thomson Board of Supervisors holds their regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall, 25 E. Harney Road.

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Remember: The Town Hall is available for private rentals. Contact the Town Office at 879-9719 for details or visit our website.

THOMSON TOWN OFFICE

The Thomson Town Office is located at 25 E. Harney Road. The regular office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

thomson.govoffice.com