

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023

In Attendance

Danica Neufeldt, Diana Madden, Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Erica Wall, Jocelyn Radom, Jen Nadon, Kam Sidhu, Ravina Gill,

Welcome and Introduction

- Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

September Minutes

- Motion to accept September's minutes made by Jen, 2nd by Jocelyn, all in favour

Principal's Report

Land Acknowledgement

October 2023 Principal's Report

School Activities

- **National Truth and Reconciliation Day** Oct.2
- **Bulldog Awards** Oct.3 Congrats to Fiona, Mikaela, Abigail, Evelyn, Quinn, Mason Q, Parker M, Kate W, Laura, Jase, Jackson
- **Emergency drills practice** - fire drill Oct.5
- **Cross Country Oct.4,11** Bradner hosted the first of seven West Zone Rural Schools sporting events (Cross Country) Schools from Bradner, Aberdeen, Ross, Mathxwi, and Mt. Lehman participated in a cross-country run
- **Non-instructional Day** on Thursday, September 29th. The day focused on Truth and Reconciliation. We had several keynote speakers: The entire district gathered together at the Sports & Entertainment venue.
- **Orange Shirt Day** – was held on Wednesday, September 28th.
- **Terry Fox Run** (Twoonie for Terry)-Raised \$89.00

- **Bulldog assembly & star awards** Tuesday October 3rd congrats to the following Fiona, Mikaela, Abigail, Evelyn, Quinn, Mason Q, Parker M, Kate W, Laura, Jase, Jackson
- **Picture day** happened Tuesday along with class pictures
- **FSAs-** students in grade 4 will be doing the FSAs beginning next week

Office Updates

- **Staffing-** Welcome Mary Brow full time EA
- **PAC freezers-** we will be moving freezers down to the PAC room.
- **Art cards and Mailbox-** please clean out mailbox and art cards from the office
- **Walking field trips-** Off site permission forms - for students to participate in activities on adjacent fields of Bradner for P.E. and walk to our secondary emergency muster site has been sent home and we have about 95% returned already. Please return forms asap
- **Parent Teacher Interviews-**Wednesday, October 18th & Thursday, October 19th.

How do I book?

We will use a booking software program called School Appointments <https://bradnerelementary.schoolappointments.com/> Please create an account online. If you are having difficulty creating an account please watch the video on how to create one, or contact the school and we can guide you through the process and book an appointment for your child(ren).

When can I book? You can create and book an account now

District Updates

PAC Proposals/Special requests

- Inline skating Nov.20-24 More info to come.
- Hockey sticks and dodgeballs- get prices and vote next meeting

Special Events

- Oct.12 PAC Movie Night
- Oct.18 Early Dismissal PT Conferences and Evening Interviews]
- Oct.19 Earthquake Shake out

- Oct.19 PT Interviews Early Dismissal
- Oct.25 Soccer starts permission forms sent
- Oct.26 Lockdown
- Oct.27 Subway Hot Lunch
- Oct.31 Hallowe'en Spirit Day Dress Up/PAC treat Rice Crispy Squares

Handbell question what room can we use? Mrs. Sidhu to let us know. Still figuring things out since getting the new division.

- Thank you to the Bradner PAC for supporting the Turkey Trot and popcorn day!

Treasurer's Report

- We have purchased the reading bike
- food safe cheque cleared
- Our gaming money has arrived – it should be about \$2000, for a total of \$4646.00. Ravina to figure out what we can use the gaming money for.
- Welcome back BBQ ending up being 600.00.
- turkey trot \$75 so under the \$100.00 – donations were a huge hit. Kids loved the outdoor trot etc.
- \$127.00 first aid kits.
- Halloween \$80 for cleaning and \$645 for the pizza
- We have just over \$28,743.00 in our account.

DPAC

- Jocelyn attended – Super intendant present
- DPAC has two Zoom links we can use. Just a reminder to take advantage if needed.
- 20,000 students in the district
- 3,000 ELL students
- 2,000 Indigenous students
- 191 teacher positions filled
- Age 12 – considered age of consent for the SD
- Budget 3,474 for the year.
- Oct 18 - 7:30 - 8:30: Abby Arts. parents of middle / high school Be well / Be Safe
- Oct 24 → 7PM - Board Office Next DPAC meeting

Voting and New Business

- Change the intermediate prize to a scooter end of year Literacy prizes. Voted on amount will not change at this time.
- Finalize May Day date - Sat after may long weekend. Motion by Diana 2nd Jocelyn all in favour. May 25th new date.
- Class parent/library assistant- Mrs. Sidhu said class parent all interested but still have questions. Only div 5 has interest in library assistant. Decision made to not

do a class parent and have library assistant to come every other Tuesday. Mrs. Sidhu will give a list of what a volunteer can do in the library.

- Motion to Amend the constitution by Jocelyn, 2nd Elyse all in favour passed. Everyone to bring changes to next meeting.
- Motion to purchase Shelves for PAC room at a cost approx. 600.00 by Jocelyn 2nd by Jen passed – Given the go ahead to assemble and use. Once shelves are assembled, they will place a work order to secure them.
- Motion to provide \$400 to buy four more cases of popcorn by Erica, 2nd by Elyse all in favour.
- Additions to budget:
 - electric piano replacement- \$500-1000 at Costco
 - piano tuning for regular upright piano – \$150
 - handbell repairs – no one in BC can do it but there are a lot of YouTube tutorials. We will figure of parts prices and vote on cost at next meeting.
 - Brander Elementary “tent” - Melissa has a tent to give us. Motion to take tent and approve new electric piano and tuning costs by Jocelyn 2nd Diana all in favour. Howarth’s have a tent we can use whenever we need.
- Ms. Sidhu to discuss with teachers re: the year-end trip. Is this going to happen with the new teachers or is there another idea? - has to talk to teachers about it still.
- School cash online update. - Mrs. Sidhu says school cash online and PAC payments are two separate entities so it is too complicated. Etransfer is working well so far.
- Question as to whether we would like to continues to provide Hot lunch for families in need? - yes for sure.
- Little shop talk update. – tabled until next meeting.
- Bradner Christmas market. – Jocelyn. Donation market for Christmas shopping. Mrs. Sidhu and PAC likes the idea. But storage is an issue. Talk of sican. Talk again in November.
- Bradner church wants to be more involved. We will keep them in mind for future events.

Other Business

- Halloween dance update- Megan was not in attendance but where informed that everything is in place for the event.
- Jen to provide Rice Krispy squares for Halloween treat.
- Trunk or treat- do we want to do this? Bradner church wants to be involved. Would be on the 31st. -Not enough parent interest.
- Handbell club starting soon.
- Abbotsford Canucks school spirit program- tabled until next meeting.
- Art card update- Danica ready to go. We will find out date to have them back and let the teachers know.
- Neufeld Farm Fundraiser- tabled until spring too much to spend this time of year. Also used to be Division 1 fundraiser for year-end trip. See if the new teachers will have interest in doing this fundraiser in the spring.
- Remembrance Day Plans- Tea – Jocelyn and Danica will head up motion to provide \$60 for tea and cookies by Elyse, 2nd Jocelyn.
- Gradwear update –Amar not here today, but order process is in motion.

- Spiritwear update – Diana – live now. We will do paper and online ordering. All orders Due Nov 2nd
- Bingo Night – volunteer to coordinate? - tabled until next meeting.
- Play space expansion plan update. – will discuss at our next meeting.
- Grade 4/5 ski trip and other grade 5 events – fundraising/requests for funding- tabled until next meeting
- Pancake breakfast/Santa Claus- Diana- tabled until next meeting
- May Day preparations – Diana- tabled until next meeting
- Discussion about and Ideas for after school events- tabled until next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 2nd 1:15pm