

**Bradner Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 2, 2023**

**In Attendance:**

Diana Madden, Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Erica Wall, Jocelyn Radom, Jen Nadon, Kam Sidhu, Ravina Gill, Megan Howarth, Amar Uppal, Danica Neufeldt.

**October Minutes**

- Motion to accept June's minutes made by Erica, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elva, all in favour

**Treasurer's Report**

- October \$1,576.00 in \$2,570.00 out. Part of out was \$1,500.00 as budgeted for teacher fund.
- May day account \$5,537.00
- chequing \$28,770.00
- Oct movie night made \$430 after expenses netted \$335.00
- Halloween dance in- \$2249.00 ticket sales, and \$39 juice. Out \$1,151.00 for a net of \$1,137.00. still missing bar sales. 25% of bar sales goes to us.
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**Principal's Report**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Oct School Activities**

**November Principal's Report**

- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving- no school
- Oct. 10 Individual Picture Day
- Oct.11Cross country Popcorn Day
- Oct.12 PAC Movie Night
- Oct. 18 P/T conferences- Early Dismissal 12:15
- Oct. 19 Earthquake Shakeout drill was cancelled P/T conferences– Early Dismissal 12:15
- Oct. 20 Non-Instructional Day
- Oct. 26 Lockdown Drill was rescheduled to the 27
- Oct.27 Subway Hot Lunch
- Oct.31 Halloween Dress Up Day

**Office Updates**

- Volunteer forms- Some need to be handed in still. Another copy will go out for those missing.

Cheyenne will receive the award for cross country

### **District Updates**

None

### **PAC Proposals/Special requests (request for feedback from last month's request)**

- Inline skating Nov.20-24 cost is \$1500 - motion to provide \$1,500.00 for inline skating from gaming account by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danica, all in favour.
- Dash robot \$250 x6 - motion to provide \$2,000.00 as budgeted at the beginning of the year for Mrs. Baker discretion by Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elva, all in favour.
- New floor hockey sticks – will come out of 2000.00
- New dodge balls - will come out of 2000.00
- Pickleball/volunteers – no one at PAC has enough experience to coach.
- Inquiry- \$300 per classroom can PAC remind us how much they are spending on field trips/student this year, \$300 is teacher funds for class. Field trips is \$45 per students.

### **Upcoming Activities**

- Nov.1 Soccer 3:45-4:30
- Nov. 6 Fire Drill
- Nov.7- Diwali celebration (band from Howe)
- Nov.9- Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00- if anyone has children who would be interested in playing a piano piece for the tea, please let us know.
- Nov.13- schools closed
- Nov.14 Picture Day retakes
- Nov.15- Popcorn Day, Floor Hockey (3:45-4:30) offsite
- Nov.16 Earthquake drill
- Nov.17- Rock your mocs spirit day
- Nov.22- Floor Hockey
- Nov.24- Hot lunch Hot dog and donuts
- Nov.29 Floor Hockey

### **DPAC Report**

Special guests, Assistant Superintendent Carla Danielsson and Trustee Korby Neufeld gave a talk centered around Social Emotional Learning in schools.

Question regarding parents' access to children's grades- in regards to this PAC had a question about how to understand how our children are doing when report cards give a vague idea of student's abilities. Mrs. Sidhu to clarify reporting, report cards will look different but might be easier to understand. More simplified. Concern brought up about the way they are reported proficient etc. and how we need more detail to know where the gaps are so that when they go

into upper-level grades they don't struggle. Because of emphasis going through the Chain of command can Mrs. Sidhu talk to the district and let them know that parents would prefer a change in reporting. Mrs. Sidhu encouraged us to go to meetings and voice concerns at DPAC etc., Mrs. Sidhu also said to talk to your child's teacher about letting parents know how they are doing and that she is confident that if a teacher has a concern that they will let parents know at parent teacher interviews.

### **Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting**

- Constitution- Jocelyn proposed specific things to take out and things to add in, items were read aloud during meeting. Motion to accept Jocelyn's proposed changes by Elyse and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erica all in favour.
- Grade 5 year end trip - Mrs. Turner is looking into a more affordable special grade 5 year end trip, possibly a day camp. Last year's cost was hard for some families. The cost was higher because the changes in safety rules made it so the only way to travel to Victoria was by charter bus. Victoria will most likely not be an option this year.
- Subway Hot lunch \$181.00 profit. Helpers for November hot dog day- Elva, Danica, Jen, Jocelyn, and Elyse to meet at 11am Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.
- quilting project - Jen will be doing a special project involving the whole school and would like a light up tree to display it on. Motion to provide \$180 to purchase a light up tree made by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jocelyn, all in favour.
- MS teams – Mrs. Baker is getting them set up but there is no parent involvement needed at this time.
- Cobbs dough raiser program – Mention Bradner Elementary every time you shop at Cobbs Bread at Highstreet and 5% of what you purchase will be put in an account to be given back to us at the end of the year.
- Bingo night – volunteer coordinator – Danica and Elyse will head up. Suggested that we do smaller prizes and quicker games so the younger ones stay involved. Jocelyn will help and Diana has volunteered her husband to be a bingo caller. Date set for Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- Play space- Jocelyn to meet with someone from park works today. Discussion with the Exec PAC members decided that along with the budgeted \$5,500.00 we could also take \$5,500.00 from misc. for a total of 11,000 and hopefully this year's May Day funds will make up the rest for up to 30,000 to go towards new play space. We will confirm numbers after May Day.
- Sican storge- tabled to next year as we want to make sure we have enough funds for playspace.
- ski trip - no interest.
- pancake breakfast with Santa - \$100 for Diana's contact. Danica has a contact for a free Santa she will look into. Motion to provide \$300 for pancake breakfast made by Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen, all in favour.

### **Other Business**

- Halloween dance recap- overall went well. Net sales should be the same as other years. Megan did a wonderful job. Feedback from the Hall, there were some marks on the floor. We need to make sure no one drags tables or chairs along the floor.

- Art cards going well.
- Grad wear update - kids picked their colour scheme and design. Cost is 42 dollars. We will provide \$10 per student and the full amount for one in need.
- little shop talk - we will try again next year.
- Spirit wear - low in numbers. Should we extend our order and should we provide paper, online, and email reminders? – yes, for all.
- May Day preparations – there is a problem with the date. Turns out the Bradner hall is booked for a wedding on the day we want to hold the May Day events. All other dates are too far away or have a conflict. PAC asked Mrs. Sidhu if we can hold the pancake breakfast in the gym – she will get back to us. Discussed renting chafing dishes to hold food as we will have a smaller kitchen to work out of. If this works then that will be able to hold May Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Scrap Cancuks program as not enough interest.
- Christmas market - we will try for next year.
- After school events – The Bradner church, starting in Jan would like to get more involved with the school. Discussed the idea of having community members help run programs. Discuss more at next meeting.
- Sewing and baking clubs - Erica and Jen to plan and get back to us.

### **Round Table**

- No knew items

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am