

**Bradner Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2024**

**In Attendance**

Jocelyn Radom, Kam Sidhu, Ravina Gill, Danica Neufeldt, Diana Madden, Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Grace Janzen, Melissa Crump, Jen Nadon, Megan Howarth, Carly Howes, Kim Webb

**December Minutes**

- Motion to accept December minutes made by Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen, all in favour.

**Principal's Report**

**December School Activities**

- Dec.1 Grinch Day
- Dec.5 ERASE parent session
- Dec.6 Popcorn Day
- Dec. 7 Christmas Concert 1:15 and 6:00
- Dec.8 PJ Day
- Dec.8 Learning Updates
- Dec.12 Bulldog Assembly
- Dec.15 PAC Hot Lunch
- Dec.18 Holiday Head accessories
- Dec.19 Pics with Santa/ pancakes
- Dec.20 Holiday Socks
- Dec.21 Skating and hot choco/cookies
- Dec.22 Red and Green Day
- Jan 8-12 Div.1 Bottle Drive after the holidays
- Jan.15 K Reg begins
- Retired pe teacher from aldergrove coming to help out but still looking for proper coach for grade 4/5 kids sports.

**Office Updates**

- Mrs. Goerzen on parental leave, job has been posted (no applicants- reposted)- some international applicants that they need approval to interview if they have qualifications
- K Registration begins- please let any families know to register. We have already had amazing numbers and we are into double digits.
- Out of catchment requests begins Feb 1

**District Updates**

- EDI, MDI, SLS are active

**PAC Proposals/Special requests from staff**

- Medals/Ribbons for public speaking (not sure if this is happening) – district has not brought it up. PAC asked about doing it just for our school. Kam will talk to the teachers.
- Year End Grade 5 Trophies
  - Budgeted \$350.00 in our 2023/2024 budget for trophies, plaques, and ribbons.
- Year-end gifts and celebration for Grade 5s

### Upcoming Activities

- Jan 15 K Reg begins
- Jan 16 MLK Jr Day and Black Shirt Day
- Jan 17 Popcorn Day & Handball
- Jan 18 Lockdown?
- Jan 24 Handball
- Jan 25- Water Program, and future K Pop in and gym
- Jan 26 PAC Hot Lunch Cobs Bread
- Jan 31 Handball

Riemer meetings happening in April and May.

Ready set learn is happening in 3 sessions this year. It was a suggestion from the district and Ms. Smith took it on.

### Gratitude

- Thank you to the Bradner PAC

### Treasurer's Report

- \$1,340 **in** from hot lunch and bake sale (\$945) and cheque from bar sales. Expenses **out** \$112 reading prize, \$135 popcorn and for hoodies spirit wear total and other expenses - \$2480
- Current balance is approximately approx. \$ 25,528.00
- gaming approx. \$4,138.00
- May Day account \$5,537.00
- bingo license Feb 15<sup>th</sup> start and end time. 5:15 doors open 5:30 pizza 6 bingo 6 – 8.
  - Suggestion for moving bingo to Jan and movie night Feb so that there is more balance next year.

**DPAC-** Jan meeting- services available – learning support teachers, school based YCWs, youth care workers, district available sign lang translating services, counsellors' communication and function at school. Each counselor has two to three schools. Secondary counselling looks a little different.

Designation does not mean you will have a worker assigned for you but will have IEP. Funding goes into a pot and not to individual child. Government funding only covers 1/3 of cost and rest is grants etc.

Reiterated the need when voicing concerns to go through the proper steps, 1<sup>st</sup> talk to teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> principal then to the district.

Parent night coming up (check with DPAC group or district website)– inclusive education.

Parent fair, then a talk, then fair and Q&A.

Uncertified teachers – have been approved for Abbotsford school district as a toc but no able to do report cards or lesson plans.

Joint partner meeting – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Clarion. Jocelyn and Elyse will go and we will post link on community whatsapp so you can rsvp by Feb 2nd

### Voting and New Business

- Update on amount that went to the food bank from the bake sale motion to give \$200 by Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elyse
- Popcorn and hot lunch update- Kim and Grace to help next popcorn day.

Almost everyone handed back forms for this last round. Still getting forms as of last night, so need a better deadline. Also, other hiccups with orders are Etransfers with no form, or form and no etransfer. Discussed switching to email so they don't get lost from the school to home but decided to keep paper copies as sometimes emails get missed.

- Movie night- recap, pizza was a hit. Movie was good.

## Other Business

- May Day preparations – Diana handed out a package of communication for the event. Since there was so much to go over we talked about time sensitive issues and planned a separate May Day meeting – Feb 22 7pm Diana's house. All who want to help out are welcome to attend.
  - Updated the website do we want to do presales – yes
  - Pg 4- goal to double bake sale from Christmas
  - Cupcake sale – move from games.
  - Save on wish list talked about upping the original order as we sold out twice last year.
  - Create poster- ask Erica Wall (Jocelyn has teacher canva account)
  - Go door to door with flyer with real numbers of what we are fundraising for (playground). Sample of flyer shown.
- Spirit wear – wants everyone to get spirit wear for May Day if possible. Next spirit wear order will be in March. -Also there are some items for sale from last order. Contact Diana if interested.
- End of the year waterpark at Aldergrove- Mt Lehman has offered for us to attend on the day they have reserved the pool. We will be able to have all our kids and mandatory parents attend. Last year's price was 2400, but we split with Mt Lehman. Motion to go ahead with Mt Lehman invite by Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen. Final numbers including bus cost will be voted on closer to the event.
- Play space expansion plan update- In talks with two companies, one says the current space is too small for the large Genesis but the mini would work. The other company says either will work. Going to reach out to double check. Currently we have 16,000.00 in the play space account but we will need 18,000.00 for the deposit on the mini genesis. Going to look into grants and reach out to the community as they would benefit from a new play space as well.
- Bingo Night prep – Elyse and Danica to talk. Mrs. Sidhu going to give all bingo info to Danica.
- Other fundraising ideas- table until next meeting.
- Community club updates – Melissa – she would like to get contact from church ladies and she will also advertise with Bradner barker and parents facebook and whatsapp groups.
  - Pickling
  - chia tea
  - wreaths
  - bouquets
  - pottery
  - Vietnamese food
  - Sushi
- Discussion about and Ideas for after school events
  - Sewing club update -update next meeting if those interested in running the group are in attendance.
  - Fun Family Friday- Kim and Danica for February
  - Baking club update- possibly to run once a month

- wood working – Mrs. Sidhu will check with leadership group and see what they want to do.
- electronics– Mrs. Sidhu will check with leadership group and see what they want to do.
- skipping club – Mrs. Sidhu will check with leadership group and see what they want to do.
- passion project – during school hours in march. Mrs. Sidhu to send out in an email.

Round Table

Meeting adjourned 12:05

- Next Meeting
- Date – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:15am?