

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2024

In Attendance

Danica Neufeldt, Diana Madden, Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Jill Azanza, Jocelyn Radom, Jen Nadon, Kam Sidhu, Ravina Gill, Grace Janzen

January Minutes

- Motion to accept January minutes made by Jocelyn, 2nd by Jen, all in favour.

Principal's Report

Land Acknowledgement

January/Feb School Activities

February 2024 Principal's Report

- Jan 15 K Reg begins
- Jan 16 MLK Jr Day and Black Shirt Day
- Jan 17 Popcorn Day & Handball
- Jan 18 Lockdown cancelled due to snow days
- Jan 24 Handball
- Jan 25- Water Program, and future K Pop in and gym
- Jan 26 PAC Hot Lunch Cobs Bread
- Jan 31 Handball
- Feb 1- Indigenous students went to Reimer for Drum workshop
- Feb 5- Joint partner meeting
- Feb 6- Bulldog awards congrats to: Emmerich, Elias, William, Abby W., Jose, Cameron, Eleanor, Endi, Addison, Abby H., Brooklyn, Erik, Killian, Eddy, Raelyn, Carter, Gurdiya, and Ridley
- Feb 7/8 PT conferences
- Feb 9- Baking club huge hit! 17 students signed up!
- Feb 14- Valentine's Day
- Feb 21 Basketball began
- Feb 22- Drama club began. 20 students have signed up.

Office Updates

- Mrs. Lee is back!
- Mrs. Goerzen on parental leave, job has been posted (no applicants- reposted)- all 12 who applied last month were not qualified. No new applicants. Class is doing well and lessons plans are being carried out but any concerns feel free to talk with Mrs. Sidhu.

District Updates

- EDI complete, MDI, SLS are active

PAC Proposals/Special requests from staff

- Classroom top up for resources?
- Lego class opportunity – similar to Home Depot workshop but you need to pay. Will discuss more when we get to new items and voting.

Other FYI

- After school Soccer Club opportunity – 90 min once a week, would run until the end of the school term. Open to anyone, no limit to the number of students. Mondays could work for Mrs. Sidhu and Jocelyn, who volunteered to help out. Jocelyn will contact Greg Barry to proceed.
 - While discussing after school activities Grace brought up that her kids Judo teacher comes to schools and said she could get more information if we are interested.
 - Also asked if students came up with any ideas for after school clubs they would be interested in having. Mrs. Sidhu will ask and report back next meeting.
- Shared pro-d with Mt. Lehman PAC - discussed in new items and voting.

Upcoming Activities

- Feb 27 Library RSL
- Feb 28 Basketball at Aberdeen
- April 1 Fire Drill
- March 1 Bingo Night
- March 4 Gymnastics begins-2 weeks
- March 5 Bulldog awards
- March 6 popcorn day
- March 6 Basketball at Aberdeen
- March 7 Passion Projects
- March 12 Fire Drill
- March 14 Passion Projects
- March 14 RSL
- March 14 Report Cards sent home
- March 15 Sushi hot lunch

- Spirit Day wear green (St.Patty's)
- March 16-29 Spring Break
- April 1st Easter Monday School closed

Gratitude

- Thank you to the Bradner PAC

Treasurer's Report

- \$2,813 in from: hot lunch, movie night, and May Day vendor fees. \$343 out for busing form ice skating.
- Current balance is chequing \$27,997.93 Gaming account balance 4,138.55 and May Day account 5,537.90.
- Ravina noticed that we are not making much of a profit off pizza sales and wondered if we should look into a new place to get pizza. Jen, Danica and Carly have been given a different discount price from current place we order. Danica has an Aldergrove pizza hut contact she will reach out too.
- Also, while we were discussing upcoming events Ravina noticed we did not use all of some of our budgeted categories this year and in the past and the total should be able to cover the cost of the Lego class and top up of teacher funds.
 - Motion to provide 1,200 to pay for Lego class made by Jocelyn, 2nd by Elva, all in favour.
 - Motion to provide a top up of \$100 for teacher discretionary funds made by Jocelyn, 2nd by Elva, all in favour.

DPAC

- There were a lot of questions about the proficiency exams and how it might affect their entrance into university. Testing done in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12.
- Merging students tend to get pushed through the system even though they may not be able to keep up with the level of work. One option discussed was to send kids to Baker view school, which is a school that kids can go when they are really struggling with school. They very often see success coming out of that school.
- Joint partner meeting coming up. Go on the website to check times and dates.
- For the upcoming AGM if you want to attend you can use money from gaming to pay for it.

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- Playspace update- The larger Genesis net climber needs more space so we would have to look into the cost of expanding existing box. The advantage of the larger one is that it can accommodate more kids.
 - Genesis has -36 capacity and Costs-\$38,136 – needs expansion of the area by 2 feet.
 - Genesis mini has – 27 capacity and costs- \$35,780 -will fit in current box.

- Pirate playspace has– 25 capacity and costs – \$42,315 -will fit in current box. This one is a parent favorite and we will make out goal to raise the fund for this one. If we decide against it but have the funds we could use them for a new swing (see below).
 - Also discussed a new more accessible swing – this could be the next item to raise funds for after we get our playspace.
 - Going to make a flyer and post for not only the Bradner school socials but also the community as it will hopefully be enjoyed by all in the community. Flyer and post will show goal price for playspace wanted.
- Proposal to join Mt. Lehman Elem on April 26th for a Pro-day course on ADHD /self-regulation/sensory needs of students. There is some issues with childcare etc. Plan to talk to Melissa from Mt. Lehman about childcare. We might be more interested in doing an evening course as we think it would be very helpful but not sure if it would be feasible for the majority of our parents.
 - End of the year school wide field trip- plan is to go ahead with Mt. Lehman offer.
 - Flower show -we are to do dishes April 14th Sunday at we 6pm? - Diana will confirm time. We will make a sign-up sheet closer to the time of the event.
 - Discussed piano moving, Diana is going to offer our new keyboard. If they don't like that option then we will explain again that the piano will need to be tuned after it is moved back.

Other Business

- Hot lunch and popcorn day- next batch will be coming up for April, May, and June. Need to change the May date to hopefully the 10th. Sports day is penciled in for the 20th – hot dogs and chips and pop.
- Movie night April 19th and decided to do hot dogs instead of pizza.
- Update on After school events- baking club went great. Might skip fitness Friday this year as the timing would be best to do it in January.
- Bingo Night- concerned whether we should hold the event again next year as we have not had a lot of involvement this year. Also suggested we hold bingo night in November next year. Last year we made \$744 profit and it was a lot of fun for families. Jocelyn will reach out to Courtney – to help.
 - Positions we need covered for the night
 - Door prize tickets handed out.
 - 2 to run the concession (not selling popcorn)
 - pizza distributor
 - bingo caller and assistant.
 - Canucks tickets big prize we discussed doing a blackout but all the rest smaller prizes we want to do quicker games up to 10 rounds.
 - Friday morning, we could make up the prize baskets, pre-cut the paper, and make candy bags.
- May Day Update- Need to book BC event Makers, we will go with the traditional 4 rides but do we want to add the photo booth, glitter tattoos and

temp tattoos instead of balloons and face painting? – we all liked the Photobooth and would like it back in a more central location. We would like to know we had a sponsor for it before booking but are confident after this Wednesday more focus can be put on canvassing the community and more for the sponsorship.

- When we discussed after school clubs Elyse gave some proposed dates for Maypole dance club practice. The dates are April 16th, 19th, 23rd, 30th and May 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th, 21st, and 24th. IF the 24th is too close to the event then we could add April 12th to give us 10 practice days. Melissa Yeomans will be able to help with the practices. We will open it up to grades 2-5 and previous Bradner grads.
- Mother's Day fundraiser – hanging basket or door mat making- we don't have enough interest in it this year.
- Other suggestions for fundraiser, activities and/or purchases- Definitely want to do ladies flower night next year in September and also suggested we do a pottery ladies night in the spring.

Round Table- ran out of time.
Meeting was adjourned at 12pm

➤ **Next Meeting – possibilities March 14, at 9:15am**