

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2024

In Attendance

Diana Madden, Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Jocelyn Radom, Megan Howarth, Tanya Steward, Jill Azanza, Sierra Scheves, Grace Janzen, Nicolas Cochrane, Dakota Stevens

Call to Order: 9:19am

Introductions – Temp principal Nicolas Cochrane

September Minutes

- Motion to accept September minutes made by Jocelyn, 2nd by Elva, all in favour.

Principal's Report

Land Acknowledgement

School Activities

Sept. 6	PAC Stay & Play
Sept. 19	Meet the teacher night & PAC BBQ
Sept. 20	Terry Fox Assembly @2:00, Run @ 2:30 We raised \$325.25. thank you for your donations
Sept. 25	PAC Flower Night
Sept. 26	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 27	Admin Day
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School

Office Updates

- Staffing- Welcome Christy Dos Santos Grade 4/5 teacher Mon, Tues
- Skating has been booked for the following date: Dec. 19
- Kam gauged interest of gr 4/5 students for handbells. 7 students were interested, one was indecisive.
- Picture day is next Tuesday Oct 8
- Parent reminder: Please sign in at the office when you enter the school.
- Parent volunteer: volunteers need CRC done through the SBO (process in Oct. newsletter). We love volunteers!
- Parent Teacher Interviews and Early Dismissal 2.5 hours early
 - How to book: we will use software program called School Appointments <https://bradnerelementary.schoolappointments.com> More info to come

School Updates

- Please check lost and found
- Grade 4s will be doing FSAs over the next few weeks
- Terry fox Fundraiser Update: raised \$325.25

No District Updates

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 2 Popcorn Day
- Oct. 2 Cross Country (grade 4/5) 3:45-4:30 – missing our Gr. 5 girls. Rest doing great!
- Oct. 4, 24 Bulldog Awards in the afternoon – Parents asked if we can get advanced invite to all Bulldog Assemblies and possibly let parents know when their child is getting an award like they used to do in the past.
- Oct. 5 World Teacher's Day
- Oct. 8 Individual student pictures & class photos
- Oct. 9 Cross Country 3:45-4:30
- Oct. 11 Turkey Trot – Food donations accepted from Oct 7-10t. Goal is to have every student receive something special for a family dinner.
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving Day – Schools are closed
- Oct. 16 Soccer 3:45-4:30
- Oct. 18 Subway Hot lunch
- Oct. 22 Ice cream treat day
- Oct 23 Early Dismissal (2.5 hours earlier) PT Conferences and Evening Interviews
- Oct 24 Early Dismissal (2.5 hours earlier)
- Oct 25 Non- Instructional Day- No school for students
- Oct 25 PAC Halloween Dance at Bradner Hall
- Oct 30 Soccer
- Oct 31 Halloween Dress up day
- Nov 1 Diwali

Questions from staff/staff Requests

1. Will the PAC be able to give some money towards the gr 5 hoodies. There are 12 Gr 5's Last year anything beyond \$30 was covered and any donation would be welcome – We have a budget for up to \$250, last year we covered \$10 per student and the full amount for one student. We can allocate funds when we know the total cost.

Gratitude

- Thank you to the Bradner PAC for providing core memories for our students! It has been a pleasure to see what a great community Bradner is.

Treasurer's Report

Oct 4, 2024 – Treasurer's Report

1. Gaming Grant \$2000.00 received, Gaming Account balance \$9,634.34

2. Savings Account (Playground Fund) balance \$30,004.83

3. Chequing Account balance \$11,161.40

September Recap

1. Great Little Coupon Book raised \$495.00 (\$990.00 gross sales)

2. Ladies Flower Night raised \$440.03

4. Hot Lunch & Treat Days gross sales \$2,738.03 (Expenses TBD)

- Reminder to send pictures of receipts to be reimbursed and please drop off original copies to PAC folder in office – Thanks!

Ravina has also provided a breakdown of money spent and made for all fundraisers in 2023-2024

Movie night – 973.59

Halloween dance – 1,305.71

Art Cards – 352.55

Spirit wear – 621.16

Hot lunch & popcorn – 3,761.10

Doantions/Misc – 197.50

May Day – 12,503.07

Baking club - 158.82

Bingo – 900.85

Bake sales – 856.85

Sports Day – 540.44

Global coffee – 305.00

Cobbs – 50

DPAC

Grace was sick.

Voting and New Business

- Ask Ms. Sidhu to discuss with teachers re: the year-end trip and Grade 5 trip ideas. – talk to Mrs. Sidhu about Victoria this year. Mr Cochrane said that he has taken the school bus to the ferry before. Might be possible to work around the bus schedule. We also talked about fundraising for the grade 5 trip like in years past. PAC parents agreed \$50 fee is reasonable if needed but with an early start we hope to keep the total as low as possible. Elyse will reach out the previous teacher about Victoria plans.
- New fundraisers –
 - Global coffee fundraiser – waiting on a new brochure, we should be able to get it out early next week. Ordering online can happen right now.
 - Tickets with Vancouver giants – not clear on particulars parents more interested in the Abbotsford Canucks fundraiser.
 - 50/50 ticket sales at Abbotsford Canucks - we need to decide in August so we can pick our dates. – Table until June
 - Bottle drive for Grade 5 trip –Encorp.ca you can sign up for Bradner – Ask Erica if she set up an account. Needs a cell number attached to it. Possible grade 5 parent to set up their number.
 - Neufeld farm possible to do in the spring as so many others already have Neufeld farm fundraiser through other schools or events.
- Volunteer link on school website – suggested to be put under parent and student volunteer. Elva says if anyone wants to add to it to make it look more inviting, go for it.

➤ Other Business

- Ladies flower social update – so much fun. Next year we would like to do it earlier, first week in September so we can do it a little later and avoid after school activity conflicts as a lot of activities don't start until the second week of September. Start talking about it in June. Also advertise it in June on the doors.
- Turkey Trot update – Danica said she would do it. Donation box Vanessa Hunt will even go around and pick up donations. Please sign up on the volunteer link if you can help.
- Halloween dance update- Megan – cleaning needs to be done the night of. We will put a link to sign up. So far we have Diana, Jill, Megan, Tanya, Madison and Elyse to clean.
 - Next year, Oct 24th we will book the hall now. Also, we will book DJ to come back right away.
 - Typo on the form: ages 4-12 are for kids' tickets. 3 and under are free.
- Handbell club any interest? – Kam – yes 7 people is not enough people we can reach out to the grade 3's but also need a room and Jocelyn is limited to time. Reach out to a teacher to see if they can run it during class time. Maybe make it mandatory as years in the past.
 - After school club update

- Baking club? – Diana will ask Melissa Crump if she will do it again this year. Melissa will start it up again in January
 - Singing club? – yes
 - Lunch clubs? – Drama, etc. Update when Mrs. Sidhu is back.
 - Soccer for the younger kids. Elva has not heard back from them. The director was let go. Elva will reach out to Aldergrove soccer club.
- Art card update- Christine/ Mrs. Sidhu – Elyse will follow up with Danica and Christine.
 - Neufeld Farm Fundraiser, yay or nay? – Megan would like it for Christmas so we would need to start in November. As discussed earlier we will try for the spring
 - Remembrance Day Plans – Tea is on the volunteer link. We just need the date, most likely Nov 7th.
 - Gradwear update – Mrs. Sidhu – not here today.
 - Spiritwear update – Tanya/husband – wants to get with Diana and basically do what she did last year. Parents liked that option. They will get together. Our store was the company used. Talked about ordering toques to sell at movie or bingo night.
 - Bingo Night – volunteer to coordinate? We would like to make it a team effort and put the categories on the volunteer link–Tentatively Jan 31st or 24th. Also, we would like to do smaller prizes that we will purchase and deduct from our profits that way parents don't have to buy the prizes and then pay to win them. If anyone has any up opened gifts or items, they would like to regift for the event that is also welcome. Category volunteer links
 - Pizza 24 or Dominos order and pick up
 - Collect money
 - Concession
 - Spirit wear
 - Prize organizer
 - Ball caller – ask Mrs. Murphy and Courtney
 - Table set up
 - Movie night – Nov 29th – movie suggestions welcome
 - playspace expansion plan update – not much more to talk about. It was suggested to ask Kam to talk to facilities about putting a donation plaque to encourage a bigger donation.
 - Pancake breakfast/Santa Claus– Best would be to hold it on the last week before break. Yes, we want to do this. We will ask Mr. Hunter after we have a solid date.
 - Pancake flippers and grills.
 - Batter making
 - Extra toppings fruit, whip cream etc.
 - Candy canes
 - May Day preparations – Diana – purposed we hold may day meetings more regularly, possibly every few months. First meet Oct 28th 7pm Diana's place (Mondays work best) – Diana will come up with a schedule.

Round table – Diana will get the ball rolling with the Grade 5 trip fundraisers purdys, bottle drive, etc.

- Nov 2nd the Christmas market being held by the Bradner Hall and we are welcome to do vendor tables in the gym if we would like. Bradner hall is at capacity, we have their blessing to add on. We could sell tables at 30-50 dollars a table. We have to decide in may if we want to do it for next year. All parents are on board. We will table until May 2025.
- Suggest we hold our own activities at the Jubilee Hall where we can use are own catering bar etc. One suggestion a Spring fling. Cost of renting the hall \$300.
- Gym nights might be fun, dodgeball etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 1st 9:15am