

Bradner PAC Meeting
Friday – November 1, 2024, 9:15am

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Elyse Schroeder Jocelyn Radom, Elva Lottenbach, Danica Neufeldt, Christine Toews, Megan Howarth, Ravina Gill, Lori Whitman

Meeting Called to Order by Jocelyn Radom at 9:15am

October Minutes

Motion to accept the October minutes –
Elva and 2nd by Jocelyn, all in favour.

Principal's Report

Welcome temp principal Lori Whitman.

Every school provides so much.

Main role is safety in the school she feels it deeply. A lot of responsibility is maintaining overall connection and inclusion. We don't have a lot of diversity in this school

Helping out the teachers as some are getting burnt out because there wasn't an administrator.

Dealing with things beyond the classroom helping the kids when they are maybe not able to regulate themselves. Connection before compliance.

Teaching skills instead of consequences.

Question - if a child is constantly acting up and almost abusive then what can you do?

The distractions that are happening are affecting the academics. Answer - there are consequences natural cons but they just don't look like suspensions.

Parent teacher conf feedback - didn't get to meet the new teacher in 4/5

Nov. 1 PAC meeting – Principal's message – Lori Whitman

As acting principal, my role is to focus on safety, supporting an inclusive and equitable environment, listening, providing leadership and making decisions. My intent is not to change or disrupt routines and procedures but to work as part of the Bradner team of students, staff, parents & guardians. I am in communication with Mrs. Sidhu, she will support the decisions made when she returns.

My expected time at Bradner is until further notice (unknown).

My background: 26 years as a teacher, (California (2yrs), Indiana(2yrs), Abbotsford – Sandy Hill (10yrs), Clayburn Middle (10yrs), Bateman (1yr) and 11 years as administrator (Chief Dan George Middle & Margaret Stenersen Elem). Retired Sept. 1 2024.

I welcome calls or visits from parents/guardians if you have questions or concerns. Phone 604 856-3304 or lori.whitman@abbyschools.ca

Observations after 1 month at Bradner

This is a strong BUSY school community – Since I've been here: School photos, IEP meetings, removing & creating bulletin boards, gardening – different staff manage front & back - flowers and vegetables, lunch and after school cross country and soccer, Turkey Trot, Staff meetings, Changing Results for young Readers meeting, Friday morning dance parties, emergency drills, ice cream treats, p/t conferences, staff dinner, Pro-d workshops, Halloween, bat cave, Diwali , fall transition, tooth losses, dance, PAC meeting – that's a lot of stuff for a small staff & PAC to manage!

I've observed that Bradner is a unique, close community with deep traditions and generations of many families attending Bradner over the years. Teachers know almost all of the students and families.

I have always worked in schools with 20 or more divisions with a vice-principal. There are only 5 classes here, but staff provide the same experiences, maybe more, that students receive in bigger schools. It takes the same teacher energy and impact except it is distributed between fewer staff. I am impressed with all the stuff that the staff and PAC do at Bradner. - It's a busy place! And a great place for students and families, it is very welcoming. Thanks.

Upcoming events

Nov. 5 – Photo Retakes

Nov. 6 – Soccer 3:45 – 4:45

Nov. 7 - Remembrance Day Assembly - Parents & Community welcome

Nov. 8 - Pro D Day – No school for students

Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day - no school

Nov. 15 - Rock Your Mocs

Nov. 18 – 22 – Inline skating

Nov. 26 - 1:00 - Wonderpups author visit

Dec. 12 – Christmas Concert – details to be sent next week (and Dec. school spirit day schedule)

Dec. 13 - Reports go home

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances

Chequing \$7407.38

Gaming \$9634.34

Savings \$30016.10 (playground fund)

Hot Lunch

Sales \$2896.00

Expenses \$961.00 (Subway, 2x treat days and popcorn)

Profits to date \$1935.00

Halloween Dance

Sales \$2940.00

Expenses \$982.00

Profits \$1958.00

Sales breakdown

Pre-purchased \$2175.00
Walk-ins \$675.00
Punch sales \$90.00

Expenses breakdown
Pizza \$511.50
DJ \$400.00
Candy \$21.00
Pumpkin Prize \$50.00

2023 Profits \$1305.00, \$650.00 increase for 2024

Other Expenses

Teacher Funds \$2500.00
Mayday Ride Deposit \$3173.63
Terry Fox \$77.35, Budget \$200.00
Turkey Trot \$33.19, Budget \$100.00
Welcome Back BBQ \$96.74, Budget \$250.00

DPAC Report

Grace attended – No big highlights. The theme was inclusivity, diversity and indigenous peoples.

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- Halloween dance recap –
 - clean-up was good, Niki was so happy with the job we did.
 - Discussed having wrist band or handstamp to keep track of who paid, as we had a lot of people coming and going.
 - We weren't anticipating so many walk in's but had enough pizza and chairs for all. Nice surprise.
 - Discussed the possibility of making the event a dry event. Megan thinks we will lose attendance and that it will make it less of a fundraising activity. If we were to do that, we could hold the dance in the school gym. Discussed the possibility of assigning some people to be DD drivers to make end of night safer. We will discuss again in January but continue to plan for the same step up go ahead with booking the hall and the DJ.
 - might go to old set up for dance floor. Would prefer original DJ if we can get him for next year.
 - Games – we decided to have a 6/7 or middle school round for hula hoop instead of combining with the grade 5's.
- May Day preparations - Diana
 - Market Vendor Lead needed- discussed hiring a professional vendor lead as the plan is to have it even bigger this year.
 - Concession update – We are still looking into getting access to the existing concession space like we saw at the 100 year celebration. As not many PAC members in attendance today we will discuss at next May Day meeting or next PAC meeting which ever comes first.

- Stuffie finder – Discussed that this can be a group effort. Call to all PAC members to go pick up any free marketplace stuffies for our event.
- Add financial lead – Ravina to keep track of the money in all areas as it was full-time job on the day last year. Possible to have multiple phones logged into the square and use a phone as a square. Square does a great job of keeping it organized if we have it set up properly.
- Remembrance Day Plans – Tea is on the volunteer link. Do we have a confirmed date? – Nov 7th after recess. They may adjust to have an earlier recess to have moment of silence at 11:11 but most likely it will start after normal recess time approx. 11:15. Danica and Elva to help.
- Pancake breakfast/Santa Claus – would we like Dec 18th or Dec 20th? – We would like to have it Dec 20th as more are available to help on a Friday instead of a Wednesday.
- Grade 5 trip fundraisers update. – Christine made a Bradner account with the bottle depot and will make a flyer with the information to use when dropping off your bottles.
- Grade 5 trip update - Was there any discussion with the teachers about it? - Mrs. Whitman spoke with the teachers and they are on board to plan a great activity for the Grade 5's but they think it would be best to have a grade 5 parent and teacher meeting to plan and discuss fundraising

Other Business

- Art card update- Christine has already gotten the teachers started and Nov 15th is the deadline. Cards will probably be ready to order by the beginning of January.
- Gradwear update – Kam was supposed to head this up but with her being out we will need a new lead. Maybe a grade 5 parent could take this on. We will reach out to some.
- Spiritwear update –Tanya and Diana – Due date today, nothing more to report.
- After school club update
 - Baking club update –Melissa will start it up again in January
 - Singing club update – table until next meeting.
 - Lunch clubs – Drama, etc. Update – Kam not here to supervise may not happen this year.
 - Soccer for the younger kids. - Elva is going to reach out to Courtney. This club would be for gr 1-3.
 - Handbells – discussed having it during class time and having all the children participate. Teachers seem ok with it. Need to talk to Mrs. Whitman and make sure we can have the tables set up and stay up and designated space for them. – update after meeting we will not be able to go ahead with handbells this year.

Round Table

- Freezer - one was not working well.
- Inline skating - one school got their own skates and thought in the long run they will pay for themselves.

Next Meeting

Date - Friday Dec 6th 9:15am?

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am