

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

Jan 17, 2025

In Attendance

Elyse Schroeder, Elva Lottenbach, Jocelyn Radom, Ravina Gill, Grace Janzen, Christine Toews, Megan Howarth, Melissa Crump, Jill Azanza.

December Minutes

- Motion to accept December minutes made by Elva, 2nd By Christine, all in favour.

Principal's Report

Happy New Year!

Sorry that I am unable to attend the PAC Meeting. Thank you to Tarrie for covering for me. January is off to a quiet start compared to December. Since the last PAC meeting...

Christmas concert – I loved the variety and classic style of the concert. Everything from the performances, decorations, stage set-up, size of the audience, sound system and lighting; the concert surpassed my expectations. It was especially impressive for a small school! Thank you to the parents who set up the stage and those who stayed after and cleaned up the stage, decorations and chairs. I was tired and ready to leave it for the next morning – which I would have regretted. Thankfully, everyone pitched in and got it done that evening. (District staff was there at 8:00 am the next day to pick up the stage.)

Ice skating – a very popular event. Thank you for the hot chocolate & cookies after.

Food & Toy Drive – WOW! Our small school made a huge donation! Thank you.

Santa Visit – I loved seeing how awestruck students became when they saw Santa and how different the reactions were for K to Gr 5 students. It was also fun hearing every student tell Santa their Christmas wishes. I suspect there is a squishmallow or two in several of your homes. Thanks to PAC for organizing the special event and for the **Pancake Lunch**.

Gr 4/5 handball started this week– Great turn-out! Basketball is next **Experiences at school:**

Science World – December. Free show – Science Lesson – Force - students were fully engaged.

Wonderpups Author – February To

be scheduled:

Dance Play (\$3000*)

Brick Connections (\$1200*)

We plan to ask students to pay a portion, like a field trip. Or does PAC want to contribute to these schoolwide activities?

From the PAC

There is \$700 left in special events, \$1500 left in PE that can be used to go toward these events at teachers discretion.

Bradner Bakers – After school club. (Thank you, Melissa Crump)

To teach basic baking skills, safety and recipes that could also be done at home.

Grade 5s: First Monday of every month, 305-430. February-June

Grade 4s: second Monday of every month, 305-430. February-June.

Upcoming Dates and Activities:

- January 20 - Kindergarten Registration
- January 24 – PAC Snack Day
- January 27 – Abby’s Choice programs (FI, Arts, Traditional) lottery opens
- January 29 – Lunar New Year
- February 3 – Out of Catchment Requests open. Must be completed annually.
- February 14 - Pro D Day
- February 17 - Family Day
- February 19 & 20 – Early Dismissal Days
 - Students will be dismissed at 12:15pm (bus students go to the gym and will eat their lunch there.)
 - Bus Students – Students will be picked up at 12:40pm and dropped off 2.5 hours earlier than your regular drop off time
- February 26 – Pink Shirt Day/Anti Bullying Day
- March 7 – Student Reports go home

March 17-28 – Spring Break

Christine Ens has worked hard to update the website with these dates.

<https://bradner.abbyschools.ca/>

Note that I will be continuing as principal at Bradner until March 31 unless Mrs. Sidhu returns prior to that date.

Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balances

Chequing Account \$8,037.43

Gaming Account \$7,471.49

Savings Account \$30,008.65

December Expenses

Gaming Account - Movie License \$101.60, Budgeted \$120.00

December Fundraisers

Christmas Concert Bake Sale - Sales \$1,473.00

DPAC

- No December meeting. Elva to attend Jan 23rd meeting

Voting and New Business

May Day preparations – Diana – Elva reading Diana's notes

- Would the last Monday of each month work for planning meetings? Evenings, my place.
- February 24
- March 31
- April 28
 - Everyone agreed that monthly meetings are good. But played with the idea of switching back and forth from Monday and Thursday in hopes of catching everyone on the committee.
- A formal letter of request has been sent to Bradner Community Club for field, bathrooms, parking lot, (newly discovered) hut
- Work order submitted for extra tables from Mt. Lehman
- Tiger Traffic has been contacted for traffic control; awaiting Traffic Management Plan for application to Highway Use Permit submission
- First Aid Event Coverage application submitted with St. Johns
- Rides secured
- Erica Wall has started working on silent auction items (we can ALWAYS use more! or even leads)
- Food Trucks confirmed by email (pending \$100 "donation" confirmation)
 - Twisted Potato (<https://www.asianconcessions.ca/>)
 - Stormy's Food Truck (www.stormysfoodtruck.com)
 - Funnel Cakes (<https://nextgenconcessions.com/>)
 - Your Story Coffee Truck (<https://www.yourstorycoffeebar.com/>)
 - Main Food Truck TBC
 - Fishing Panda (Tanya Steward inquiring)
 - Ranallo's Pizza (local to Mt. Lehman - starting out)
 - J's Disco Dogs (vendor submission) (<https://www.facebook.com/p/Js-Disco-Dogs-100084644937043/>)
- No burgers/hotdogs at our concession for 2025
 - Talked about the concession as Melissa was here and she had talked about taking over the concession if someone else would be take over breakfast. No one in attendance would be able to take over breakfast. Talked about what the canteen concession would look like, possibly ask Save on Foods for candy donations etc. instead of the meat we normally get.

Greenhouse giveaway build – Diana – Jocelyn for Diana –

GREENHOUSE GIVEAWAY:

- We have won the giveaway of a brand new greenhouse build. All we need is a letter of permission that they can build on the school. Jocelyn (PAC) and Ms. Whitman (school) each have a copy of the presentation documents. They hope to have this built over the March Spring Break but need to have everything aligned beforehand.
 - We have to pitch it to the school district, and it will have to go through the grounds people of the school district.

Jubilee collaboration -Diana – notes on her notes.

The Jubilee Hall members would like to work together to make this community more enjoyable. If we would be interested in any event where families can come and enjoy, getting to know each other, they would like to the conversation. They just want to bring the community together.

- Last year, they planned the Kelid which was SO MUCH FUN but the Irishman who planned it has since moved out of town.
 - This year, they're talking about a Pinata party...possibly in March??? Do you think the kids would be interested in making pinatas to enter a contest? It would be a great art project at school too :-).
 - Ms. Smith say with the flower show and may day that will not work for in school time.
 - We could advertise that there is a contest with the jubilee hall and kids to enter on their own. If they could pass on the flyer or link for the contest, we will post on Facebook group and flyer in the school.
 - Melissa is willing to put on a community workshop to make pinatas at the hall.
 - They are also open to hearing what "us" young families would like to see more of.
 - HERE IS OUR OPPORTUNITY to share a wishlist if we have any!!!
- Coffee fundraiser order -Jocelyn – How do we like it? Possible new run of order in February. Talked about having it for sale at May Day – decided no as we are already spending so much that day and it won't be as fresh etc. idea to sell at the Flower show, we will have to look into where we could set up having people man it and if possible to get a discount to sell. We think it could be popular as it is called Bradner Brew.
 - Bingo night prep – check sign up sheet
 - Elyse -will take charge of pizza order form and pick up of pizza.
 - Jocelyn and Elva -will update bingo night form
 - Grace -set up crew
 - Megan and Jocelyn- concession
 - Courtney as a caller? Christine will ask her and Ms. Smith will ask Lori
 - Elva will check inventory
 - Prize items – Jill to organize.

- some ideas that PAC would pay for Tim Hortons gift card, Bradner store gift card, Starbucks, Dollarama
- Grade 5 trip update - Was there any discussion with the teachers about it? – trip is planned, and students will be getting info and cost soon.

➤ Other Business

- Grade 5 trip fundraisers update – No one using the pop can return may need to set up a bring to school bottle drive.
- After school club update
 - Baking club update – Melissa we have 11 people signed up. Might split up the boys and girls instead of grade 4 and 5's
 - Singing club update – wants to start soon and have practice 1x/week and have it as an on-going thing. After school on Thursday 3:15-4 gr 3-5 kids.
 - Grade 1-3 Soccer club -Elva talked to a coach and we can do it at the same time as intermural club Wednesday 3:15-4:15. There is a fee for this club. Approx. \$25. Starting Feb 5th pending approval.

Round Table

- So luxury fundraiser – Megan found, some are interested and it has a good return.
- End of year activity – some parents want to go to a pool or other more organized water activity
 - Bridal fall waterslides, possible bus issue.
 - Other idea mission pool.

Meeting adjourned: 11:10

➤ Next Meeting

- Date - Friday Feb 21st 9:15am?