

**Bradner Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Jan. 15, 2018**

**In Attendance:**

Stacey Stinson, Tamara Arden, Kori Wall, Amanda McAllister, Tara Lang, Melissa Yeomans, Cara Reimer, Jaqueline Slater, Sarah Goerzen and Faye Christie

**November Minutes**

- Motion to accept November's minutes made by Tamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa, all in favour

**Treasurer's Report**

- December brought in approximately \$480 - as of January 15, we have over \$19,000 in the account and have spent approximately \$7000 this year.

**Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting**

- Bussing for year-end field trip - Motion to provide up to \$600 to pay for bussing for the year end field trips to the beach and the waterslides made by Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tamara, majority in favor – motion passed
- Money for Water color paper - Motion to provide up to \$200 to pay for the purchase of watercolor paper made by Stacey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kori, majority in favor – motion passed
- Field trip money - Motion to provide \$15 per student to use towards field trips between January and June 2018 made by Tamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa, all in favor
- Bean bag chairs – Motion to provide \$1000 in funds towards the purchase of 5 fat boy chairs - 1 for each for the classroom made by Tamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah, all in favor.
- Movie night supplies – Motion to provide \$250 to pay for supplies for movie nights made by Kori, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cara, all in favor

**Other Business**

- Hot Lunch and May Day update – Melissa - hot lunch will be Jan. 26 - hot dogs and booster juice. There will be a May Day planning meeting coming up shortly (beginning of February). Stacey needs to do the bookings for tents, rides, etc.. We are on the list for drive a ford.
- Movie Night – Kori – Movie night is scheduled for Friday Jan. 26 to watch Despicable Me 3 – there will be a concession with popcorn, candy and water
- Bingo Night - March 2 - we are looking for a volunteer to head this up.
- Update of December events and fundraisers – bake sale, epicure fundraiser - we raised between \$250 and \$300 from the bake sale for the food bank and \$150 for the PAC from the Epicure fundraiser.

## **Principal's Report**

It was a busy end to 2017. December started with first term report cards going home. These report cards were slightly different than previous ones as they referred to the progress towards developing competency skills instead of content knowledge. Intermediate students also were assessed on a scale instead of the past practice of letter grades. As a staff we felt we were able to give our student and their families a better snapshot of their progress than the content based report cards allowed. We were also very pleased to have all our classes offer student led conferences so they could celebrate their learning with their parents. Second term report card goes home March 16th.

As a school, we are continuing to focus on the competency skills of Communication and Personal Awareness. At the beginning of the year each student self-assessed their skills in these two areas. Teachers are providing activities and discussions regarding these two areas (using terms such as Learning Targets) throughout the year. A second self-assessment will be done at the end of year and will be included with the final report card.

Thank you to our marvelous PAC for supplying the icing for our Gingerbread house tradition. So much candy.....so much fun!

In December we were invited to perform Handbells for the school board trustees final meeting of the year. Thank you to the parents who brought their kids to the SBO and who stayed to help take down the equipment. The trustees were very appreciative and we could not have done it without your help and of course Ms. Duma's hard work getting everyone ready.

We held our first Aboriginal lunch session. We had 11 students attend along with our cultural support worker Ms. Justin. We hope to do this regularly as it helps students identify with others who have Aboriginal ancestry at Bradner.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with our Christmas concert. There were so many to thank...Stage set up on Friday was a breeze thanks to all the volunteers who came out. Thank you to parents who helped with decorating, costumes, sound systems, and helping with the performances. The kids had a lot of fun...especially scripting and performing the tableaux. We heard from many that it was one of the best concerts ever!

Thank you to the PAC for paying for the Handbell tour bussing costs. Our students were well behaved and brought joy to the three Seniors homes they visited in the Abbotsford area. Thank you to the parents who raced ahead of the bus and had the equipment set up and unloaded (or almost set up) upon our arrival. Everything went very smoothly! Ms. Duma was very proud.

Thank you to the PAC for paying for the bussing for our skating trip. The families all had a great time. Next year we will shorten the time slightly as we found that it was just a little too long for most. After the skating we came back to school and did a whole school STEM activity in the gym. We also had a chance to practice our Shelter In Place while an air ambulance used our field...quite an exciting way to end the year.

**January news** - the district has had some new students move into areas where they have no room in the catchment school. This has meant that we are taking the 'forced transfers'. We have a new Kindergarten student, a new Grade two student, a new Grade three student and a new Grade 4 student. We also have two International students (Marcia and Claire - past Bradner International students) who are attending Bradner for the month of January only. We are almost full now.

At the beginning of February we will be sending 10 Grade 4 students (drawn randomly) to the BC Character Schools Youth Forum. Mr. Marsh will be the teacher going with them and it will give these students a chance to hear from speakers and to attend workshops. The theme is Many Hands Makes Light Work. This will be a great opportunity to get our Grade 4s ready for next year's leadership opportunities at Bradner.

Upcoming Events:

Handball is starting for our grade 4s and grade 5s. Permission forms went home. All games will be held at Bradner.

Div. 1 & 2 - Cypress trip on Jan 18th

Kindergarten Registrations - for next year's K students on Jan 22,2018 (please spread the word).

Next Ready Set Learn January 24th 2-3:00

Non Instructional Day January 29th

**Other possible funding opportunities**

- Whole school pottery session with Bev Ellis – approximately \$10 per student – the PAC will support this and will vote at the next meeting
- Whole school field trip to the Zoo after Spring Break – Cost is approximately \$1500 with admission and bussing - The PAC discussion did not support this field trip. We have asked Mrs. Christie if the teachers are interested in going to Science World
- Whole school field trip to Vancouver Symphony in fall 2018 – cost of approximately \$7.50 per student for admission and approximately \$500 for bussing - yes, we will support this activity
- Topping up classroom funds for teachers to use for craft/classroom supplies or extra field trips or having teachers make specific requests to the PAC - we have topped up for field trips and may consider a further top up in the spring
- Gymnastics field trip in Langley - the whole school would go twice for one hour each. The cost would be approximately \$1600 - this will be discussed at the next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2018 at 3:30.