

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2019

In Attendance:

Stacey Stinson, Tamara Arden, Amanda McAllister, Melissa Yeomans, Christine Jordan,
Melanie Steckler

November Minutes

- Motion to accept November's minutes made by Melissa, 2nd by Amanda, all in favour

Principal's Report

- Wow – December was so much fun.
- Learning commons is finished and looks amazing. Thanks to the parents who helped set it up.
- Teachers fundraise in their classrooms for global and community awareness and giving. Mrs. Jordan is going to try to emphasize that giving by students be focused towards clothing, bottle drives or other similar initiatives so that it does not overwhelm parents and interfere with the fundraising for the school.
- The grades 4/5 had a great time skiing, but it was a small group; 22 out of 33 kids went. We are looking forward to planning a similar for next year.
- Mrs. Jordan has been looking for furniture for the library. It is ridiculously expensive. She has found some sites that sell modular seating that is more reasonable. There are some individual mats with backs that can be put away. She is looking for items that are wipeable and durable. She thinks she will need \$1500 to \$2000 to get started with furniture and she will need to spend between \$6000 to \$8000 for books for the guided reading program and learning commons. She is asking for support from the PAC for a long range plan over the next few years for these projects. Mrs. Jordan suggests that the PAC support whole school district wide initiatives rather than individual teacher requests. The PAC agrees to plan to support the school with money designated for books over the next 3 years.
- The school has had a few new enrollments in the New Year – a few kids are new to the neighborhood and there have been some forced transfers. Welcome to the new students.

Treasurer's Report

- Stacey is going to be doing a running total throughout the year rather than a monthly report and she has been working on streamlining her accounting sheets. We are on track with our fundraising and our spending.

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- Library Resources and Guided reading books - Motion to provide up to \$1000 in funds towards purchasing guided reading books and \$500 for discretionary spending on learning commons books and/or furniture and/or guided reading books made by Tamara, 2nd by Melissa, all in favor, motion passed. The plan is to provide similar funding for these initiatives for the 2019/20 and 2020/2021 school years.
- Bussing to pay for field trip to Lion King – motion to provide up to \$350 for bussing made by Stacey, 2nd by Tamara, all in favor, motion passed.
- Sports jerseys – tabled to next month.

Other Business

- Movie Night– there will be no movie nights until the spring because the gym is booked on Fridays, however, we are looking at the possibility of having a movie night in the PAC room
- Hot lunch and popcorn day –popcorn day tomorrow. Hot lunches are scheduled for Feb. 13, March 15th, April 18th, May 16th and sports day in June – pasta, taco bar, Subway and hot dogs will be 4 of the hot lunch days. Other ideas are welcome. KFC was suggested
- Bingo Night – the tentative night for this is Friday, March 1st. Mrs. Jordan is going to look into the bookings for the gym. We also need to check on the date of gymnastics.
- Fridge – we discussed the grant that was previously given to the school for a fridge. Mrs. Jordan agrees that we should purchase a fridge for PAC/veggie/milk use once we determine where the grant money is.
- May Day preparations – A May Day meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12 for after school or evening. Advertising for the 100th year anniversary of May Day will be circulated. Stacey has campaign signs that we can use to advertise if the kids can decorate them. We will need a lot of volunteers for this event and we would like to make this one special as it is the 100 year anniversary.
- Art work for Flower show - The Community club would like the students to do art work for the flower shower – the theme is Mother Nature. The piano in the classroom upstairs is staying and the one on the main floor is going to be given away, preferably to a school in the district. The Bradner Hall has asked if they can use it for the flower show if it is still here in April.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47pm

Next meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 3:15pm.