

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2018

In Attendance:

Stacey Stinson, Tamara Arden, Amanda McAllister, Melissa Yeomans, Christine Jordan, Erica Wall, Gurvinder Kallie

October Minutes

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

Principal's Report

- The library is being renovated and it's going to look fabulous. We will not be removing any walls, but the renovation should be done before Christmas
- Ski trip – it will be \$63 per student for a 4 hour lesson. The bussing cost is \$1200. This trip will just be for the grade 4s and 5s.
- For the future – the school is budgeting for updated furniture for the classrooms and seating for the library and would appreciate any monetary support that the PAC can offer.
- Our school has an outdated guided reading library – they haven't been maintained or updated at all. Mrs. Jordan has been doing research and she would like to spend \$6000 over two years to update the reading resources. She is requesting any support that the PAC might be able to give for both guided reading books and library books. Guided reading is the best tried and true way to teach kids to read. The books are levelled books meant for different abilities and they can be used over and over again regardless of teaching method.
- Mrs. Jordan would like to know what the PAC is planning for fundraising activities so that she can give more direction to the teachers regarding different fundraising that they are doing. She requested that next year we have a fundraising person from the PAC sit down with Mrs. Jordan to give her the fundraising schedule so the teachers can plan.
- We talked about getting wireless microphones for the school. Ryan McAllister would set it up and make sure it works for assemblies and public speaking as well as for the Christmas concert

Treasurer's Report

- Stacey is going to be doing a running total throughout the year rather than a monthly report. By October we had voted for \$7500 worth of expenditures. Stacey has a new fundraising excel cash sheet that she is using which she believes is a better accounting system.

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- Ski/snow shoe trip – Motion to provide up to \$1200 in funds to pay for bussing for grade 4 and 5 field trip to Mt. Seymour for skiing on Jan. 9th made by Melissa, 2nd by Tamara, all in favor, motion passed
- Christmas gift for school staff - Motion to provide up to \$200 in funds towards purchasing dinner for the staff on the day of the Christmas concert as the Christmas gift for the staff made by Amanda , 2nd by Erica, all in favor, motion passed
- Wireless microphone purchase - Motion to provide up to \$500 in funds to purchase a wireless microphone for the Christmas concert, assemblies and public speaking made by Tamara, 2nd by Gurvinder, all in favor, motion passed
- Movie License - Motion to provide up to \$200 in funds to pay for half of the movie license made by Melissa, 2nd by Stacey, all in favor, motion passed (the other half will be paid from the school budget)

Other Business

- Halloween Dance recap –we made a profit of \$1213.24 at the Halloween party and we have re-booked for this year
- Bingo Night – the tentative night for this is Thursday March 8th.
- Movie Night this Friday – Hotel Transvania
- Gingerbread houses – Amanda and Melissa are going to do the icing on Thursday Dec. 6. Gingerbread day is December 7th in the afternoon.
- Bake sale for Christmas Concert – we are not going to do a bake sale this year.
- Stage set up – Mrs. Jordan will tell us when the stage is coming and we will ask parents to help set it up. This will be supervised by Stacey and Tamara. Teachers will take care of the concert set.
- Recap on hot lunch and popcorn day - popcorn day was great and they are planning another one for December. Hot lunch will be last day of school before Christmas vacation.
- Recap on Remembrance Day Tea – it was fabulous. We had a lot of compliments on the invitations, tea and the assembly – We will have to figure out how best to involve the kids in the tea for next year without it being too overwhelming in the tea room.
- Baking club – the first baking club is over and another one will be starting in the New Year – spots have already been reserved and paid for. Melissa is hoping to start a chess club in the New Year.
- The grad hoodies have arrived and will be handed out on November 27th.
- Ladies Night Fundraiser – Amanda talked to Cliff the comedian – he charges a lot of money so we may need to go into a different direction. Tamara will look into a pub night at Canadian Brew House.
- Melissa suggested that the sports teams need new jerseys because the jerseys are fit for grade 7s; smaller ones need to be ordered and we need some more. Mr. Marsh will look into this.
- Fundraiser idea by Gurvinder Kallie – selling meat marinating products and turkeys once per year. She buys local turkeys – fresh grain fed antibiotic free products - \$5 per pound. Can order it stuffed if client wants with no extra charge. She brought fliers to share with

- us. They would like to give 10% of the amount from any product sold to the school. Another option is to sell marinades before barbecue season.
- Epicure Fundraiser with Jaqueline – these were sent out on Wednesday and need to be handed in this Friday
 - Bradner Spirit Wear – Stacey will put the order in on Friday once all the forms are handed in
 - May Day preparations – Stacey's mom is an artist and her cousin, Emily will be doing the face painting with pre-set designs. Stacey has the paints, Amanda will make a May Day Poster. Stacey was able to get some signs from Moe Gill to use to make signs for May Day.

Round Table

- We will be going for lunch after the skating party and distributing hot lunch on December 21st – likely at Brodeurs. all are welcome. Please let Tamara know if you would like to come (tarden5@shaw.ca) and I will advise you of time and location.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

Next meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 3:15pm.