

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2019

In Attendance:

Stacey Stinson, Amanda McAllister, Melissa Yeomans, Christine Jordan, Candis Way, Mike Lucia, Kay Lucia, Kori Wall, Danica and Grace

October Minutes

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

Principal's Report

- Thank you for the new Christmas backdrop and for the staff dinner on night of the Christmas concert
- The school will contribute \$500 to pay for the Hummingbird Opera presentation
- Dance lessons are booked for January 13 to 17th – this will take the place of the PE classes
- The staging and risers will be set up today by parents – snow flakes will be hung up and trees will be put up.
- Mt. Lehman calendar came out and many Bradner students had their art showcased in it.
- Handbell tour is next week
- There are lots of Christmas events in the next week
- Mrs. Jordan would support an after school or lunch hour music program and will help with supervision

Treasurer's Report

The following is an update of fundraising activity:

- Art cards made \$322
- Over \$500 from hot lunches and over \$300 from popcorn days
- \$600 in donations
- Bulbs made over \$400
- Book fair made \$1564 in total sales and we received \$391 in free books
- We are very under budget in terms of planned school events
- We added \$400 to pay for the PE dance program, so we have taken that money from the event budget and are left with \$600 for events.

DPAC Report

- There was an overview about the new grading system – parents expressed concerns about it at the DPAC meeting

- Transportation review was discussed – the grant from the Ministry of Education was discontinued a few years ago. They are running at a \$500,000 deficit and are looking at options to generate money for bussing. There will be another review meeting in the New Year.

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- Flight of Hummingbird Vancouver Opera Presentation- Motion to provide up to \$300 in funds towards the presentation “Flight of the Hummingbird” for students made by Candis, 2nd by Stacey, all in favor, motion passed - this presentation as not yet been confirmed, but hopefully will be soon. Kori is arranging this
- Christmas concert set – Motion to provide up to \$60 in funds towards the new Christmas concert backdrop made by Tamara, 2nd by Stacey, all in favor, motion passed.

Other Business

- District Transportation Review - see DPAC review
- Movie Night Recap- Movie night was on Nov. 29 - we made \$105. Attendance was low and we have supplies left over for next time. We paid the movie license. Next movie night is scheduled for January 17th - movie TBD.
- Pac Recipe Book - this is on hold for now. We have received less than 20 recipes. Kori will try to generate interest at the bake sale
- Stage preparations for Christmas Concert - this will be done today by parents. There are wires to change backdrops against the wall for using multiple sets for one concert.
- Recap on Remembrance Day Tea - It went well. There were lots of grandparents and there was lots of nice baking. Thank you to the parents who provided baking. Next year we need more coffee and less tea.
- Bradner Spirit wear recap - Items from our Spirit wear rack are missing – approximately \$300 worth - All the zipper hoodies went missing and a couple of t-shirts and shorts - all large sizes. The PAC believes this has been stolen. This is an extreme violation of trust. We will have to lock the clothing away and show the items to people upon request. Stacey had distributed the items for those who ordered items for Christmas. Others have agreed to wait until January - the medium youth hoodies were popular and an order will arrive in January. The PAC will not likely make money on this because there is not a bulk order and we sell the items at cost.
- Art Card Re-cap - we made over \$300 - we will do them again next year and it will be the teacher’s discretion for what picture the kids make. We need to commit to it before the end of the school year in order to have some of the fees reduced. Candis will do this.
- Book Fair Recap - Book fair made \$1564 in total sales and we received \$391 in free books – the teachers filled out a wish list if any parents want to purchase teacher gifts – contact Stacey and she will give you contact and book information. The Usborne Representative will do the book fair for us next year.
- May Day update– Melissa has made a list of possible sponsors for May Day. She circulated the list and has asked people to pick some businesses to canvas. Teline is doing sponsorships/donations; Aksana is coordinating vendors.

- Update on events and fundraisers – The bake sale is coming up on Wednesday before each concert. Kori, Amanda and Melissa will package the items on Tuesday in the afternoon. Stacey will give Amanda a float for the sale. Mike Luzia is looking at planning an adult silent auction night for next year.
- Update on after school events – choir, fitness Fridays - fitness Fridays will be planned for the New Year. Melissa will likely do a baking program in the New Year. We have a lot of instruments that belong to the school and we would like to find someone to coordinate and lead a music program.
- Other suggestions for activities and/or purchases - Kori did a presentation on school presentations. Options include:
 - Donald Dunphy - 45 minute presentation for \$650;
 - SOAR Live Theater - each class gets a 20 minute workshop and a whole school performance - \$1450;
 - Science made fun BC - \$650 for 4 one hour workshops;
 - Owl Rehab and Rescue - \$150 per group - 60 to 90 minute presentations with raptors brought into class for about \$800;
 - Vancouver Opera in Schools -\$800 - the school will cover \$500 but the presenter has not given us availability dates yet.
 - Art start programs are also an option to be explored at a later date.

Round Table

- The PAC would like more suggestions for ideas and funding requests from teachers – something like a wish list.
- We purchased hand bell gloves for \$270 - the money had already been voted on a few years ago
- We may look at purchasing more Christmas concert backdrops from Amazon next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 9:15.