

**Bradner Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2020

In Attendance:

Stacey Stinson, Tamara Arden, Kori Wall, Jen Cowan, Melissa Yeomans, Aksana Zhuk,
Amanda McAllister, Christine Jordan, Samantha Brezden

October Minutes

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

Principal's Report

- The Art cards look great – the teachers have indicated that it is a lot of work so they are not sure if they want to do it again – we have to look at the profits to see if it is worth it. Last year we made \$366.
- The grade 5s have worked on planning some spirit days each month – this month is Formal clothing day on Nov. 26
- Parents are reminded to social distance when they drop off and pick up their kids – parents are encouraged to stay in their car
- There was a request for mushroom manure by the PAC and someone is willing to provide it. We need someone to haul it. Mrs. Jordan wants to make sure there is just enough to put in the garden and that it won't be on the playground
- The first lock down drill will be next week. Teachers will prepare the kids for it.
- Ms. Smith brought in a lighted tree that she got at Costco – all the teachers would like one and Ms. Jordan has suggested that the PAC provide funds for the trees. Everyone agrees that it adds to the beauty of the room. They are \$150 each. There are good reasons to make those kinds of purchases especially right now but it is not a must. The trees would be used all year.
- Mrs. Jordan would like to get classes set up for home reading libraries in at least grades K to 2 – she states she requires \$1000 per class for 3 classes.
- The school is also working on building sets of levelled books for k to 5 for teaching.
- Mrs. Jordan states there are buses now available for field trips but they have not been talking about COVID at the district meetings lately. Things have changed now with the new restrictions. Mrs. Jordan received something about a dance presentation with interaction and she will look for it to share with the PAC.
- The Joint Partners meetings scheduled for last week was cancelled (postponed indefinitely)
- Christmas – the teachers are working on a plan for the kids to safely sing. Mr. Marsh is doing a play with his class. The staff is working on some way to do a safe Christmas concert. The kids will learn something and there will be a craft of some sort as well, but there is no specific plan for the craft yet.

- Kori gave Ms. Jordan a price list for concrete planters – we discussed what kind of planters we might want and what type of flowers, i.e. some for spring and different ones for fall). Nothing super big but something decorative for the front door area of the school that can be secured against theft
- Mrs. Mitchell is returning at the end of the month – everyone is excited to welcome her back.

Treasurer's Report

- Mt. Lehman Credit Union donated \$1500 to the PAC because they did not have any requests for tents this year – a big thank you to them
- Stacey finished last year's financial statement minus Amanda's receipts that she submitted today.
- The donation letter response was good and generated \$1000 in donations
- We made \$38 from the Bradner spirit wear – Stacey will purchase the kindergarten t-shirts for next year

DPAC

- Nothing to report this month

Immediate Funding Opportunities and Voting

- PE – equipment – Motion to provide up to \$70 in funds to cover the balance of the new PE sports balls, made by Tamara, 2nd by Stacey, all in favor, motion passed
- Bradner t-shirts for next year's kindergarten students – Motion to provide up to \$500 in funds to order shirts for next year's kindergarten students – made by Kori, 2nd Tamara, all in favor, motion passed
- Christmas trees – Motion to provide up to \$800 to purchase Christmas trees for Division 1-5 classrooms – motion made by Kori, 2nd by Melissa, all in favor, motion passed. – The pizza parties are on hold for now.
- Book is request tabled for later.

Other Business

- Ladies Night fundraiser – tabled for later– we can look at this after Christmas or in the spring.
- Neufeld Farms Fundraiser – only a few orders have been received, but the order amounts are substantial.
- Art Cards – they are complete and the cards came out yesterday – orders are due by Nov. 19th.
- Fundsript Gift Card Sale – Kori is going to send out the gift card order form this week to get the cards by Dec. 11, the money will be due by Nov. 25.
- On-line silent auction – there was a suggestion that we hold a virtual silent auction at some point in the spring

- The staff want decorative trees for their rooms – Jen will check at Costco today to ask for a donation – there was discussion about purchasing two or three trees that they can rotate each month and every class would get one week in December. There was also talk about getting parents to go together to buy the trees for them for Christmas – we voted to provide funds for the trees, but we also discussed trying to collect money from the parents to give the trees as Christmas gifts to the teachers
- Mrs. Smith wants the baby in the library replaced – one of the PAC parents will donate a doll for the library.

Round Table

- General discussion about COVID

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4th at 9:15.