

Brock Corydon PAC Meeting

December 3, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rachel Wolfenson, Allison Cribbs, Leah Madrid, Richard Hector, Lars Sigurdson, Beth Jacob, Tamara Weltman, Cindee Gorowski, Nira Diamant, Mallory Calof, Amanda Paul, Melissa Vicker

1. **Call meeting to order @ 6:58pm.** Moved by Leah Madrid and seconded by Tamara Weltman
2. **PAC Executive (standing item):** Cindee Gorowski is Brock Corydon PAC Chair and represents our school on the divisional PAC committee. Tamara Weltman is Vice Chair. Cindy Chodirker and Amy Swirsky are Treasurers. Amanda Paul is Secretary.
3. **Approve minutes from last meeting:** Approved by Cindee Gorowski and Tamara Weltman.
4. **Minutes provided via the link** – PAC Meeting Minutes will be posted on the school website under PAC tab: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/brockcorydon/page/2801/parent-advisory-council>
5. **Principal/Vice Principal's Updates:**
 - a. **Snack program** – Lots of kids are enjoying the availability of snacks at the school. School administration is working to find a balance between fulfilling the needs of those who are genuinely in need without singling anyone out, while also gently dissuading those who are not in need but might enjoy the variety of snacks that are available, in hopes of limiting lunchbox waste, etc. Parents are invited to have conversations with their children about the intended purpose of the snack program and to let their children know they are able to access snacks throughout the day if they are in need.
 - b. **Crisis Response Drill** – Fire drills, hold and secure, and lockdown drills are continuing. There are divisional and provincial requirements that we do these. Special care is taken with students who have anxieties about loud noises, the idea of crises, etc.
 - c. **Book Fair** – Book fair during parent/teacher conferences was very successful. Almost \$4000 raised that will go back into the classrooms.
 - d. **Social Clubs** – Teachers are giving some thought to which activities are engaging for the students and should be hosted this year as a social club. School clubs are typically hosted over the winter so that they can be a source of entertainment for students on cold winter days. Stay tuned for announcements for new clubs to come (including Reach for the Top and an OjiCree language club!)
 - e. **Classroom Profile Meetings** – These are coming up over the next two weeks. Teachers are challenged to think about their classrooms, their learning styles, and the overall universal design for learning (backward planning for the whole group,

considering individual needs in their classes). This is a time for each teacher to be reflective and responsive to the unique needs of the cohort they are teaching. Administration is involved in these meetings and will challenge teachers to stretch and grow through the process.

- f. **Holiday Showcase** - This year will remain as the “Schmooze and Jingle” format here at the school, although the name is set to change this year due to a complaint by an unidentified individual about the use of the word schmooze. Parents in attendance did not have a concern with using schmooze and some expressed a desire to have the name remain the same as it highlights both the Hebrew and English programs. Caregivers will see each of their children perform without double-booking thanks to the hard work of the planning committee that organizes the schedule for the school. The planning committee is still getting the details in order - a program outlining all of the activities of the night will be sent home soon so that parents will know all that is happening, including fun new activities throughout the school.
- g. **Musical** – No updates just yet! Stay tuned for announcement in January!

6. Teacher Report: No teacher report this month.

7. Treasurer’s Report:

- a. Nothing notable at this time as no fundraising has taken place. There are still some payments set to go out for the completion of the lunch program and funds owed to the school from last year’s activities.
- b. Balance: \$22,146.64

8. Chair’s Report:

- a. Fun lunch is going well – permission click for the new year orders will come out soon.
- b. Bagelsmith pay-what-you-can lunch has launched and so far 89 families have ordered and have prepaid enough for 67 “free” lunches to go to those who would like to participate, but are not able to contribute.
- c. The lunch program has officially been closed now. The T4s have been sent home for the staff. The tax receipts were said to have been sent home, although there are a number of parents who have reported that they did not receive theirs. This will be followed up upon.

9. Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

- a. Little Caesars fundraiser has been postponed to the new year – will look to have this out in January as the cutoffs for December did not work administratively
- b. Movie night has been rescheduled to the new year – Thursday, January 30th – Allison Cribbs will lead this
- c. February – Read-a-thon is a consideration – I Love to Read committee will take this away and make decisions about the events for the month
- d. February - Reading Night at the School will take place this year – this is a school run event
- e. March – Dance – Beth Jacob is the lead for the dance
- f. May – Glenlea Fundraiser – Leah is the lead for this fundraiser
- g. June 18th – Fun Fair – focus will be on ensuring that all students get a wristband for the activities. Consideration to be given to the pay-what-you-can model for this event.

10. New Business:

- a. Room Reps are identified in the phone book, but there aren't room reps identified for every classroom. Now is the time to remind reps that they can send a holiday amount. Melissa Vicker is leading this and will reach out to reps.
- b. Discussion took place around new murals anticipated for the school entry and library this year. A parent questioned whether or not the funds for murals should be reallocated into new books for the library. Administration advised that there is a specific budget for books for the library and classroom reading and this budget is fully spent each year on books specifically. If there are requests for particular books, they can be made to the school and school will work to have those books purchased from the budget. Mural costs will not impact book purchases.
- c. School administration has struck a deal with the new Kavod Thrift Store. Lost and found items that are not claimed will be donated to Kavod, and if there is a family in need of items, they can identify their need to the school and the school will connect them with Kavod to shop free-of-charge for the items they are needing.

11. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:18pm. Motioned by Amanda Paul and seconded by Tamara Weltman.

****Next PAC Meeting: January 14, 2025 at 7:00pm ****