

**Brock Corydon PAC Meeting  
January 21, 2025  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Rachel Wolfenson, Allison Cribbs, Richard Hechter, Lars Sigurdson, Cindee Gorowski, Mallory Calof, Amanda Paul, Melissa Vickar, Ayli Klein, Amy Swirsky

1. **Call meeting to order @ 7:04pm.** Moved by Melissa Vickar and seconded by Allison Cribbs
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 Mallory Calof and seconded by Amy Swirsky .
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. **School Clubs** – Started this week, although space was an issue with indoor recesses during the cold days this week. Reach for the Top club, OjiCree, chess, puzzle club, mindfulness club, etc. There are lots of options for students to choose from.
  - b. **All Staff – Treaty Training (Jan 31 & Feb 14)** – Will be partnering with Montrose and Earl Grey on the 31<sup>st</sup> and just Montrose on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Training is being put on by the Division (folks who have been trained by the province). Training will include clerks and custodial staff. The intent from the province is that everyone has some knowledge and can contribute to reconciliation within the school system.
  - c. **Rady after school programming** – will be starting back up: in the past was Hip Hop, Israeli dance, etc. Will take the lead from Rady in terms of what they have available to be offered throughout the year. Look for announcements to come.
  - d. **Mad Science** – Will be offering after school program in the spring again this year. Information will come out closer to those dates for families.
  - e. **Babysitter course** – Will be available for Grade 6 families on February 14<sup>th</sup> closure date. Will be provided by Aqua Essence.
  - f. **I Love to Read Committee** – Committee is working on fun events for this year including visiting readers, mystery readers, and the gymnasium Reading Camp again this year. Communication will come home to engage students in reading activities at home for the month.

- g. **Open House** – February 6<sup>th</sup> - taking place at the school again this year to highlight the language program and the partnership with the English program here at Brock.
- h. **Voyageur Day** – Will take place in February again this year. Planning is underway and more information will be shared with families closer to.
- i. **Tu B'Shevat** – Seder is happening on this date at the school
- j. **"Newsies" Musical Auditions and Fundraising** – the school is already starting with in-school preparations and getting started. The Division has agreed to support \$5000 in funding. School will try to keep ticket costs reasonable for families to make sure that accessibility is not an issue.
- k. **Nature Based Learning** – this continues to be one of the priorities here at the school. The Division has started a cohort of schools where three chosen teachers can participate in a year long training, certification (Forest School Instructor), and can bring all these initiatives and learning opportunities to our school community. School leadership is continuing to engage the students in planning for the school yard
- l. **Mr. Fjeldsted** – Taking a leave starting January 27<sup>th</sup>. Anthony Alexander is overlapping with Mr. Fjeldsted for handoff and will cover his leave.
- m. **Program Shabbat** – takes place once a month in the gym so that the whole Hebrew program can celebrate together. Rabbi Matt came in and played piano and sang songs, etc. The students loved it and Brock is in conversations with him about how to increase his presence in the school throughout the year. We look forward to seeing more of Rabbi Matt in the months to come. Shabbat in home classrooms are still taking place in the classroom every Friday.
- n. **Bagel Smith Lunch** was so successful – prepaid the cost of half the school for the next time from our generous community! Feedback was positive from all the students. Option for potentially having an option of bagels with and without cream cheese was discussed. An all-around success.

## 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: \$

## 8. **Chair's Report:**

- a. Fun lunch is going well – lead is Tamara Weltman who is not here tonight.
- b. Lunch program close up is almost complete

## 9. Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

- a. **Little Caesars fundraiser** is ready to go: Cindee is setting up the link for this one to go out this week.
- b. **Movie night** has been rescheduled to the new year – postponing to February 13<sup>th</sup> because Brock Day Care has planned a movie day in-service the day before – Allison Cribbs will lead this – Movie and popcorn will be provided for free
- c. **Reading Night at the School** – is not happening this year. This is a school run event and the committee has decided that they are not going to run this event this year.
- d. **Dance - March** – Beth Jacob is the lead for the dance. Cindee has applied for a grant for this year.
- e. **Glenlea Fundraiser** – May – Mallory is the lead for this event. Glenlea has sent information for this year so planning can begin.
- f. **Fun Fair** – June 18<sup>th</sup> - 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: n/a

11. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:55pm motioned by Amy Swirsky and seconded by Ayli Klein

**\*\*Next PAC Meeting: March 11, 2025 at 7:00pm \*\***