

## **Brock Corydon PAC Meeting September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

### **Present:**

1. **Call meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.** Moved by Tamara Weltman and Leah Madrid.
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 Tamara Weltman and Leah Madrid.
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. Return to School
    - i. Lots of noise in the school, kids are happy. Had welcome assembly. First regular assembly September 20th (message of being good to one another).
    - ii. Staffing
      1. Increased learning support (.5 Hebrew Sherry Elazar, Miss Cami)
      2. New teachers (Miss Ketchison, Miss Massey, Lauren DeFehr)
      3. Office - 2 new clerks (Natalie and Barb)
        - a. things to learn but doing great
    - iii. New class added in June. Student count current at 307.
    - iv. Nursery/Kindergarten to be split. Morah Simone to do both Kindergarten classes.
    - v. Need for daycare spaces due to higher student count.
    - vi. Custodian Shem on leave. Shomer filling in and sub during evenings.
  - b. Peace Forest (Nature-Based Learning)
    - i. More than 130 trees planted last year and more to come
    - ii. Buying a fire pit to be used for events. Will need to be taken down/put up each time.
  - c. Initiatives

- i. Indigenous perspectives and nature-based learning
    - ii. Student engagement, making memories
  - d. Duncan Mercredi (school grandparent)
    - i. Will be with us for the later part of the year to share his experiences growing up Indigenous in MB
  - e. Lunch Supervision
    - i. Uses EA time to manage (currently 7 EA's) and their lunch hour is at another time (pulling them out of class). Hoping to get more support.
    - ii. Kids are liking it.
    - iii. EA's know the kids already
    - iv. Leader League for Grade 6's to be able to help.
  - f. Student Fees/Permission Click
    - i. Fees down to \$40 per student (half for N/K)
    - ii. \$20 cultural enhancement fee for Hebrew students next month
    - iii. No more money being asked for field trips (trial this year)
    - iv. Permission Click -
      - 1. Fees passed along to families
      - 2. Families can still pay cash/cheque to teachers
      - 3. Looking into whether e-transfers is an option
  - g. Holt Dental and Ginden Segal Law have continued their support of the Challah program. Wolfesons Family Wealth has generously offered to provide grape juice for Shabbat.
  - h. Nutritional Program Grant
    - i. Applied last year
    - ii. Grant received this year (eg. providing hampers to families in need)
  - i. Jewish Foundation Grant plans
    - i. Talam (learning to speak/read Hebrew), going to Shofar factory, supporting teacher PD, speaker honorariums
    - ii. Need to be judicious with use of funds
    - iii. Thanks to Cindee for all the work (applications, etc.)
  - j. Musical
    - i. Morah Leah to lead
    - ii. Music teacher (Courtney Robertson) to help with back of house
    - iii. Ms. Cami to support

## **6. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Still need to provide funds to school for Jewish foundation grant and fun lunch profit from prior year

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

- a. Fun Lunch
  - i. Going forward like previous years (Subway & Pizza Hotline)
  - ii. 3 month blocks
  - iii. Always looking for help distributing food (45 minute commitment)
- b. Phone Book

- i. Happening again this year
- ii. Looking into whether we can include names of all kids regardless of whether opted in to provide contact info
- c. Dietician presentation - is there interest in having one come to present on preparing healthy lunches? Pay could pay. It would be great if there was a take home piece as part of this. Potentially in October.

**8. Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:**

- a. Need a goal. Ideas include: MTYP, library expansion/classroom libraries, teacher wish lists
- b. Lars/Rich to ask teachers for other ideas
- c. Need to find out limitations on PAC fundraising since new divisional rule to promote equity among schools
- d. Ideas for fundraising include: Show & Save, Little Caesars, Kernels, Greenlea, Fun Fair, Rumors, Mom's Pantry.

**9. New Business:**

- a. Room numbers - can these be changed in the future?
- b. And maybe here

10. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:03 pm. Motioned by Melissa Vickar and Leah Madrid.

**\*\*Next PAC Meeting: October 8th at 7:00pm\*\***