

## **Brock Corydon PAC Meeting February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Cindee Gorowski, Amy Swirsky, Melissa Vickar, Beth Jacob, Leah Madrid, Chrissy Hasse, Kaitlin Davey, Jon Waldman, Mal Magorel-Fridson, Mallory Calof, Tammie Adolfson, Joann McMillan, Richard Hector, Leah Braemer,

1. **Call meeting to order @ 7:30pm** moved by Jon Waldman and Mallory Calof
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 month:** Approved by Kaitlin Davey and seconded by Leah Madrid.

Minutes provided via the link – PAC Meeting Minutes will now be posted on the school website under PAC tab:

<https://www.winnipegsd.ca/brockcorydon/page/2801/parent-advisory-council>

#### **4. Principal/Vice-Principal's message:**

Dr. Rich reported:

- Student clubs going well. Less indoor recess due to nicer weather.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> will be Voyager Day.
- Michael Redhead Champagne will be leading the school assembly on February 21, 2024.
- Volunteers from PJ library recently came to read in to students in Hebrew.
- February 23 will projector and screen will be installed in the gym.
- Teachers are taking part in a 4 part professional development series about teaching controversial topics.
- Reminder school is closed on Louis Riel day.
- Knowledge keeper Duncan Mercredi sharing wisdom with most classes, talk to teachers and kids regarding presence and education.
- Dr. Rich has been working to establish Brock Corydon's place with the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. Good news is coming but was very disappointed in Jeff Lieberman's email today only endorsing Gray Academy. Dr. Rich will be writing a letter on behalf of Brock Corydon.
- On January 22 non instructional day – professional development for all teachers. AM presentation on trauma informed schools, PM learning about using manipulatives in math.
- Open House: good turn out, many primary teachers present. Unsure of registration numbers as of yet.

## **5. Teacher Report:**

- Morah Leah Braemer reported today, she teaches Grade 6 and 5/6 split this year.
- Camp: for all grade 5 and 6 students (every year they alternate one year musical next year camp.) This year camp Arnes June 10-12, staff very excited. Many kids have never had this experience. 2 nights and 3 full days at camp Arnes, previous excellent experiences.
- Chocolate fundraiser going very well, primary families acknowledged for helping.
- Plan for a Purim carnival baking sale fundraiser as well.
- There will be a teacher in each cabin
- Mrs. Perles will manage the medication. Close to Gimli (hospital) and to city in rare case that family needs to drive out.
- Kids will be placed with friend groups for cabins but mixed up for daytime activities.
- Rarely have parent chaperones but may need to ask some dads.
- Melissa Vickar suggested a thank-you to teachers who will attend camp.
- In class preparing for Festival Du Voyageur, advanced in math many working at grade 7-8 level. Writing workshops using mentor texts and peer reviewing. Lots of reading with goal of 45 books in year. Lots of art – studying Matisse, self portraits/Picasso. Keep grade 6 together for math.

## **5. Lunch Program Update- Tammie Adolfson:**

- Budget reviewed through the end of January.
- 236 students enrolled full time, 1 part time.
- 12% outstanding from second half dues, from here will be charged late fees.
- T4s will be out by end of the month. Joann will be trained in first aid, division covering the cost through her other school employment.
- Budget on track, program running smoothly.
- Some parents donated back their shifts.
- Incentive program: Each class will be working on cleaning up after lunch and if do well will earn a Friday treat. Will try for a month or two.
- Joanne is being mentored to take over lunch program when time is right.

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

- The total cost for the projector equipment was \$14,390.88, cheque has cleared
- Cheque to teachers for \$5,509.12 from 2022/2023 Fun Lunch profits has cleared.
- Movie night profited \$343.17
- PAC tax return is ready to be filed. Completed by school parent who is a CPA who charged \$600 for time and will donate the \$600 back to the PAC and receive a donation tax receipt
- As of January 31, 2024 \$14,789.06 in PAC bank account
- Melissa Vickar approved financials, Leah Madrid second

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

- Perogies fundraiser cancelled, poor responsiveness from the supplier, timing with chocolate fundraiser
- Next fundraiser Rumor's Comedy Club on March 5, 2024. Doors open 6:30. Bring friends, family etc. Sold 50 last year. Goal 100 tickets. \$20 per ticket. Purchase online
- Glenlea Greenhouse, minimum 1500 sales to make any profit
  - 10% for minimum of \$1500 in sales, 20% for between \$1900-2999, 25% for more than \$3000.
  - Date for pickup: ? Typically the Friday before May long weekend but will try for a better date
- Looking into Little Caesar's frozen pizza fundraiser
- Purpose for fundraising: Jon suggested supplies for clubs or hiring external staff to come in and do workshops with teachers
- Melissa suggested what her school does. Each teacher gets to order \$100 of supplies through Amazon but PAC involved in the ordering/delivery.
- Mal suggested bringing speakers and presenters to the school (use new audiovisual equipment).
- Dr. Rich indicated there were plans for community nights, bringing in speakers (not teachers) but had to put brakes on plan due to safety concerns post October 7<sup>th</sup> – may need to consider for next year. Fundraised money would allow us to give an honorarium to speakers.
- Family Dance: March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00-8:00. Beth indicated the DJ is lined up. ? Canteen – pizza or hot dogs, chips, snacks, hospitality room for parents (coffee/water). Cindee wrote grant request to Federation to help cover costs. Need to pick up prizes. Many parents in attendance offered to volunteer and help the night of dance.
- Fun Fair: June 20<sup>th</sup>. Cindee will apply for \$500 grant. Melissa Vickar will look into company that supplies Bouncy castle, foam party, face painting, etc. Themes: mini olympics or amazing race. Pop Cart? Need to put together a team to run Fun Fair this year: Mal, Melissa will help.

## **8. New Business:**

- Mal: Question regarding no progress with summer daycare plans. Some issues include air conditioning not set up, staffing as they are only set up for 10 months. Uncertain if there will be summer daycare coverage in the future. Plan: invite Rilla to another meeting to discuss the direction the daycare plans to take in the future.
- Harrow School tomorrow 7pm :South District Advisory Committee meeting. Cindee encouraged parents to attend to ask questions and voice priorities.
- Teacher appreciation week this week but we will celebrate week before spring break. Will have room reps help organize.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:56 pm meeting. Motioned by Amy Swirsky and seconded by Kaitlin Davey.

**Next PAC Meeting: March 12, 2024, at 7:00pm**