

**Brock Corydon PAC Meeting**  
**March 19, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Cindee Gorowski, Tamara Weltman, Melissa Vickar, Beth Jacob, Leah Madrid, Mallory Calof, Allison Cribbs, Lars Sigurdson, Richard Hector, Amanda Paul, Cindy Chodirker

1. **Call meeting to order** @ 7:03pm moved by Tamara Weltman and 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 month:** Approved by Cindy Chodirker and Melissa Vickar
  - Minutes provided via the link – PAC Meeting Minutes will now be posted on the school website under PAC tab:  
<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/brockcorydon/page/2801/parent-advisory-council>
  
5. **Principal/Vice-Principal's message:**
  - Spirit Week: Thanks Student Council and Mrs. McKiel for organizing! We're looking forward to PAC Dance, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
  
  - Visions was at the school today to ensure the A/V equipment is functioning optimally for the upcoming school events. The school is excited to have this addition to the gym up and running.
  
  - There is notable school wide excitement and positive school environment right now. Teachers and students were all energized by the sharing of learning at the tri-conferences.
  
  - Students, Mr. Fieldsted and Dr. Rich were representatives today at the Learning for Sustainable Future event at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights – selected grade 5/6s served as ambassadors for our school. Part of the day was spent making a plan to support sustainability at our school and then presenting this back to the whole group. This was a really encouraging leadership opportunity, and there's a financial incentive that goes back to the school to help kickstart some of these initiatives. The students will share their initiatives at the

next assembly and then will write report at end of year. The Care Bears will also be unveiling their outdoor inclusion plan at the next assembly.

- Student Clubs are mostly finishing up right now as is typical for each year. Some will continue to operate through the spring. As an example, the reading club of 30-40 students that meets in the library is primarily student led and will continue to meet in the weeks to come.
- School is putting forward some funds and writing a grant for Trails Winnipeg to support tree planting in the school yard – day care will also be contributing some funds towards this initiative.
- Staffing update and change in divisional approach to support model: An email will be coming home from Chief Superintendent on Friday. The school division is making some changes to what inclusion looks like in the schools. Teachers will be supported to rethink the design of the classroom to support more learning in the classroom (less removal of students from classroom settings for support). Other divisions have already been operating this way. We will be increasing from 2.5 to 3.5 staffing for support (not including the Hebrew supply support, which is still anticipated to be a go). No changes to EA staff are known at this time. Included in this plan is a focus on increasing the professional development and capacity of the adults with direct service interaction with students (i.e. increased training and higher level classifications). Target number of students K-3 = 20 students, with a hope of extending this student ratio to older grades over the next few years.
- Staffing for the school: We are approx. six weeks ahead of other years in administrative planning. By the end of the week administration anticipates everyone knowing the plan for next year. Information will be shared to parents after that time.
- Lunch program meeting information: Cindee and Lars went to Carpathia to explore the lunch program at that school. Carpathia's demographics and lunch program models are different than ours and the division would need to adapt to our needs given our space and supervision requirements. The division runs their program at no cost to parents. The division is looking to add 7 schools per year to their lunch program operations and we are requesting to be one of the schools that they take over. Meeting with the superintendent is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Allison attended a meeting previously in which they said parental letter writing to the school division is impactful – Cindee will advise if we need to move to that step and request support of families. Further information will be provided following the meeting with the superintendent.
- Update on response to Federation letter from Jeff Lieberman. Hebrew team is working on a summary of the highlights of the Hebrew program, including

initiatives that they are partners on (not sponsors of) for him to use in a future communication.

- Grade 5 and 6 camp and chocolate fundraiser update: Ms. Mandaliti led this. A couple of teachers brought students to Grant Park to sell and put time in on weekends to support the fundraiser. Total funds earned will be announced soon to the school community. A parent meeting re: camp will be coming up. A rep from Camp Arnes will be there to provide information.
- Communication feedback – emails/newsletters/ideas: Frustrations with the lack of consistent office administration support were expressed and acknowledged. The school administration continues to work on this with HR and the division.
- There was a glitch in the report card sending program and some families have not yet received. The school is aware of the concern and is rectifying the issue.
- Spring Break starts on Monday! School resumes on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**6. Teacher Report: Morah Simone**

- At the beginning of the year, Morah Simone started by working on the Science of Reading, including phonics and proper pronunciation of letter sounds. This has transferred over to the Hebrew program reading and pronunciation as well.
- The Nursery and Kindergarten classes are preparing for Easter and Purim right now.
- They have paired with the UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) and are working on sentence writing related to Purim costumes, etc.
- Great year and great growth – really exciting communication and cooperation together among the groups.

**7. Lunch Program Update- Tammie Adolfson:**

- No update tonight.

**8. Treasurer's report:**

- Net loss showing for A/V system from last year's budget this month. Bank balance of \$11,500 – funds to be used to support the school's many clubs. PAC will coordinate with the teachers leading the clubs re: wish lists for their groups.

**9. Chair's Report:**

- Dance planning is going well – Beth Jacob is lead on this. Others in attendance tonight will be there to volunteer throughout the night. Volunteers for tear down and clean up are still required.
- Glenlea Fundraiser email went out – Mallory Calof is leading this one. Folks are asked to save their large Costco boxes to assist with the order pick-up for families as Glenlea charges a considerable amount for boxes.
- Fun Fair – still need someone to lead this. Cindee and Amanda will do some preliminary lists of items/activities for the fair that interested parties can sponsor. Lars can have a teacher write it out nicely on large flip chart paper that we can display at the dance/in the school lobby area.
- We were successful (thanks to Cindee) in receiving the 3 year \$10,000 grant.

**10. New Business:**

- No additional new business this evening.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:28pm meeting. Motioned by Tamara Weltman and seconded by Beth Jacob.

**Next Pac Meeting: April 9, 2024, at 7:00pm**