

Brock Corydon PAC Meeting May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present: Cindee Gorowski, Cindy Chodirker, Leah Madrid, Michelle Mohal, Melissa Vickar, Allison Cribbs, Amy Swirsky, Mallory Calof, Amanda Paul, Lars Sigurdson

1. **Call meeting to order @ 7:00pm** moved by Allison Cribbs 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 Melissa Vickar and Leah Madrid
 - Minutes provided via the link – PAC Meeting Minutes will now be posted on the school website under PAC tab:
<https://www.winnipegdsd.ca/brockcorydon/page/2801/parent-advisory-council>

5. **Principal/Vice-Principal's message:**
 - Duncan Mercredi – Brock Corydon Grandfather – has been present in the classes. He was last with Mr. Fjeldsted doing outdoor learning. Duncan will be continuing with us next year to the pleasure of the students and teachers
 - Divisional Powwow June 6 – three classes are going and are looking forward to this event.
 - Peace Forest – an exciting new addition to Brock's school yard is coming soon! Planting dates are set for May 24 & 31. We will be planting as many trees as possible thanks to 4 partners: (Brock Corydon Day care provided 10K, Jewish National Fund provided 5K, Winnipeg Trails providing some teaching and workshopping with three classrooms around the planting plans, and Brock Corydon school providing 7K)
 - Yom Ha'atzmaut – Hebrew program and representatives at Rady came together to create joyous celebrations for the students. There was a lot of music and dancing, in addition to the falafel treats. Two teachers are representing the school at the celebration at the Rady today.
 - Staffing changes - Numbers are up in both English and Hebrew program. Today we were given approval to add another classroom in the Hebrew program and staffing will follow for that right away. We have approximately 297 preregistered students for next year. The school will work out spacing if we continue to grow before September.

- Hebrew classrooms are still going to have changes because of the new classroom coming on, so firm details cannot be shared at this time.
 - Ms. T is moving from classroom to learning support role; in her place will be Ms. Massey (external hire)
 - Ms. McKiel is moving to Montrose School, Ms. Ketchison will replace her in ½ English Program
 - Ms. Defeur is coming in to the term position
 - Retirements: Ms. Pereles, Morah Leah and Ms. Thio
 - Ms. Floom will be moving to learning support and Morah Simone will replace her in the classroom.
 - Ms. Vicki is staying permanently.
 - Morah Andrea is staying on as Hebrew Supply Teacher
 - Morah Sherry Wolf-Alazar will be in a .5 position
- Lunch program information – It's official, the lunch program will be taken over by school division this coming year. There will be no cost to parents for the program.
 - This does mean that the staff of the program will be impacted, including the program coordinator, supervisor, and long-time staff. PAC will purchase them a thank you lunch at the end of the year. They will receive their two weeks notice officially at the end of year.
 - The school will have to take over staffing – EAs of the school will be assigned to lunch supervision. Staffing scenarios using existing resources have to be worked out and shared with the Division. EA's will be C or D classification and their hours will need to be worked out in consideration of the overall school planning scenarios. If we need additional EAs, they will be required to work for 2 hours per day, which can be difficult to staff.
 - With less staff, we may need to remove amenities such as microwaves that cannot be managed with less staff.
 - There will be other complexities to shutting down the business that will need to be managed by PAC (e.g. selling assets, etc.)
 - School administration is planning to advocate for staffing to remain similar to our current setup; however, the Division has indicated that staffing ratios for division-run programs is much less than those of PAC-run programs. There may be scenarios where Grade 6 students may be in leadership positions to monitor classrooms, etc. and one or two adults will be responsible for monitoring their wing of the school.
 - Gaga pit - the kids are SO excited for this new addition to the school yard! Mr. Fjeldsted wrote a grant and school doubled the amount to cover all of the costs for lumber, etc. Mr. Fjeldsted then built the pit with the help of a staff member's partner who volunteered his assistance. Thank you, Mr. Fjeldsted!
 - Grade 5/6 camp – Parent info night was a success. PAC and Children's Heritage Fund have offset costs substantially, with the assistance of the chocolate bar fundraiser. School will ensure that there are no children left out for financial barriers – teachers will advise administration if there are any concerns of a student not attending for financial reasons.

- Grade 6 Farewell planning is well underway. This is going to prove to be another successful celebration for our graduating class.

6. Teacher Report: Ms. T

- This class has had so much fun taking sap and making it into syrup. This was born from the idea that they would make maple syrup taffy in the snow like they saw at Festival de Voyageur – they then incorporated research on maple trees and how to identify them, and learned that Manitoba Maples are Boxelders. They also learned the Indigenous teaching that 1 hug around a tree = 1 tap for that tree; 2 hugs = 2 taps and so on. In the end, they were able to tap a tree and collect the sap to boil down and make syrup of their own, culminating in a blind taste test that was so fun. The kids got a great deal of learning and enjoyment out of this ongoing lesson that spanned the seasons.

6. Lunch Program Update:

- Please see above for update re: the lunch program.
- Lunch program coordinator and supervisor not present at this meeting.

7. Treasurer's report:

- No significant updates.
- We are showing a net loss because of the new A/V payouts still, but there hasn't been a great deal of influx of fundraising funds in this period.
- Current balance is \$12,782.08.
- Note from administration: The school just purchased a large handheld speaker that can loop into the new A/V system, so we are now able to have one audio source connected to the projector, with another dedicated to a separate mic or music source.

8. Chair's Report:

- Glenlea fundraiser – we surpassed our minimum required sales! Thank you, Mallory for leading this initiative. Pick up taking place on May 22nd.
- Funfair – Michelle is leading this one with Leah's support. Smokin' Bob's is booked for the event, as well as Sargeant Sundae (\$2 ice cream options). Amazing Entertainment is able to do everything we want within our budget (after negotiations to make it work). They also provide staff for foam party and bouncers. We will need volunteers for the smaller activities. Mike Moroz would like to sponsor something – which item has not been confirmed yet, but likely our face painting station. If you know anyone in the school or community that would like to sponsor an event at the fun fair, please let us know and we will advertise sponsorship at the event, etc. Leftover tickets and wristbands from last year will

be utilized. Bears gear yard sale will take place again. It's going to be a great event!

- PAC is looking to bring in a kids program re: healthy lunches - will teach kids how to pack healthy lunches without the use of microwaves.
- Grade 6s are doing a pizza fundraiser to support their farewell. Please place orders as soon as possible to support this initiative.
- Mabel's Labels fundraiser is ongoing – reminder will be provided to parents of kids going to camp and to parents at the N/K meet and greet. We will look to order a new batch of paper flyers to go home with students before the end of year.

9. New Business:

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:03pm meeting. Motioned by Melissa Vickar and Allison Cribbs

Next Pac Meeting: To be announced in the next school year