

Brock Corydon PAC Meeting
November 14, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jon Waldman, Amanda Paul, Tamara Weltman, Amy Swirsky, Cindee Gorowski, Leah Madrid, Melissa Vickar, Chrissy Hasse, Kaitlin Davey, Mallory Calof, Tammie Adolfson, Allison Cribbs, Lindsay Drummond, Mal Magoel, Joanne McMillan, Paulo Galti, Cindy Chodirker, Jenny Rais, Kari Wolfenson, Lars Sigurdson, Richard Hechter,

1. **Call meeting to order @ 7:00pm** moved by Jon Waldman and seconded by Amy Swirsky
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. **Introductions** around the room made.
4. **Approve minutes from last year:** Minutes provided via the link – Melissa Vickar moves to approve, Chrissy Hasse seconds. Reminder that the minutes are available on the school website.
5. **Principal/Vice-Principal's message:**
 - Fun lunches are well received – big thank you to the volunteers!
 - Thanks to parents who are helping with the Scholastic Book Fair – online orders available until November 21st or visit the library during parent/teacher interviews
 - Parent Teacher Interviews – Wed/Thurs Evening, Friday AM (Friday no school) – make sure that you have signed up for a time
 - Report Cards come home Friday, December 1st – you can have conversations with the teachers about learning during the interviews, then review the reports so there should be no surprises.
 - Mr Fjeldsted is taking Grade 6 to interschool volleyball tournament
 - Climbing wall has arrived and will be installed on November 20th
 - Morah Andrea here in place of Morah Paula until she is able to return – additional staffing for supply Hebrew teacher has been approved. This will ensure that we have a Hebrew speaking teacher available for our students. We are in the process of putting that staffing in place.
 - There have been no direct threats to the school since October 7th attacks in Israel; however, the worries and fears of our school community are known and appreciated. The Winnipeg School Division got rid of School Resource Officers last year; however, WPS and Chief Superintendent have forged a relationship

with our school. There will be an officer dedicated to our school who can be called 24/7. Police presence around the school community has been increased as well in response to the concern of potential threats to the school. The school division has also given one extra EA to the school as an extra presence in the building – a person who knows all the processes of the school and division. This person is NOT a security officer and they are not dedicated to any specific classroom in the school. Communication will go out to the school about this. Administration remains open to communication with parents about any other worries. Please call and communicate your thoughts as needed.

- Holt Dental and Gindin Segal Law continue to fund the Hebrew program's "Challah for Hebrew Classes" on an ongoing weekly-basis, ensuring this important tradition can be shared through the program. (Thank you!)
- Take-Home Challah Fundraiser orders went home Monday! The orders are split into two halves for the remainder of the school year.
- Schmooze and Jingle will be December 21st @ Brock Corydon. More details to follow.

6. Teacher Report – Ms. Pereles (Grade 5/6):

- Children are feeling safe at the school –police presence has not been worrisome to the children. Ms. Pereles joked that the students only worry that the police are judging them as patrols, so they are on their top form as patrols when the police are nearby.
- In class right now, students are doing land forms, learning about confederation, etc. Just finished a unit on chocolate. They are learning about healthy bodies and how to care for self. Math includes a lot of open ended problem solving which is a lot of fun. They use a lot of open equations and enjoy digging into the problems.
- Beautiful mural of Winnipeg on display in the classroom. Class has been celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.
- Ms. Pereles is thinking about a grant that is available for a community based project as she enjoys engaging her students in large scope projects that contribute to Manitoba's greatness.

7. Lunch Program Update- Tammie Adolfson:

- Financial statement has been provided – balancing by \$6.88. This number ebbs and flows through the year when there are classroom closures, etc. Try to hold some budget for replacement microwaves, etc. as we have seen more than one go down at a time before.
- There has been significant illness amongst the staff – thank you for PASCAL parent volunteers for doing additional help. Supervision of the children has been top priority and they have been able to maintain supervision for each of the classrooms in addition to the two supervisors for the hallways despite the illnesses.

- Succession planning for Tammie to step away from in-school work has been in place for a long time. Tammie acknowledges that there is going to be a time when she cannot be in the school, but will go back to doing books behind the scenes to keep the program running.
- There is an EA who will be going on a leave soon, so there is a plan in place to hire for this position (posting to the school community, on Indeed, vetting a parent who has approached wanting to join the team, etc.)

8. Treasurer's report:

- Reviewed by all present.
- Money coming in and out this period has been for Show & Save and Fun Lunches – net income just under \$8000.00 – some expenses and incomes still to come, so that isn't a true number just yet.
- Other fundraising options discussed by parents:
 - Little Caesars offered as an option for future fundraiser
 - Peak of the Market - it's a lot of work
 - Grey Cup Pool tickets (or Super Bowl pool tickets)
 - Mom's Pantry
- Parent question – can organizations take out permits to run programs in the evening that might benefit the school as a fundraiser? Mr. Sigurdson advises that is possible, but the organization needs to apply for the permits and follow the parameters set out.
- Awaiting feedback/quotes for the gymnasium A/V system. Parents also inquired about fundraising for Air Conditioning.
- Noted that we will only continue to do fundraisers if we have a known fundraising goal in mind.

9. Chair's report:

- Upcoming Fundraisers:
 - October – Show & Save – Allison Cribbs is the lead of this one
 - November – Perogy fundraiser – Mallory Calof offered to lead – Amanda Paul to provide info
 - January - movie night
 - March - Rumor's (adult night out) – parent Drew Mindell is lead
 - March – school dance to align with Purim
 - May – Glenlea Flowers
 - June - Fun Fair (not an actual fundraiser, but an event to plan for)
 - \$10,000 grant from the Jewish Federation will assist in paying for Hebrew program celebrations.
- PAC Meeting Minutes will now be posted on the school website under PAC tab. <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/brockcorydon/page/2801/parent-advisory-council>

10. New Business:

- Parent question re: clubs: School is working on teacher run clubs getting up and running shortly – will have more to report next month.
- Parent question re: Mad Science after school program: School wasn't able to align with Mad Science for this year but plan to have them return next year.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49pm moved by Leah Madrid and seconded by Kaitlin Davey

Next Pac Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm