

Brooklyn Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2011

Attendance:

Justin Olsen	Paul Berry (admin)
Peter Coleman (trustee)	Eric Aase
Brad Holub	Emma Thompson (SPC)
Carrie Holub	Coleen Anderson (Secretary)
Penny Kampen	Kirsten Edwards (DPAC)
Suan Murray	Heidi Tobiassen (Vice Chair)
Michele Williams	Tonia Frawley (Chair)
Sherry Kennedy (admin)	

Call to Order

Motion to adopt tonight's agenda with an addition under Old Business (B) – Robb Road Support Letter for Supervision – Justin Olsen 2nd Michele Williams

Correspondence - none

Reports: Chair – Tonia Frawley – Introduces Dr. Coleman – there was an area meeting with Dr. Coleman at Aspen to discuss common concerns in the schools.

Avon Store Donations were used in the “shhh” Christmas sale (for kids to purchase small items as take home gifts - \$553.46 was raised toward the PAC funds.

QPoints were used to purchase turkeys for the Christmas hampers – approximately 1million left.

**Motion to Adopt Minutes from November Meeting – with changes under NIDES – new programme (not few). Kirsten Edwards, 2nd Heidi Tobiassen – carried. (minutes had to be emailed from Rae at home as they were not present at the beginning of the meeting)

Admin – Brooklyn closure on Thursday (opting not to have a closing ceremony, but rather an “opening” instead). Working on an archive wall for new site – brining artifacts from old site.

Christmas concert went well – anyone with video of any or all of the concert – please let us know as some parents were not able to attend.

Bearwear sales went well, but aren't ready yet.

YANA fundraising – started in lifeskills class with bakesales and have continued with success

Roots Of Empathy – brings babies to classrooms to build empathy and decrease bullying – we have 2 babies in our community

Outdoor Education – introduced this year once a week for ½ hr. 98% of the kids loved it but suggested to do it in warmer temps and longer sessions.

Drama will be introduced next semester at 1/wk for ½ hr.

PAC needs to pack up the storage room this week at the old site.

Sherry thanks Paul for mentoring her as well as his community work with SAR AND directing packing and moving.

Fall transition – huge scope of work – going well.

Job Action – things are still being done for the kids by the teachers – we are lucky to have a staff dedicated to our team. Job action will be increased in January and involves no correspondence between staff and admin by email (any and all communication between parents and any staff is still being honored!)

Start Up in January – all in one site! Kids will be directed to use certain doors depending on their division, there will be staggered lunch hours, gr 5/6 will take basic first aid and help with supervision, doors will open at 8:20/8:30, will send note home on parking/traffic circulation – any ideas would be welcome. , primary kids will have lockers but NO locks. Emma Thompson would like to commend all fo the work done on the transition.

Foyer – grants have been successful, rendition of artwork was displayed – will be worked on thru holiday break and unveiled Opening Day.

RBC Grant - Rae Power (as an employee of RBC) applied for a school spirit grant from her employer and was successful! Thanks RAE and RBC!

Treasurer's Report – incomplete to due unforeseen circumstances – some info was given but a complete report will be submitted during Jan's meeting. (Check non gaming totals)

Fundraising – we have no fundraising coordinator therefore there was no Christmas chocolate or coffee sales this year.

DPAC Report – Aquavan from Vanc Aquarium might be worth looking into for next year's activities – some funding may be available from DPAC for this. DPAC is looking at changes to it's bylaws and constitution – any suggestions (can be viewed online). Info forwarded to us regarding playground info but did not pertain to our playground equipment.

SPC – See Heidi's notes – spc has been tasked with the Heritage Wall – because of job action there is no SPC on the part of the teachers. However, the teachers are working on a writing program as part of the school growth plan.

Trustee Report – Dr. Coleman – attended the trustee academy after being elected in November and finds the new board is working very well together. Would like our thoughts on involving student councils in feedback forums (higher grades). le – how would it work? Ideas included making NOT the student council but a random sample of students, consider involving the gr 7s , doing it online, perhaps a reflections/feedback/fears/questions format.

Old Business – Earthquake/Emergency Prep – moved to new Brooklyn site and inventoried Will no longer have comfort kits – PAC will provide food/games etc. Will have a wish list for Jan meeting. Robb Road Support for more/improved Supervision – suggest that individuals write as well as PACs. Brad Holub has offered to draft a letter with concerns and solutions.

New Business - January will have an Open House for the new site during school hours (due to job action)

- Discussion about LST time – and waiting time for assessments – SPC will look into setting up a survey of the parents and then take it to DPAC as well for district input.

- Request for any help or ideas for the Heritage Wall – contact Heidi.

Q&As – none

Next PAC meeting – January 9th

Meeting Adjourned

Suggestion!!! Visit Ari's site - <https://sites.google.com/site/childrenslifeonline/> amongst other helpful hints about being a parent of a child online – how to get rid of ads on your child's games!

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