

Brooklyn Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Jan 9, 2012

Attendance

Michele Williams	Sarah Heselgrave (Teacher)
Nicki Bailey	Tracy Stoltz
Crystal Oelke	Patti Harris (Teacher)
Neil Collins	Sherry Kennedy (Admin)
Cathie Collins	Paul Berry (Admin)
Brad Holub	Kirsten Edwards (DPAC Rep)
Carrie Holub	Emma Thompson (SPC)
Peter Coleman (Trustee)	Tonia Frawley (Chair)
JoAnne Timms	Heidi Tobiassen (Vice Chair)
Andi Davies	Rae Power (Treasurer)
Tim Davies	Coleen Anderson (Secretary)
Allison Damery	Maurice Gillis
Lisa Gr.	Fran Nasadyk
Christine Ostashek	Robin Rivers
Danielle Zaichkowsky	Ken Henderson
Keltie Langille	Tracy Trotter
Carrie Bisson	Shelley Irving
Jenn Quinn	Monica Hamilton
Deborah Berg	

Call to Order 6:30

Motion to Adopt Previous Minutes – Michele Williams 2nd Heidi Tobiassen

Motion to Adopt Agenda with removal of LST Survey info and put traffic issue to last place – Ana Fleck, 2nd Michele Williams

Correspondence – None

Reports – Admin –

Paul Berry – the start as one community went smoothly – thanks to maintenance, custodial, teaching and support staff. Library is not opened yet – hopefully Thursday. Of note is that our changes in the parking lot and woodshop are to be models for the other similar schools in the district.

Playground structure has arrived and they are waiting for better weather to install it.

Lunch supervisors – there will be 2 inside and 2 outside with the split lunch program.

Supervision ratio is 1:125 by provincial standards. Recess is taken by everyone at the same time.

Looking at having grade 6 supervisors with basic first aid training

Teachers are still offering extracurricular activities such as robotics, guitar, choir, Dance, 6/7

Basketball, drama (K 4,5,6,7), Roots of Empathy and gymnastics.

Grades 4 and 7 will be doing FSA testing – teachers won't administer this provincial exam – it will be done by Paul and Sherry.

Chair – no report

Treasurer – see Rae’s info – motion to adopt January Treasurer’s Report – Ana Fleck, 2nd Kirsten Edwards – no discussion – carried

DPAC – no meeting – no report – do need executive positions filled – AGM January 28.

SPC – no report due to no meetings because of teacher action

Trustee – no meetings – of note is that the Employer’s Association found the latest meeting with the BCTF fruitless.

Fundraising – no report – none done. Need fundraising coordinator – we’ve lost \$2500 in revenue usually generated in Christmas chocolate and coffee sales etc. – estimated overall loss for the year if we have no coordinator is \$6000.

Joanne, Allison, Carrie, Danielle all offer to head up the committee – they will meet before the next PAC meeting

Old Business –

Open House will have to be during school hours or without teachers. Patti has offered to ask the teachers if morning or afternoon works better.

Motion to put \$200 towards the support of the Open House – Ana Fleck, 2nd Brad Holub – discussion about this being an appropriate use of funds. Carried

Supervision Letter – an immediate solution is for parents to “visit” the classroom and eat with their child or gather all of the kids in one area to eat with a supervisor in that space at all times.

A letter has been drafted (thank you Brad!) and will be sent to DPAC and the Board (see attached). Motion to send this letter with minor adjustments to DPAC and the Board – Heidi Tobiassen, 2nd Ana Fleck. No discussion – carried

Dave Gillis – has asked for permission to forward this letter to the Valleyview PAC.

Traffic – background – three closure committees have each discussed the traffic safety issue , there was no presentation by SD71 to the Town of Comox regarding any changes around this site.

Possible Solutions – stagger start times

- Send letters to the Town of Comox
- Buses – likely for September but not sooner
- Slant parking in front of the school
- Town said NO to new entrance
- Sidewalks on the other side of the road with crosswalks at the centre of the school
- Tell parents to wait 5- 10 minutes to pick up kids – they can wait for a bit
- Extend the 30km/h zone for additional safety where the crossings are
- Initiate a safety committee to look into implementing solutions and look for options
– Monica, Crystal, Allison, Cathy Robin, Lisa and Brad

No questions for Q&A

Date of next meeting – February 13 2012 – 6:30pm

Adjourned – 8:45