

Brooklyn Elementary School PAC Meeting

December 6, 2010 Brooklyn Site

Minutes

Attendance:

Tracy Stoltz	Tonia Frawley
Coleen Klahm	Fran Goldberg
Lisa Thomas	Ana Fleck
Michele Williams	Genny Kendrick
Allison Damery	Sherry Kennedy
Lisa Pedersen	Paul Berry
Jennifer Boswall	Jennifer Gordon
Sara McLeod	Rae Power
Cindy Brown	Kim Moore
Heidi Tobiassen	Monica Hamilton

6:30 Call to Order and Introductions

1. Adoption of Previous Minutes (Oct 2010) - Tracy Stoltz, 2nd Ana Fleck
2. Adoption of Agenda - Heidi Tobiassen, 2nd Michele Williams
3. Reports
 - a. Chair - Tonia Frawley - Coffee and Chocolates fundraisers did well, closure meetings are done, issues with PAC meeting attendance (ie: no more fundraisers as we can't spend the money if we don't have a quorum, therefore the kids won't get the support from PAC)
 - b. Administration - Paul Berry - Decision on the Closure of Brooklyn will be made January 25 2011 - if they decide to close Brooklyn things that are of concern is the timing of the move, what do we want the school to look like when we move the primaries in (ie construction vs. no construction - if we move and don't want construction any renos likely won't get done as in previous transitions). To accommodate strong start to Gr 7 there will have to be 4 rooms with major renos before moving kids in. Winter concert will be 1pm and 7pm on Monday - primary site/primary students only - food bank donations accepted and cookies will be sold. Staffing will change in January - Mr. Berry will become the district principal for health and safety (.6 time) and part time principal (.4 time). Sherry Kennedy (our current part time vice principal and part time kindergarten teacher) will become a full time vice principal. Her Kindergarten duties will be taken up by Jackie Anderson - a teacher who happens to be a Brooklyn parent as well

as having a background in literacy, play, ECE and Montessori. Shelley Longland is taking a leave of absence from January to Spring Break, her class will be covered by Melanie Smith (who was on mat leave from us two years ago). After spring break, when Mrs. Longland returns, Ms Smith is exercising her option to return and replacing Deedee Willans in the grade 2 class that Mrs. Willans began teaching in October when the extra class was created to accommodate the split campus. Judy Elves is taking a leave of absence from February until June - her replacement has yet to be announced. FSA's will be written from January 15 - 22.

c. Teacher Representative - Jennifer Gordon (who always manages to be the rep for the meeting with CHOCOLATES being served...) would like to report that the staff truly appreciates the parent support they enjoy at Brooklyn!

1. Treasurer - see attached report. Discussion regarding moving the bank account from CIBC where we are getting service charges to Coastal Community Credit Union where there will be no service charges. We do need to be sponsored by two members of the Credit Union to open a service group account - Heidi Tobiassen and Coleen Klahm are both current members and are willing to sponsor the Brooklyn Pac. Tracy Stoltz moves that the Brooklyn PAC move it's bank accounts (gaming and non gaming) from CIBC to CCCU. Motion is 2nd by Kim Moore. Unanimous yes - carried. This account will require double signature and signing authorities will be Tonia Frawley (Chair), Heidi Tobiassen (Vice Chair), Rae Power (Treasurer) and Coleen Klahm (Secretary). We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rae Power (treasurer) who works for **Royal Bank for** nominating us for a grant from her employer - we won a \$500.00 grant that will be used towards the purchase of a generator for our earthquake/emergency preparedness kit. Thanks Rae!
Action **send thank you note to RBC** Motion to Adopt October's Treasurer's Report - Heidi Tobiassen, 2nd Lisa Thomas - carried. Motion to Adopt November's Treasurer's Report - Tracy Stoltz, 2nd Ana Fleck - carried.

d. DPAC - Tracy Stoltz - DPAC now has it's own website on the drop down menu from the SD71 website under district info. DEaline for CVD PAC nomination for executive elections close Dec 27 2010. As there is no meeting in Dec. nominations are to be emailed to the CVD PAC secretary and are available on the website. CVD PAC next meeting and elections are to be hosted by Brooklyn Elementary on January 24, at 6:30pm - 8pm.

e. Trustee Report - Fran Goldberg - Sheila Shanahan is the new assistant superintendant, Susan Barr was reelected as Board Chair with Coreen McLellan as Vice chair. Please still send any feedback on the closure issue via email, phone or any way possible. The elementary school Challenge program is presenting at the January Education Committee meeting.

f. Fundraising - chocolates and coffee - covered in treasurer's report. Note - hotdog and frozen yogurt sales will not continue (our biggest money makers!) unless we have more parent support. - we need more volunteers!

4. Open Floor Discussion - what would YOU like to see happen

i. Discussion regarding cuts to education, learning assistance yet seemingly top heavy in administration - where is the benefit from consolidation and reconfiguration?

ii. Trustee Goldberg - take it to the board - these are management decisions - the board is responsible for passing the budget to support these positions -

Mr Berry - some work is not being completed and our WCB penalties were \$140,000 two years ago - it is now \$500,000. Spending money on a position to have someone responsible to complete this work to avoid fines is saving the district money.

Further discussion regarding: Where is the accountability for 'stuff' not being done and therefore having to create more positions to do this work? Who's job was it to begin with and why are they not being held to completing their work? Why are we seeing increasing WCB claims? Is this a maintenance issue?

Perhaps we should reopen the motion brought to DPAC in November regarding a review of percentage of costs - what percentage of budget is spent in the classroom vs what percent is being spent on management - now compared to 5 and 10 years ago?

iii. Question to Trustee Goldberg - what is the discussion regarding the operational review to look at the efficiency of the district? Answer: the process was questioned because the trustees met with a consultant before the project was awarded - they excluded management - in hindsight this was not the proper way to handle the situation.

iv. There will be recycling discussions and presentations at the school from January 10 - 14th (Thanks Heidi for organizing this!)

v. Volunteer list - perhaps post specific days and times that help is needed - will it help to accept email responses. We will post a volunteer schedule and accept email responses via Mrs. Alke.

5. Date of Next Meeting - Monday, January 10, Brooklyn Site - 6:30pm

6. Winner of class with most parent representation pizza party is Mr. Paul Otto's Grade 4 Brooklyn Site class!! Enjoy!

7. Adjournment