

Brooklyn School PAC

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Hello and welcome to all new and returning families!

It is hard to believe that we are already heading into October! The Lazo campus will be starting its makeover this week and, although we have been gearing up for it for what seems like forever, it is time to start our transition process to become one whole school. We would all love to be under one roof now, however, for the next few months we have renovations happening with in the lower portion of the school so that it is ready for the primary students arrival in January 2012. Let's celebrate our amazing school community and make this the best year ever!

This newsletter is to give all families a little background information on the Brooklyn Parent Advisory Council (PAC), the PAC Executive's roll, fundraising for the school community as well as volunteer opportunities.

The Brooklyn PAC is made up of *ALL* parents and guardians of our students. You are *ALL* voting members.

The Brooklyn PAC Executive consists of:

Chair	- Tonia Frawley
Vice-chair	- Heidi Tobiassen
Treasurer	- Rae Power
Secretary	- Coleen Anderson
DPAC rep	- Kirsten Edwards (district parent advisory council)
SPC rep	- Emma Thompson (school planning council)

We hold our monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month unless a holiday falls on it, in which case we have it on the Tuesday. All of the PAC meetings will now be held at the Lazo campus in the computer lab located upstairs beside the library from 6:30-8 pm and child care is always available. We have a synervice that goes out to all families with e-mail as a reminder of the meeting as well as a written reminder on the whiteboards at the entrances of both sites. There is also a banner that goes up on the day of the PAC meeting that says "Parent Meeting Tonight".

These meetings are extremely important because we need YOU not only to vote but also to generate ideas, problem solve and brainstorm. This includes our annual budget, educational tools and programs, extra- curricular supplies and events and to get ideas for fundraising and how to use those dollars wisely. At our September 12th meeting, we passed a very basic budget so that there were monies left for use once we have relocated to the Lazo campus. In order for a meeting to happen and voting to

commence, we require there to be a “quorum”. A quorum is 2 executive members and at least 6 voting members.

The principals talk about the events happening at both school sites and answer questions and concerns. We also have a teacher rep to bring forward any information that the teachers would like us to know about and to take back any information to the teachers that they may or may not have been aware of.

This year we are trying to be more eco-friendly so instead of having a lot of papers being photocopied and handed out everything will be presented on the smart board right in front of us. All of the information will be posted to our PAC section located on the school website so that if you would like to copy anything it is there for you to do so. We will be working closely with our grade 6/7 teacher, Jan Smith, on our website so that everything is accessible to you at any time. You will find all contact information on our website.

We have several committees/programs if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity.

- Earthquake committee requires two or three people to work with Paul Berry replacing any expired food, water, batteries and medical supplies and purchasing any extra tools or other supplies for our earthquake container. *This committee is not yet formed.*
- A fundraising coordinator to bring ideas to the PAC and head up the organization of the individual fundraising event (Purdy's Chocolates, Coffee, etc...) *This position has not yet been filled.*
- Monthly hot dog lunch coordinator to organize a person to place the order at Quality Foods one week ahead for the hot dogs and buns and purchase any of the condiments, tin foil and napkins. This person will also need to organize 3 or 4 parents per site to help prepare on the day of. *This position has been filled by Ana Fleck!*
- Weekly frozen yogurt sales coordinator to order and pick up yogurt from Quality Foods and maintain a back-up supply at both sites. This person will also need to organize 1 or 2 volunteers to sell the yogurt at each site. *This position has been filled by Genny Kendrick!*
- Campbell's soup labels donated to us requires a coordinator to find 1 or 2 people to sort, count and bundle the labels. The coordinator will need to fill in a form with the numbers and chose items from a catalogue. This is a great place for us to get skipping ropes and balls, etc...for on the playground. This position will receive training from the past coordinator, Tracy Stoltz. *This position has not yet been filled.*
- Whereabouts is a program that we have had operational at the school for years. If you would like to help once a week or even once a month for 20 minutes in the morning...we would love to hear from you!

On behalf of the whole PAC Executive, we hope that your school year is off to a great start and we look forward to seeing all of you at many of our school community activities and events!

Sincerely,
Tonia Frawley
PAC Chair