



Brooksbank Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2014

Commence: 7:04 PM

Round table introduction

Chair Welcome: Catherine Stride and Terrie Hendrickson

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Stirling. In the regular account, we have \$18,420.47 and in gaming we have \$100.06.

The spring plant Sale was a success, with thanks to the volunteers for their help with the distribution of plants. There were several leftover plants, due to the fact that we are required to order by the dozen. The profit from this year's sale was \$2000.00.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser earned \$312.76 in profits.

Next month's meeting discussions will include a staff wish list and budget approval.

Principal's Report:

School Fees for the 2014/2015 School Year are as follows:

Kindergarten parents pay \$40.00 and supplies are provided for the classroom. Special project fees will not exceed \$20 per student. Grades 2-7 will be required to purchase a student planner for \$9.00 and there will be other fees for certain grades throughout the year for special enrichment activities such as tennis, dance and gymnastics (\$15) and music (\$10).

PAC Parent Fundraiser Request.

Currently 23 staff members have confirmed that they will attend the May 23rd event, while others are not yet certain. The priority for the funds raised is for classroom FM systems (3) to try for part of the year, and then continue with further purchases.

Sensory Processing Enhancements (e.g. Tennis balls for primary class chair legs) will also be purchased with these funds.

Over the next year, we will investigate the best option for enhancing the gym sound system. A Bose sound system will be purchased for the gym later in May.

Field Trip Support:

On behalf of the families who have received support from the PAC for field trips, including Outdoor School, thank you for including this in the annual budget.



School Calendar:

District-approved calendar is attached. Brooksbank school-based professional development days are as follows: Monday, September 22, 2014 and Friday, June 5, 2015. The staff has been contributing to the creation of the school calendar, which will be complete by the end of May. Thank you to our PAC Executive for providing dates to be included in the calendar.

Student Placement:

This is a complex process. Please trust our staff. Requests for teachers will not be taken. We do consider it a partnership with our families and find parent input valuable. Forms are available in the office and must be returned by May 23.

School Plan:

This has been completed with the help of the SPC. (Thanks to Rose Vlaar, Jacquie Engel, Pat Link, Tracey White, Spencer Kelly and Arlene Martin). The plan has been submitted to the District for approval.

The School Plan centers around three goals: Belonging, Engagement and Assessment. It is very intertwined and aligned with FOS and district vision.

The PAC/SPC to work towards finding/booking guest speakers that connect with these three goals.

The School Plan is an ongoing cycle, a living document. We are currently working on a year review that includes proposals for collegial conference, collaboration time, lunch and learns, professional days for the year, in each of our goal areas and for all students (universal, targeted and intensive).

Fun Day:

New Format: full day.

9:00 to recess: Primary project time; intermediate design challenge in house teams.

Recess-lunch: Fun Day activities, primary stations, intermediate competitive

Lunch: Treat provided by PAC

1:00-2:00: Celebration and finale on the playground.

Date changed to Wednesday, May 14, 2014, rain or shine.

Kindergarten Orientation:

Wednesday, May 21st from 1:00-1:45pm.

School Organization:

Preliminary staffing received.

Code of Conduct:

- Team of staff members attended a 2-day workshop on Positive Behaviour Support.
- This encouraged a review of our code of conduct.
- “Compassion in our thoughts, words and actions”
- Not a distancing from our current code of conduct, but rather a re-framing with more positive and warm language that captures the efforts we make to increase the sense of belonging within our classrooms, school and community.
- Still addresses the expectation of respect, responsibility and safety, but the language change carries an expectation of the consideration of others.
- For the past three years we have been approaching situations of conflict/behaviour from the perspective of encouraging students to consider how their actions have impacted another’s sense of belonging.
- Explicit teaching will center on understanding “compassion”.

Family Appreciation

Thursday, June 5th from 6:30-8pm. Staff will scoop ice cream and entertainment will be provided from 6:45-7:45pm. There will be a special presentation by our “Do Good” Team, and will use this as an opportunity to launch our new code of conduct.

North Vancouver District Council Civil Award:

Brooksbank’s Do Good Team was awarded the Youth Team Award in council chambers last night. Special thanks were given by Mayor Walton to the Brooksbank staff for their support of these students. This is a formal recognition of a full staff that is invested in the success of our students. Special thanks to Vicky Milner, Vanessa Brooks, Laurie Reichert, Toni Lanigan and Lisa Gregson for their work with Do Good.

Earth Day:

Thank you to staff and parents for their help and participation in making Earth Day a success, in particular, thank you to Nicole Cooke.

Vice Principal’s Report:

- Gym Sense is now complete.
- Track and Field is underway for grades 4-7.



NVDPAC Report: Chandra Junck

Focus on Jessie Miller, a guest speaker who focussed on technology and safety in social media.

Earth Day: Nicole Cooke

This year's activities were made a success with the help of 40 parent volunteers and 10 staff members. All feedback for this can be addressed to Catherine Stride or Nicole Cooke.

Fun Day Lunch: Catherine Stride

The PAC will be providing a hot dog snack for each student on Fun Day. The Grade 7's are doing their year-end fundraiser for \$2/student and includes a juice and a rice krispie bar. This year's theme is "Beach".

School Supplies: Catherine Stride

The order email will be distributed via email soon. All orders will be delivered to the school in June.

Parents Night:

Our annual Parents Night is Friday, May 23rd from 7:00-10:30pm in the school gym. Tickets will be on sale until May 15th for \$20 and include admission, dinner and a drink.

Round Table:

Hot Lunch- We are in need of new hot lunch coordinators and weekly volunteers. This will be a topic covered at the kindergarten orientation.

Bee Friendly-Paul Clarke. Promoting Sustainability Grant for the amount of \$750.

Lion King- Intermediate Musical. Dates are May 26 & 27 and we are hoping to pre-sell tickets.

Adjourn: 9:01pm

Next PAC Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2014