



Brooksbank Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2014

Commence: 7:02 PM

Attendees: 27

Chair Welcome: Terrie Hendrickson, introduction of co-Chairs and staff attendees.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Stirling

In the regular account is \$25,540.47 and in gaming there is \$2,009.96

Principal's Report:

- Evergreen has donated 6 young apple trees which have since been planted at the front of the school, along the walkway. They will return to offer a workshop to the staff and children about caring for the trees.
- There will be no Intramural Multi-Age Activity (Inquiring Minds) taking place this year.
- Fun Day will no longer be an early dismissal day. There is a possible date change as well. TBD.
- The last day of the school year will also be a full day.
- The School Trustees have approved the 2014/2015 school calendar. There will once again be a 2-week Spring Break, as well as a 4-day long weekend in November (the weekend of Remembrance Day). The calendar is approved by School Board Trustees, and is compiled by school staff, the DPAC and the School Planning Council.
- Family Appreciation Event is currently planned for June 5th, which includes an Ice Cream Social. Details to be determined.

Vice Principal's Report:

- Track and Field will be starting soon for Grades 4-7. There will be a track meet at Handsworth on May 28th and another at Swangard Stadium in June.
- The Gymnastics program is well underway in the gymnasium. It is a 3-week long program put together and taught by Gym Sense and is for all grades.

Teacher Report: Carol Mitchell

No teacher news to report, aside from speaking briefly about the possibility of the Teacher Job action and rotating strikes, which may have an impact on some of the staff-involved extra-curricular activities, including the Family Appreciation Night. Further details to come.

Parent's Night: Catherine Stride

Planning is well-underway. There are further requests for Silent/Live Auction items. Donations can be given to Shelley Beddow shelleybeddow@hotmail.com or Christine Steunenber cac10@yahoo.com by May 1st.



Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Kim Gordon

Lunch for the Staff is presented on Thursday, April 17th. The menu has been set. Volunteers are needed to bring menu items, set up the library at 11:30 am, help with food service and clean up, and also provide playground supervision during the lunch hour. If you are able to help, please contact Kim at kimberleygordon@yahoo.co.uk

Earth Day: Nicole Cooke

Earth Day is happening at Brooksbank on April 22 and is a full day event, which will include many activity stations over 3 different time slots (before recess, after recess, and after lunch). A request for more volunteers has been made. A sign-up sheet is on the PAC board. We require a minimum of 12 volunteers for the majority of the school to participate, and 20 or more for the whole school, minus Kindergarten and Grade 7 to participate. There will be a volunteer meeting held at Nicole's home on April 16th. 3-4 parent volunteers per division are ideal. Please contact Nicole if you are interested in helping nicbushchic@gmail.com

Round Table:

Team Finn Foundation Fundraiser: Brooksbank participated in this fundraiser last year by having the kindergarten classes paint a wooden Adirondack chair to be auctioned at the Parent Event. Arlene Martin has purchased two more for this year which will also be a part of the auction, all proceeds to go directly to the Finn Foundation. The Team Finn Foundation is set up to raise funds for cancer research. Information will be provided to the students prior to this project. To learn more, please visit www.teamfinn.com

Brooksbank Welcome Back Event: September 4th has been suggested as a potential date. Information will go out prior to summer break, and will also be distributed via email. One idea presented was that of a casual, picnic-style event, so families may bring their own meals, with entertainment, tables and so forth being provided. Ice Cream is one suggestion for refreshment to avoid pre-ordering.

A question was raised about the menu planning for our hot lunch program, and why certain vendors were chosen over others. While all menu items offered through our program currently fall within the nutritional guidelines, the movement is always towards choosing healthier items. Kara Anzer, our Hot Lunch Coordinator, welcomes feedback as well as menu and vendor suggestions. Kara presented the year's total profit for hot lunch sales at \$9,762.00

Adjourn: 8:04 PM

Next PAC Meeting Wednesday, May 7th 2014