General Brock PAC Meeting

September 15, 2016 7:00pm

Introductions. 26 in attendance:

Krista (PAC vice chair), Lara (fundraising), Sheri (minutes), Treena (advocacy committee), Tara (executive at large), Dani (parent/ teacher liason), Melissa (facilities advocacy), Inkeri (treasurer), Steve (treasurer in training), Alison (Secretary), Pushpinder, Jennifer, Penny, Angela (Principal), Cristina, Christiana, Robert, Meghan, Stephanie, Patty, Stacey, Angie, Mary, Helga, Aubin, Cassie

PAC goals & objectives (Tara)

* All parents of Brock students members of PAC. Opportunities to meet other parents. Goals:

1. Build stronger community
2. Build intermediate playground- Grant from BCAA
3. Advocacy- decided last year to take more active stance

Financials (Inkeri)- see financial report

* Budget- what we are planning to do. 2016/2017- our forecast. $20,000 community grant (BCAA)
* Manage gaming funds
* Expenses- school wide expenses- learning tools (sensory items, weighted geckos, cushions to sit on). Hoop dancers, ballet performance, gardening lessons, badminton
* Have $5000 from surplus from last year- item planned did not occur
  + **Email PAC if you have suggestions/ questions on budget**. Up for discussion and approval at next PAC meeting.
* PAC cannot buy textbooks. Can buy extra-curriculars.
* Some funds earmarked for playground- should be $45000 by end of this year. Need $90000.

Principal’s report (Angela)

* If not receiving Angela’s biweekly email- please sign anti-spam form & return. Only have to sign it once.
* Staffing- few new
  + Kelly Yeung lifeskills- district program for children with developmental disabilities (autism etc.). ELAC for significant learning disability
  + Alison Kailo gr 6/7 teacher
  + New support workers
  + Robyn Edge- p/t job share with Michael Ellis support worker
  + Counsellor- Angela- leave until Oct. Temp counsellor until then. Here 1 day per week
  + Tracey Lam Speech Language Pathologist- here 0.5 day per week
* More children than expected over the summer, that’s why it took until Friday until classes were settled.
* Gift from PAC from Little Mtn coffee- staff say thanks
  + Thurs pm Dani gave gift certificate for coffee to each teacher
* Sept 30 PDD Angela Brown faculty advisor at SFU here for workshop for teachers on Active Witnessing- how to help children with bullying
* After school Literacy club- waiting for fliers from LMNH.
  + gr 1-3, M & Th 315-515, $40 for 10 weeks
  + Homework club offered for gr 4-6. Not enough interest last year, cancelled
* Sports
  + M Doucet cross country K-7
  + Track & field gr 3 & up
  + Volleyball gr 4 & up
  + Badminton
  + Basketball- some parents able to coach
* Website
  + calendar of school events- **let Angela know if needs updating**
  + Rt side- notices
  + **Let teacher know if you have no access to technology and need a paper copy**
* Terry Fox run 9am Sept 29
* Lunch time club
  + critter club- looking for teacher sponsor
* Band cut in last year’s budget. Music T W Th- every class has one period with music teacher but no band
  + Parent suggestion that **if you are upset about cuts to contact Treena** (advocacy)

Advocacy (Treena)

* 12 school closures for 7 million in savings
* 20 million in cuts last year- band, counselling
* Another 3 million in cuts coming
* Separate meeting to monthly PAC meeting- 1st week in October
  + **PAC will email out date**

Fundraising (Lara)

* Need to fundraise $45000 this year to get intermediate playground built
* Gala- drink wine, raise money, silent auction the main event, about $27 pp
  + Tables of 6-8
  + Timing- decided spring, Valentine’s
* Fundraising Committee needs volunteers to work on gala
  + **email PAC if interested**
* Don’t have to have Brock boutique every year- many hours of work
* No garage sale this year
* Pursuit of community grants?
  + **Need volunteers to make grant applications**
* Direct drive
* Shopping cards (Sheri)
  + Three times this year, first in November
  + Buy gift cards as gifts or for personal use, PAC gets percentage (1-15%) of cost

Events/ community building (Alison):

* Welcome back Sandwich night after meet the teacher Thurs Sept 22
  + Krista, Inkeri, Penny leading
  + **need a few more volunteers**
  + Gr 7 class asked to help look after children- waiting to hear
* Terry Fox run Sept 29 in cemetery
  + Ms Bishop coordinating
  + PAC provides snacks
  + Volunteer for fruit donation? Buy, chop, plate, available in morning to hand out to children.
    - Volunteer- Stacey
* Pumpkin patch Friday Oct 28
  + Nesters donates pumpkins
  + volunteers needed to set up pumpkin patch on top grassy area. Each child goes home with a pumpkin
  + Volunteer contacts Nesters, they deliver, you set up patch
    - Volunteer- Cassie, Inkeri
* Community building night Wed Nov 23 (Sheri)
  + Chaise Lounge, 6pm
  + Our cost per ticket is $13 for a menu item and a beverage
    - Motion made and carried to sell tickets at $20
  + Chaise needs some people to show up at 6pm to hold the space
  + No minimum number of people, no deposit required
* Hot lunch
  + Now on Tuesdays
  + Order online at C’est mon café
    - Week at a time or month at a time
    - Order by Sunday night 7pm
  + Provides free lunch for students in need
  + PAC receives $1 per entrée
  + Need volunteers each week to help
    - Class parents will be assigned a week, they can contact parents in class to find volunteers

Class parents (Dani)

* Contact all parents in class
* Contribute to group gift for teacher at Christmas, end of year
* Liason between class and PAC
* Still need class parents for:
  + Ms Sauder/ Johal
    - Volunteer- Cristiana
  + Ms Froebe
    - Volunteer- Aubin
  + ELAC
  + Life skills

Facilities (Melissa)

* Seismic upgrades
  + Brock identifies as at high risk for seismic failure, but is not on the list for upgrades
  + **Volunteers needed** for advocacy in this area with Melissa
* Comfort kits
  + parents will receive notice to send in ziplock of items for child in event of earthquake
  + **Need parent volunteer to organize kits**
    - Krista to update notice to go home to parents

Meeting adjourned at 20:00