

January 15th Brock PAC Meeting Agenda
6:45pm in the library

6:53 meeting called to order.

Attendance and Introductions: Tara, Vesna, Alexa, Angela (Principal), Leone (teacher), Dani, Cheryl, Monique, Julia, Hazel, Yuko, Sue, Janice, Inkeri (chair), Alison

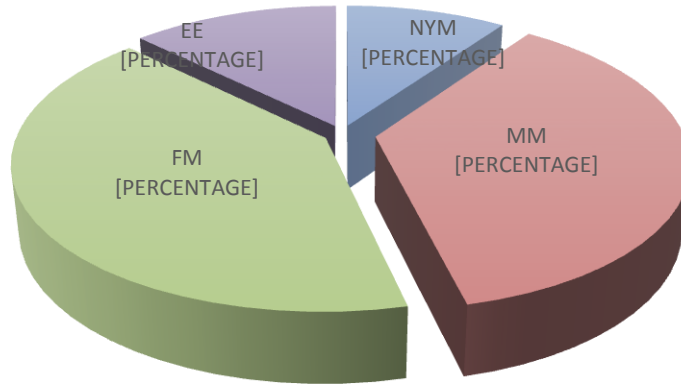
Tara made a motion to approve the December minutes, Dani seconds. Unanimous.

REPORTS:

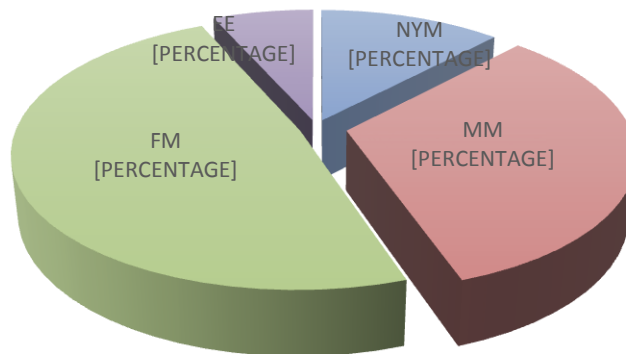
Principal (text as provided by Angela Hughes in advance of meeting)

1. Staffing update – Gifted Challenge Centre, new teacher is Amandeep Grewal. The second position has been reposted and should be filled by February. Also, Ms. Bishop will be on leave as of January 19. There will be a temporary teacher filling that position until she returns.
2. Intensive French – The Brock information evening was on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00p.m. Well attended. Applications are slowly coming in. The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on January 31 (extend to Monday, February 2). If we have more applicants than spaces we will do a draw for Brock students (we can have 10 from Brock in the program) and a separate draw for other students throughout the district.
3. Basketball – M. Doucet has volunteered to be the basketball coordinator for this year. Basketball practices have started. We didn't have enough girls show interest for both a junior and senior team so we just have a senior team. We had many boys show interest so have decided to do a junior and senior boys team. Mostly grade 6 boys will be in the junior team. Please check the Brock website for dates and times of practices and games <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/brock/Students/Pages/Sports.aspx>
4. Inner City Lunch Program Review – currently we do not have enough full-pay families to continue the lunch program next year. We have a shortfall of approximately \$9000 to keep the program running. I will be attending a meeting before the end of the month to discuss the future of the program and what options are available to support those vulnerable students in our school. We would likely qualify for bag lunches to be delivered to the school each day for between 17 and 24 students (based on the Social Services Index – SSI). This is the number of families that the Ministry of Children and Families deemed vulnerable due to poverty in our school. I will continue to provide updates through the website announcements and through PAC meetings and newsletters.
5. School Plan Update – Social Responsibility. Fall data

Contributing to the Classroom and School Community Fall Data 2014



Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways Fall Data 2014



6. Brock Leadership Team – Blanket/Towel Drive for Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Please send your clean, gently used items to the school January 26 – 30.
7. Super Science starts on January 28 from 3:15 – 4:30. It runs for 8 regular sessions and finishes with a game show session on April 15 and a field trip to Science World (date yet to be confirmed). As of this morning, there were still some spaces left. Please check with Mr. Masuhara if you have not put in a request for your child to participate and would still like to do so.
8. This year, Pink Shirt Day (International Day Against Bullying, Discrimination and Homophobia) is February 25. I have sent home order forms for families to order Acceptance T-shirts if they would like to do so. Four divisions (4, 10, 11, and 12) are also going to be participating in the Acceptance Dance again this year at the Vancouver Giants game on February 18. If they have a shirt from last year, they can wear the same shirt this year.

Discussion:

- Challenge program is a program that all children can apply to if they are gifted or gifted LED, opportunity for enrichment activities outside of their class
- Students are referred in the spring of the previous year for challenge programs by their classroom teacher.
- Lottery for French if there are more applicants than spots for the Intensive French program.
- Question surrounding if the draw would be random or gender based.
- Basketball is going on. Many parents pleased. Opened up to grade 6/7.
- Displeasure that the lunch program quota is not being met. We need more full pay families to keep it.
- Lots of parents expressed how great of a program it was, how wonderful the provider was and what a great experience it is for kids
- Also a heads up given that the breakfast program is likely to go as it was paid for by a private donor who will no longer continue. Now that Brock is not on the inner city schools list the donor is putting funds toward a school that is.
- Lunch to go bags will be available for students that need it. Could be packed in regular lunch bags to keep it more anonymous
- Parent wondered if using our Nesters Points could help in some way
- Parent indicated that there are still hot lunch opportunities through PAC fundraising
- Question from a parent about how the Brock Buddies is going. They are volunteer grade seven students who encourage positive behaviour at the playground. Attempt to help kids solve problems as well as to play with younger students.
- Parent asked if there were any after school programs. Zumba may happen after spring break. Will be run through the community school teams.
- Parent questioned why there seemed to be so few after school programs. Angela indicated that many were removed due to low attendance last year. Some students attend other programs not at school.
- Parent asked if it was possible to have more library time. Angela explained that it is not. Library time is in the same pool as other things (resource time and so on) which means that staff must choose how to disperse the time/resources. Last year it seemed like there was more library time due to Parveen being project teacher three days a week. However there is actually slightly more library time this year.

Teacher:

The graduating class decided to host a bottle drive as a fundraiser. They raised \$180 for grad. Now there are many more ideas about how to do it again, how to be organized and raise more money. The bottle drive will be on a day right after spring break, not on a recycling day to avoid confusion over who the bottles belong to. Regional Recycling was nice enough to pick up our bottles. Students helped with the organizing of the bottles and counting of it.

Discussion:

- Parent indicated that grade seven parents could perhaps help with leafleting and getting the information out
- Parent asked how the staff was feeling about PAC. Leone indicated that she will be helping to ensure there is clear communication between both sides
- Parent asked if there were plans for staff to use PAC funds. Leone indicated it was a work in progress. Will be discussed at next staff meeting.

Chair:
Shared some of the updates to the budget and accounts.

Treasurer:

GENERAL BROCK PAC						
BUDGET TRACKING AS OF:		14 January, 2015				
Starting Funds and Projected Revenues						
	MAIN ACCOUNT		GAMING ACCOUNT		TOTAL	
	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual	Projected	Actual
Current Balance (GAMING)			\$ 1,971.82	\$ 1,971.82	\$ 1,971.82	\$ 1,971.82
Gaming Grant (243 kids @ \$20)			\$ 4,860.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 4,320.00
Adjusted balance (at 25 Sept)	\$ 5,784.62	\$ 5,784.62			\$ 5,784.62	\$ 5,784.62
Mabel's Labels	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 190.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 190.00
Donations & Grants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,120.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,120.00
Direct Drive Donations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 9,845.00			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 9,845.00
Gift Card Sales	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,886.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,886.00
Garage Sale	\$ 3,000.00				\$ 3,000.00	
OTHER (not in original projections)		\$ 232.82				\$ 232.82
TOTALS	\$ 55,784.62	\$ 21,058.44	\$ 6,831.82	\$ 6,291.82	\$ 62,616.44	\$ 27,350.26
Net of starting balance	THIS YEAR	\$ 15,273.82				
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES						
Staff Requests	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 4,860.00	875	\$ 8,310.00	\$ 1,321.00
Additional Gaming Funds available			\$ 1,893.76		\$ 1,893.76	\$ -
PAC EVENTS *see projections	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 525.00			\$ 1,900.00	\$ 525.00
Tupper Scholarship	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00	\$ -
Front Playground upgrade	\$ 500.00				\$ 500.00	\$ -
Staff Gifts	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	\$ -
PAC Meeting childcare (8 x \$20)	\$ 160.00	\$ 80.00			\$ 160.00	\$ 80.00
Fundraising COSTS?	\$ 250.00	\$ -			\$ 250.00	\$ -
Admin costs	\$ 150.00	\$ 46.20			\$ 150.00	\$ 46.20
Playground Funding	\$ 40,000.00				\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL Projected Expenses	\$ 46,860.00	\$ 1,097.20	\$ 6,753.76	\$ 875.00	\$ 53,613.76	\$ 1,972.20
Net Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 8,924.62	\$ 19,961.24	\$ 78.06	\$ 5,416.82	\$ 9,002.68	\$ 25,378.06

Fundraising:

Direct drive ask in fall, shopping cards in December. Shopping cards will happen again. We are looking for volunteers to support this initiative to make the second shopping card order happen.

OLD BUSINESS

PAC Event Volunteers – committee heads as well as members needed for events

Multicultural Night – Thursday January 29th – Janice and Melanie to lead

Garage Sale – April 18th – Deborah to lead

- Janice has signs in her basement

Community Event - TBA
Sports Day – May 29th

Earthquake Kits – update from Krista

- in bins going back into the big bin outside, thanks to those who helped

Parent Education Nights – Julia

- There will be a Parent Education Night on mindfulness in schools and how it can be valuable to parents.
- It makes sense to have a three year plan for parent education plan because things need to be booked quite far ahead
- Many programs have a school and a parent component so it needs to be planned with the staff too
- Julia has suggested a small committee form to make a clear plan to organized parent education for the next few years
- Feb 12th will be mindfulness workshop

Greening – Alexa

There is a rain garden being planned for the area out front of the primary building. We have a grant and approval from the board. Small back and forth to work the details out. Trying to sort out where the garbage bins will go so that they don't block the fire access. We will likely lose one of the wooden planter boxes will be removed because they aren't safe. If it is moved then the garbage and organics bin can go in that location. VSB will handle disposal of the wood for us and help relocate the bins. Work can begin right after spring break. Students helped with the design and can help with the installation etc.

Motion made by Tara to approve the Rain Garden Plan. Seconded by Sue and approved by all.

Basketball – Inkeri

- covered in Angela's report

Shopping Cards - ?

- forms need to be printed and compiled
- delivered to classes
- local merchants need to be contacted and given time to arrange the cards
- we are looking for volunteers to assist with this.
- interested volunteers need to email Alison alisonsharpe@shaw.ca

Multicultural Night – Janice

- Coming up Jan 29th collecting names for volunteers
- Janice and Melanie will set up the room and be prepared for everyone, help is needed for set up, serving, take down.
- Request to have the class parents make direct contact with the parents in their kids classes to invite them to come and encourage them to volunteer, bring your own stuff, make sure it's labelled!
- We will also encourage kids to make signs indicating the event is happening
- Email one week prior to the even to remind people and one email two days prior to the event to remind people
- set up is between 5-6 need five volunteers
- 6-7 is serving 5-6 volunteers needed
- 6:30-7:30 is clean up
- performance will be hip hop based. There will be a performance and then an instructional time

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Appreciation Plans and Ideas – Dani

- Secret Valentine week for the staff where we send it out and people can sign up to show appreciation for staff. You can drop stuff of to the staff or make things for them. Idea would be to do this in the Valentine's Week.
- This will help with our goal of supporting staff

Motion made by Tara, seconded by Alison, approved unanimously to take this on.

PAC Supported in school learning opportunities – Inkeri

Postponed till March meeting.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING IN MEETING:

- Alison to email PAC group to request help with shopping cards, assistance in dealing with local vendors is needed.
- Alison to email to PAC group about the forming of a Parent Education Committee who will create a three year plan surrounding education events for parents
- Alison to email the PAC group a reminder about the Multicultural Night one week before the event and same week of event.
- Dani to email class parents and request that they remind parents about the Multicultural Night and also to suggest they talk directly to parents in person to invite them to attend
- Dani to make a google document that will allow people to sign up for and contribute to teacher appreciation efforts

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