

Barriere Elementary Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2017

8:45am – 9:45am

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of agenda** - Approved
- 3. Approval of minutes** - Approved
- 4. Reports:**
 - a. Principal's Report**
 - i.** Student Learning Grant received for \$9000 and will be used for Sports Equipment (skis, snowshoes, etc), Technology, and Hand Tools (\$1500) to support the Maker/Design Projects
 - ii.** Chromebooks: An additional 30 Chromebooks have been ordered, and some have already arrived, including the cart. Remainder are expected at the beginning of the year.
 - iii.** Girls Group: Amanda Big Sorrel-Horse will work with Grade 7 girls, in two groups. They will have 3-4 sessions and will focus on items such as Social emotional health, managing relationships, gossip, and conflict.
 - iv.** Christmas Concert: To be held on December 21st, two shows – 1:15pm and 6pm. Will diarize for next year to stagger the event with the Chu Chua school so that residents can attend both.
 - v.** Strings Concert is December 13th – stay tuned for time
 - vi.** Mind Up: All staff attended a curriculum refresher on December 4th with Angela Lawrence, and look forward to incorporating into the classroom.
 - vii.** Benches: The Lower North Thompson Community Forest is going to donate two more benches to be used indoors for the one to one reading program, but it will not be until the spring, as they will take the lumber to the high school to be planned to make them smoother.
 - viii.** Funding Requests:
 - 1.** Library Bookshelf – 3 sided design, which allows for best display and engages the prospective reader to choose that book. It is also a mobile unit so allows for flexibility come the spring when classes may have to use the library for instruction space. Cost is \$600, \$400 is requested. Approved. There was also discussion that the library will have a bit of a revamp to incorporate some technology,

such as a green screen, and an editing workstation. This is not meant to replace books, but allows for the integration of technology into the library.

b. Chair Report:

- i. Jen is awaiting comments/examples of current PAC Bylaws from Trustee before finalizing a draft for Council review.

c. Treasurer Report:

- i. General Account: \$9844.93
- ii. Gaming Account: \$4382.70 (after \$2200 set aside for Funday / Primary Fieldtrip)
- iii. Hot Lunch Acct: \$2530.91
- iv. Outdoor Classroom: \$800.37

- d. DPAC Report:** Literacy Week in January – local coordinator is Jill Hayward, Lindsay will reach out to her for more information for Unplug and Play week.

5. Special Initiative Reports:

a. Hot Lunch:

- i. Changed monetary intermediary from Paypal, and now deposits are going more regularly to the account.
- ii. Next dates proposed are: January 15, January 29, Feb 5, Feb 19, and March 5.
- iii. Next set of menus are being discussed by the sub-committee

- b. Scholastics:** Recent book fair was a great success, and we sold over \$1000 increase over last year. At the end of the year the teachers who participated will get access to the 'points'.

c. Fundraising:

- i. Purdy's fundraiser sold over \$11,000 in product, and we made approx. \$3360 net.
- ii. Coupon Book we sold \$1250, and netted approx. \$606 in total proceeds
- iii. Steeped Tea and Kicking Horse Coffee fundraiser set to start very soon, so that we can have full exposure come January.

d. Parent Sessions:

- i. Supporting Your Childs Learning – set for January 18th, 6:30-7:30pm at the Elementary school. We need to do due diligence to ensure we have at least 15 parents show up. Session is for parents/caregivers only, no children. Lindsay will look into childminding services available to make the event more accessible. It was agreed that sending home some leaflets in the first couple of days back to school would be the best way to promote the event.

- ii. Mastering Conflict for Kids – tentatively set for March, prior to Spring Break. Hosted by a local counsellor in the area.

6. Old/New Business

a. Play Equipment:

- i. The blue large slide is still broken, and cannot be repaired. Cost is \$2300 to replace it, and the slide has been removed to avoid injury.
- ii. New equipment – Sarah has been investigating the need for a more ‘mature’ play structure such as a climbing structure. The main question asked was – Is this something that will get used? Cost is extremely high at \$80,000, so it would need to be justified. Mr. Carmichael suggested the funds would be better used in intramural sports at the high school level.

- b. Fun Day:** Currently set aside \$1200 from the gaming account, however after discussion it was approved to set aside \$1700, and then have the committee work within that budget.

- c. Trustee Update:** Barriere Elementary received \$9000 of the \$100,000 available in the District, so congratulations! There has also been an increase in student enrollment in the district, so the extra funds have been earmarked to support busing for elementary school sports (regular league play, not tournaments) effective December 5th. Rhonda is also expecting the Facilities Report later this month so she will have more information to share at the January PAC meeting. To address the Playground equipment inquiries, Rhonda stated that the Ministry of Education has said they will fund playground equipment going forward, but the school has to demonstrate a need for it.

7. Next meeting date: January 9th @ 8:40am

8. Adjourn @9:31am