

Barriere Elementary PAC Minutes  
Feb 10, 2016 8:45am

Attendance: Denise Wright, Juliana Oja, Michelle Johnson, Colleen Tremblay, Ashley Salle, Lindsay Arcand, Angela Semrick, Sarah Dewey, Kristine Faulds, Cathy Chornlesky

1. Introduction & Welcome
2. Adoption of previous minutes
3. Approval of Agenda

**4. Reports:**

**Public Health Nurse Report – Angela Semrick**

PAC meetings are difficult for her to attend due to her schedule. Came to meet the PAC and see what the issues are that we would like her to report on. i.e. Health concerns, communicable diseases, hand washing etc. She does not handle mental health issues like anxiety and anger management but could connect us with those resources if classroom teachers are interested. YCS has a program at the high school level. Angela will look into this and report back to Denise over the Email.

**Principal's Report**

1. Fresh to YOU Fundraiser
  - a. School Wide to raise funds and promote healthy eating
  - b. Letters home week of February 22nd
  - c. Minimum of 50 Bags
  - d. Profit is 40%/bag
  - e. \$20 Bag: sprouts, mushrooms, tomatoes, mini peppers, & cucumbers
  - f. Delivery in early May
2. Farms to Schools Project Grant~
  - a. Community Garden Project expansion
  - b. Gord met with Keira McPhee
    - i. \$10,000
    - ii. Salad Bar Style (i.e. taco, salad, subs, etc)
    - iii. Deadline is March 15th/16
3. Blue River Cross-Country Ski Race~
  - i. Gord to take 30 students to participate
  - ii. February 18th in Blue River
  - iii. \$5/student with bus and lunch provided
4. High Tech High ~
  - i. Gord to travel to San Diego with District Staff
  - ii. Visiting High Tech High to gain insight into technology based learning in school
  - iii. Gord to report to SBO in June

5. Letter of Request ~

i. \$500 for Three Activity Tents

-Denise says there were three purchased at Costco six years ago. The two that remain at the school appear very well-used. We wonder if they may have been lent out and damaged? Wondering if the other one has been thrown in the garbage? PAC needs to know more about plans for proper storage/tracking of use before we agree to purchase more.

-TABLED until next meeting.

6. FSAs ~

a. Grade 4 & 7 have completed them

b. Marking is Feb 13/14 at the Grube

**Treasurer's Report**

-no bank statements at this time

**5. Previous Business:**

Outdoor Classroom update

Lindsay got a copy of the Lease Agreement for the land where we would like to build. It states that the School District will not do any maintenance, so we would be 100% responsible for all the upkeep. Ashley has secured a builder who would include the kiln-dried timbers needed in the price of construction, which they estimate at about \$5,000. Their suggested plan is for an 8-sided structure. The PAC would be responsible for the cost of pouring the concrete footings. The next step for us is to get a letter from the School and District outlining our idea. Then we will approach Rhonda Kershaw to take it to the Board.

Lunch Program Update

We have set up an Email account for this program: [barrierehotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:barrierehotlunch@gmail.com). We have now received all of our reusable 12 oz. bowls. On Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> we made and served 133 bowls of chicken noodle soup, and leftovers for about 35 were donated to the school's regular lunch program. After our first set of order forms were returned for 3 lunches we had a total of \$750 raised in donations. This level of participation will sustain the program.

Colleen has a child who needs gluten-free so she will donate noodles for that. Lindsay purchased a \$90 roasting oven crock pot on sale for \$60. We need another one but they are only available seasonally. We are pricing out a food processor. We purchased a needed single electric element for around \$30. Lindsay will approach Barriere Council, Mayor and Staff and ask them to support this program. She reports that so far in donations we have received:

\$240 from the Legion      \$200 from SuperStore      \$50 from Costco      \$50 from Save-On

All the beef needed from Mitchell's Mountain Meats!

She is waiting to hear back from Wal-Mart and has obtained an Email address for Cooper's.

Our cost to prepare the homemade chicken noodle soup was \$130 for 150 servings. For the penne with meat sauce it only cost us about \$85 for the Prego sauce, veggies and noodles, thanks to the meat donation. We had to use commercial sauce due to the fact that we only have access to the kitchen for one hour in the morning and then no access until 11:30 due to the Strings program using that room. Next lunch Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> Hamburger Barley Soup. After that we plan to make:

April 11 - Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich with Fresh Veggies  
April 25 – Chilli and a Bun  
May 9 – Hot Dog with Fresh Veggies  
May 30 – Homemade Mac & Cheese with Ham  
June 13 – Pizza (Dominos?)

Ashley's experience at Rayleigh's hot lunch was they serve 65-70 students/day 3 times/week so our participation level is higher: 133 orders of chicken noodle soup, 111 penne meat sauce, 105 hamburger barley soup orders.

In April the DPAC is offering Foodsafe training and we would like to send 2 people interested in facilitating our hot lunch program and will pay the \$80 fee for each of them to attend.

#### FunDay Update

The first meeting saw 5 attendees plus Denise. The Bouncy Castle is out as it is only up to age 10. Possible stations being discussed include: adrenaline slide, watermelon eating contest, 2 slip&slides, mini-games (sack race, hula hoops, bocce balls, skipping ropes etc.), inflatable obstacle course, bungee run, water relay, dance party Wii (indoors), craft station, and the concession. We estimate 25 min.s will be spent at each station, including travel time between stations. We will have some high school volunteers hand-picked by their principal. More parent volunteers are always welcome.

#### 6. New Business:

Request: Jam Can Curling

Louise Dunstan is contact on this. It is for age 7 to grade 7. They didn't request a specific amount but the past 2 years we have given \$200 for medals etc. Same amount again.

-APPROVED BY ALL

#### Labels for Eduation

We currently have accumulated 18, 630 points and Denise has 2 garbage bags full to be sorted and totalled. She is looking to someone to take over from her as her child leaves our school this year. The labels are from Campbells Soup, Prego sauce, Goldfish crackers, and V8 juice. We need the whole label including the UPC with the pencil symbol and front panel showing product. There is a bin at the school near the office. There used to be one in the entry to the grocery store, but people threw cigarette butts and garbage into it. She may be able get one set up inside the main store area again.

#### PAC Newsletter

After spring break, the next newsletter will go out with the hot lunch order forms.

#### Dielman Fundraising

Catalogues will go out March 4<sup>th</sup> with orders due by March 18<sup>th</sup> just before spring break. The orders should arrive on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the one with garden & kitchen items plus more and last year we raised about \$2000 for the school.

7. Date Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM in BES library