

# **Barriere Elementary Parent Advisory Council**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

November 7, 2017

6:00pm – 7:00pm

1. **Call to order** 6:02pm
2. **Approval of agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lindsay, All in favour
3. **Approval of minutes from last two meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah, All in favour
4. **Presentation: Rhonda Kershaw, Trustee, SD73:** Presentation about the capital expenditure required in our school district to bring the infrastructure up to par. Paper copy of slideshow attached. They would like the public's help with a letter writing campaign mid-December. They will provide a form letter for simplicity, and you can contact Rhonda to sign up for it. Lack of Internet bandwidth and speed is also limiting our rural schools.
5. **Reports:**
  - a. **Principal's Report**
    - i. Remembrance Day Ceremony will be at the High School – grades 5-7 will walk up, the rest will take the bus. Mrs Fennell arranged a tea with the veterans for afterwards for the grades 6/7 students to attend.
    - ii. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Art Starts performance, with Simpcw @9am
    - iii. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> Count on me arranged for K/1 students, similar to Come Read With Me.
    - iv. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas concert will have two performances, one during the day and one in the evening. Mrs Underhill is taking this on.
    - v. Nov 14/15 – Scholastic Book Fair, will run all day both days, unsure of end times at the moment.
    - vi. MRs Eustache is putting together a grant proposal to hopefully get a class set of snowshoes with the intent of incorporating the philosophy of 'honoring your health'.
    - vii. Plans are in the works to also make/obtain 20 drumkits and 8 rattles, and will hopefully be ready in the spring.
    - viii. Community Forest is being approached to donate 4 planters for the outdoor classroom, and possibly two more benches
    - ix. TRU partnership with Barriere Elem to study a 'sensory classroom' with 2 practicum students. The idea is to create that style/strategy in the classroom, and may possibly need funding of approx. \$100.

- x. Athletics – automatically enrolled with 110 licenses which will go to grades 1, 2, 3. In the meantime, teachers are investigating free apps and websites, etc.
  - xi. CEA's during the colder months are going to be doing morning supervision and letting kids in at 8:10am. They will also enlist the older kids to help the younger kids during this time.
  - xii. Gotcha Funds - \$131, splitting between primary and intermediate, and holding every second week (approved for funding)
  - xiii. Chrome Books: currently have 1 cart with 19 books and 1 cart with 30 books. Another cart and 30 more books were ordered, and hopefully delivered in January.
  - xiv. PHE: Physical Health Education, replacing DPA (Daily Physical Activity). Ministry sets a minimum of 2 days per week, however school is still encouraging daily activity, and they are looking into having Nick Smith do some physical literacy education for the staff.
  - xv. Smart boards are in every classroom, with the exception of one. We are looking for ways to support the use of smart boards, and yet require some lunchtime supervision to make sure displayed content is appropriate.
- b. **Chair Report** Bylaw comments collected, and brought up need to add digital/social media component into the bylaws.
  - c. **Treasurer Report**
    - i. Reg Account \$9622.15
    - ii. Gaming Acct \$7082.41
    - iii. Hot Lunch Acct \$2836.03
    - iv. Outdoor Classroom Acct \$898.98
  - d. **DPAC Report** *Oct mtg cancelled, next mtg Nov 21*

## 6. Special Initiative Reports:

- a. **Hot Lunch (Juliana):** Chicken Quesidillas, Hamburger Soup and pinwheels were very well received. We need to send a thank you to Mitchell's Mountain Beef for the donation.
- b. **Scholastics (Colleen):** anticipating a good turnout, but there are 3 teachers who have elected to do Scholastics on their own instead of with the PAC. Stay tuned for the hours of the book fair.
- c. **Fundraising (Jennifer J. Michelle):** Purdy's orders are out. Looking at doing Kicking Horse Coffee and Steeped Tea in January. Vesey's Bulbs also has good prices, but we need to be cognizant of the 4H club, so possibly in Spring of 2018. The smencils were investigated and are very expensive, so feel that they would not result in much income. The Coupon books generated \$506 in total income, and

was handled in full by one volunteer, so it was a good return. Not as many books sold this year compared to last year though.

- d. **Parent Sessions (Sarah):** Advocating/Supporting Your Childs Learning looks like a good course – possible date of January 16<sup>th</sup>. Sarah also suggested doing Mastering Conflicts in the new year as well.
- e. **Communications (Jen C.):** The bulletin Board at the school is being updated

#### 7. Old/New Business

- a. **Star Journal Christmas Stories:** Hoping for support from the school to get students participating.
- b. **Funding request:** Mrs Young requested \$250 for new centre bins to support STEM and STEAM – Approved.
  - i. It was then suggested to offer \$250 to all the classes for use towards technology. Cory said he would talk with the staff to see if there is anything they are needing for their classes.
- c. **DARE:** Michelle asked if we could have the program run more frequently in the school.

8. **Next meeting date: December 5, 2017 @ 8:45am**

9. **Adjourn @ 8:30pm**