

Barriere Elementary PAC Minutes
October 2015

Attendance: Denise Wright, Michelle Johnson, Ashley Salle, Lindsay Arcand, Juliana Oja, Lisa Dredge, Sarah Dewey, Gordon Cumming, Colleen Tremblay, Jen Power, Kristine Faulds

1. Introduction & Welcome
2. Adoption of previous minutes
 - Change Michelle Johnson from Trustee to Treasurer
 - Change Noted
 - o Approval of Agenda

Principal's Report:

1. Volleyball

a. There will be three teams this year: Boys, Girls, & Development. Val Williams is contact on this and will do schedule. We will probably be going into Kamloops for games.

2. Farms to School Fundraiser

Last year went well and we made \$6-700.

a. Parent Helpers will be required to help unload and sort.

b. Friday October 16th is due date for orders. Produce will be delivered in November.

c. Funds used to purchase learning resources for the school. \$15 and \$25 bags to be sold

3. Supervision Update

a. Additional CEA & Two Parents: Principal's Decision

We now have CEA Tara Murphy, plus three from before. We also have

Leanne Eustache, so five all together. We also need two selected parents. Selection is not personal at all, and we do not wish to offend people. We need to have supervision meet a set of criteria including:

- i. Dealing with minor incidents
- ii. Reliability
- iii. Strong communication skills
- iv. Engaging and circulating among students
- v. Acting in a respectful manner.

The principal has chosen some parents who meet these requirements.

b. Required for new students needs

Due to our evolving population, some special needs students come in that need the CEAs. There should be a minimum of 4 and while CEAs cannot be allocated to specific student, in practice they may work mostly with one child.

c. Vests for ID

All supervisors will be easy to see in their bright safety vests.

4. Enrollment

a. Currently 241 students attending school (5 home schooling)

b. New Teacher Posting

i. Responsibilities will include Power Reading/Math, PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports), and Social Groups

All staff going to Kamloops Dec 7th to learn PBIS Incident Report Tracking and Personalized Id system for students. All CEAs and supervisors will be trained on the new system by the end of the school year. TILT is a part of this program. Incidents get reported to principals after they are dealt with by teacher/supervisor and students

and we will keep everything as positive as possible. Our reward system of GOTCHAs will remain in place and are also kept on file. We will work on correcting behaviour in a constructive, productive manner, making good choices and recognizing positive behaviour. We are trying to get away from kids sitting on the bench in front of the office for quiet time. This could be done elsewhere, even outside if that is where they already are, until the student has calmed down. We want to get to the root of problems and give students a feeling that they are being listened to and understood, and come away with new tools and skills to deal with situations.

5. First Nations

Leeann has received funding for a Boys' Group. Membership will not be limited to First Nations boys.

We are sending some girls to Power of Being a Girl this month. Val Williams is contact on this. Four or five selected girls will go in a personal vehicle to Kamloops for the day.

6. Letters of Request for Funding

a. Projector

Bulbs are \$625.00 each for smart boards, they last 5-7 years, we need 2. High school keeps borrowing our 'extra' one as they don't have one of their own. Does not count as a learning resource because it is technology which is nice to have but not a need to have.

-Everyone in favour

b. BBQ

Would be nice to have a couple BBQs for the school which would be stored on-site

-Will look into pricing

c. WE DAY 2015

All 25 of Mr. Boulter's grade 7s are going to WE day, cost is \$60.00 each, would like to be able to cover cost for up to three students so \$180.00

-Everyone in favour

7. Trades Project Grant

Community Garden Project with BSS \$200 to build a trellis, signs and a work table for the Community Garden. Money was used for Community Garden last year. Shop teacher at BSS will invite grade 7s to work on this project. We are very pleased with all the produce we have gotten out of our plot over the summer. We had an agreement with someone to take care of the garden over summer but fell through. The students made borscht. Want to develop program tie in with community and seniors. Val Williams is taking kids over there weekly now and would like to expand the program to include more plots in the future.

Treasurer

Bank statements not in yet so holdbacks unchanged

PAC account - \$8473.70

Gaming account - \$5147.84

Gaming grant status went from in progress to complete.

Previous Business:

1. Purdy's

Denise Wright distributing booklets to classrooms today, has put on letter that we will be collecting for just one week from Nov. 2 to Nov. 6th. Will be delivered to school

- December 3rd will need to be sorted that day as next day is in-service.
2. Cards
Kristine Faulds contacted all teachers and has had only one teacher say no and has not heard back from one yet. But most seemed interested in doing it. Cost is 75 cents plus shipping. Would be arriving at school next week. Timing is short as they need to be back to Kristine by November 3rd. Doing Christmas before Hallowe'en problem for younger grades so they can do at start of November. We would need parent volunteers to help in younger classes. Upon further consideration, teachers told principal at lunch time following this meeting that they think it would be too much for this year but will keep in mind for next year.
 3. Buddy Bench -no updates this meeting

New Business:

1. See where the sports equipment situation is. Idea from grade 7 for hopscotch/foursquare lines, Colleen would like to make hula hoops \$10 each. Sarah notices sports equipment is not being respectfully treated and Gord agrees there were a few who would now be handled using the PBIS system. Had to close equipment rental for a week last year due to this problem.
2. Goal from last year was a gazebo sitting area for sheltered reading or imaginative play spot for less active students. Prices start around \$2000. Another idea is a climbing gym structure with ropes and lattice work similar but smaller scale than one at Clearwater. They are very expensive; a simple one is \$20,000. We do have space for it. Would be a good challenge to work towards, some parents are more willing to work towards a visible long term goal such as this. Gaming money could be used towards it. For next meeting try to get more pictures and prices to get more focus on these ideas.
3. Ashley Salle mentioned a Kamloops \$10 coupon book fundraiser but this year we have too many other fundraiser activities but will keep in mind for next year. Schools get half the money. They send a sheet listing all coupons for selling the books. When they send the books and they are organized by student. Coupons expire following August, recommended to be sold by November. Would have to be set up at the end of this year for next September.

Date next meeting:

Thursday November 5th 8:45