

Barriere Elementary Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2017
9:00am – 10:15am

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of agenda**
3. **Approval of minutes from last two meetings**
4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Principal's Report**
 - i. 240 students approx.
 - ii. Hopeful that snowshoes will be in the near future – may be looking for PAC support
 - iii. EOC – Education Officer Council with Trustees, all staff, highschool and community support
 - iv. Possible partnership with Simpcw regarding drum making, class swaps, involve the shop at highschool
 - v. Need to consider irrigation for the schoolyard – including outdoor classroom. (involve Simpcw: Berries, natural plants, etc)
 - vi. Vertical Learning surfaces: Team of 4 trained in 2016, now 8 trained. Mr Boulter presentation to Trustees – went very well.
 - vii. Purchased a food processor for \$146 for teachers to use for projects (zucchini fundraiser with Mrs Matthews was first).
 - viii. TTOC: FT person for NT Valley, they will report to Elem School, but have to share with Highschool. When not being used to vacancies, then they will be used for reading support and numeracy intervention.
 - ix. Renewed the Reading Ato Z membership, and will revisit Mathletics once Chrome Books come in.
 - x. Working with the RCMP to replace the TILT program with WITS program, and to educate grades 6-7 about drugs/alcohol/media and internet safety, as well as possible sexual Education and awareness.
 - b. **Chair Report**
 - i. Received surveys – not a lot of responses, but the feedback was mostly positive. Gathered names and numbers for parents who are interested in volunteering to support the PAC. Demonstrated that there is a need to

make sure the minutes are available by a variety of means (email was the most requested), as well as methods for people to contribute. Good feedback on the facebook page.

- ii. BCTF Sessions – highest response was ‘Supporting Your Childs Learning’
- iii. Outdoor Classroom grand opening and thank you tea was very well received, with the Trustees being very impressed with the final product. Jen submitted a grant through her workplace for funds to develop the area around the classroom. There has been a request for an additional step to be installed.

c. Treasurer Report

- i. No answer about Costco Accepting PAC cheques
- ii. Financials attached
- iii. \$567 profit from the Back to School BBQ

d. DPAC Report

- i. Meeting was Sept 19th – slideshow displayed, Dori will represent us at these meetings, and will advocate for us at them too.

5. Special Initiative Reports:

- a. **Hot Lunch** – Juliana reported that there were 77 orders so far and lots of volunteers on the list. Trying out some new menu items.
- b. **Scholastics** – Colleen completed the order, they should be arriving soon.
- c. **Outdoor Classroom** – As above, thank you tea was successful.

6. Old/New Business

- a. **Budget Items outstanding: Clipboards (APPROVED), Mathletics (PENDING FOR NOW), soup labels (PROGRAM ENDED, ORDERED SPORTS EQUIP, ETC), anti-violence (THIS IS RUNNING AGAIN AT THE HIGHSCHOOL)**
- b. **Committees for special initiatives**
 - i. **Hot Lunch – Juliana**
 - ii. **Scholastics – Colleen**
 - iii. **Parent Communication – Sarah Dewey**
 - iv. **Fun Day –**
 - v. **Fundraising – Jen J, Michelle J.**
- c. **Meeting times - alternating for now, next meeting in the evening.**

7. Next meeting date: November 7, 2017 @ 6pm @ Ridge

8. Adjourn