

Barriere Elementary PAC Minutes  
September 2015

Attendance: Chrissy Pullen, Kristine Faulds, Sarah Dewey, Lisa, Ashley Salle, Tara Murphy, Denise Wright, Jennifer Jackson, Michelle Johnson, Juliana Oja, Marc Tremblay, Gord Cumming, Jen Power, Rhonda Kershaw, Lindsay Arcand

**Principal's Report:**

ROAR was Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the first week of school. Parents concerned it may be a waste of time. Reason for "delay" is school needs to see how many students are actually showing up at the school. That way we know how many teachers are needed before placing students into classes and can prevent having to move them later. This year we expected 212 students; we have 242.

Intermediate classes are as follows:

- 2 grade 6/7 classes with 28 students each (Boulter) (Williams)
- 2 grade 4/5 classes with 29 students (Oates) and 28 (Dunstan)

This leaves room for 7 more intermediate students before we reach capacity.

For primary we have:

- grade 3 (Matthews) with 23 students
- grade 2/3 (Salvati) with 23 students
- grade 2/3 (McGravey) with 23 students (room for 2 more)
- grade 1 (Pederson) with 23 students (room for 1 more)
- grade K/1 (Underhill) with 21 students (room for 1 more)
- grade K (Young) with 20 students (room for 2 more)

Students learned the ROAR song and, with help from Tracy Pelzer, made video clips demonstrating school expectations that will be played throughout the year at assemblies.

Supervision: Supervisors will now be easy to spot in their bright safety vests. We are to make use of our CEAs (Rhonda, Sherry and Sarah) for supervision as much as possible. Their hours have been extended and we are trying to get approval to hire another one. There will be 3 teacher supervisors at recess. Before and after school and at lunch we have our 3 CEAs plus rotating select parent volunteers (Jen, Angie, Sarah and Mikael).

Raise A Reader September 22 fosters good leadership. School leadership will be done by the grade 5, 6 and 7s this year including School Spirit, Community Garden, Recycling and Go To Crew.

Secretary: Petra Migl will be back Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> but full-time on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

My Ed BC is our new student tracking system for computers. It contains all contact info. and makes it possible for attendance to be done on the computer and sent directly to the office. This will make it faster to see who is missing at school and make needed contacts.

BES is 50! At our celebration breakfast September 21<sup>st</sup> pancakes and sausages (500 of each) were donated and cooked for students and staff by Barriere Lions Club all for free. Our principal, mayor and trustee addressed the students. Students presented cards and thank yous to Lions Club members.

Family BBQ evening of Wednesday, September 23rd. Choice of hamburger or hot dog, chips and juice box \$5/person or \$20/family. Funds raised will be used to purchase learning resources for our school.

Family Math Nights – taught by Thor Fredrickson on Wednesday evenings of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct 7<sup>th</sup>

Grade 7 field trip meeting evening of September 23<sup>rd</sup> (following Family BBQ and Math Night)  
Year end field trip for gr.7 will be to Eagle Bay, gr. 6 to McQueen Lake, gr. 4/5 do a local one and primary grades get a field trip usually to Kamloops for the day as well.

#### 2 Letters of Request

1. Thor Fredrickson \$650.00 total for all 3 Family Math Nights includes travel, time and all materials for grades K-7. Huge savings compared to cost of 1 session in Kamloops (\$450).
2. Athletics (Amanda Russet) 11.34 cents per module we save 3.5 cents each. 60 Athletics books to be purchased, asking for \$567.00

Step Up to Writing - \$4000.00 program purchased for our Elementary School to coincide with High School program module. Format will become familiar as it will be taught all the way from K-12.

Goal to improve reading, math and writing. There will be school-wide writes for all grades 3 times per year. Students will go through writing process each term. The same topic will be used for all classes. Works will be graded as fully meeting, meeting at a minimum, or not yet meeting grade level expectations. These pieces of writing will show where students change over their 8 years here.

School planning councils have been eliminated. Now principals may do consultations and are responsible for planning.

Sports – Terry Fox Run date is not yet known but we will be holding a run this year.

Young People's Concerts will be attended by grades 4-7 this year as we have too many grade 3's

Power Math and Power Reading – primary grades will continue to have these programs in the mornings, then in the afternoons resources will be used to help foster positive social behaviour. We have 3 CEAs already this year and we have requested 1 more full-time CEA in addition with the Power Math/Reading CEA request.

#### **Chair Report:**

Colleen Tremblay will continue to be responsible for Scholastic book orders. :-)

Fun Day was cancelled last year due to lack of parent volunteers. Suggestion is to form a Fun Day Committee, separate from PAC, which should be formed in January for a possible Fun Day in June.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

PAC account - \$8473.70

Gaming account - \$5147.84

Our gaming grant should be in soon for about \$4000.00

There are no outstanding monies.

Fundraisers: Separately

Purdy's (\$1949.56) last year for Christmas

Dielman (\$2000.00) last year for Spring

Christmas cards fundraiser? Kristine Faulds and Ashley Salle will look into it. Consult teachers also.  
Food program for school made over \$800.00 last year. Idea presented of hot lunch once a month as a fundraiser with suggested donation envelopes. Would be free for those who cannot afford it. Will discuss in further detail at next PAC meeting.

**Requests:**

Teacher incentives \$100.00 per classroom, library, learning assistance teacher, StrongStart, LRT

- \$1300.00 to 13 teacher/assistants APPROVED by all of us

Family Math Night (3 nights, travel and materials \$650.00)

- Motion by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Marc Tremblay, APPROVED by all of us

Grade 7 year end trip \$500.00

- Motion by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Michelle Johnson, APPROVED by all of us

Primary K-3 trip up to \$800.00

- Motion by Jennifer Jackson, seconded by Denise Wright, APPROVED by all of us

One-to-One Reading \$200.00, 9 tutors with 9 students for 1/2 hour 3 times per week

- APPROVED by all of us

Mathletics 60 books \$567.00

- APPROVED by all of us

Buddy Bench would be a colourful bench for primary and new students used to help include children who may be feeling left out and who would like to find a buddy. Will discuss further at next meeting.

**School Trustee/Liaison Report:**

Rhonda Kershaw explained that the reason for extending CEAs for supervision is because there is not always adequate supervision with parent volunteers.

**PAC Elections:**

President (Chair) – Denise Wright

Trustee – Michelle Johnson

Vice Chair – Jennifer Jackson

Secretary – Lindsay Fennell/Juliana Oja

Ashley Salle to take on PAC board decorating/updating

Next PAC meeting will be October 7, 2015 at 8:45 AM