BX PAC Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

8:30-10am

BX Staff Room

In attendance:

Brianne Boulter (Vice Pac Chair), Robin Cardew, (Vice Pac Chair) Sarah Hanson (DPAC), Christal Armstrong (treasurer), Shawna Booker (MAL), Trish Hanke, Amy Klassen, Andrea Holmgren, Sarah Miller, Tyler Galenzoski (principal)

Call meeting to order at 8:40am by Brianne Boulter.

No one had a chance to look over the October minutes, so will be approved at the next meeting.

Principal's report: Tyler Galenzoski

Parent/teacher/student conference feedback. Overall positive. Teachers are still working the new system. Parent feedback: Concerns with the absence of dialogue between parent and teacher with child absent.

New Reporting order from the district. Parent connect will be shutting down as they transition into Myed.

Pro D activities the teachers were working on: Google Classroom, Early Primary Oral Language, Fine Motor Bins, Adrienne Gear Writing (focus on student goals), Fresh Grade, Assessment.

Volleyball wrap up tournaments. We will be hosting one. We had 54 students participating.

Christmas Concert will be Dec. 5th. Students are already practicing.

Building update: They will be moving 2 portables with a crane into the courtyard to prepare for construction. Some classes will be using them until the new addition is completed.

The back parking lot is still a struggle. Parents are asked to please use the front parking lot and leave the back parking lot for the staff.

Thank you from the teachers for all the wish list items purchased thus far. They will work on purchasing the remainder of the list.

Some of the gym classes will be doing some Lacrosse/Futsal.

Read with me RCMP program is underway. They have just rewarded the first batch of certificates. RCMP will also be coming on Monday to discuss Internet Safety with grades 6/7s.

DPAC REPORT- Sarah Hanson

Nothing to report. Group shared feedback from the DPAC dinner.

Treasurer's Report- Christal Armstrong

Gaming Account: 7445 was spent on the teacher's wish lists and 2550 went towards Grade 7 graduation. Remaining balance as of Nov 12, 5,541.

Hotdog and pizza lunches on the go so update from that coming.

Ongoing Business: Brianne Boulter

Halloween Dance (Trish Hanke)

Dance was a big hit. Approx. 300 in attendance which is a big jump from last year. Student involvement was really good and gave kids some ownership and got them excited to bring their families. Need to work on the issue of parents dropping kids and leaving. Some ideas for the future: Do we have a sign in? Do we have admin there to recognize the kids without parents?

Also would like to see something more planned with garbage/recycling and maybe a committee just for clean up.

BCTF workshop for parents will be held either January 30th @ 6pm or January 23rd @ 6pm. Waiting to hear back with booking confirmation on date and minimum number needed in attendance. Suggested at the meeting that we open it up to the district and invite parents from other schools to help with attendance.

Christmas Fundraiser was not supported as well as hoped. This is probably due to it being run earlier and not many people ready to think about Christmas. We also think it would help to offer some prizes next year for top sellers to get kids excited about it. Pick up for all the Christmas fundraisers will be November 28th from 1-5. Christmas basket raffle will start mid November and will be organized by Karyn and John.

Fundraisers for January/February. Was some discussion weather we should run another fundraiser in the new year. Some ideas included: online auction, parent social night, family ceiling tile paint night (this sounds like it might be too much work), Spell a thon. Parents are invited to brainstorm and share any ideas you might have.

We will do a special Hot lunch day in late January. Mary Brown's chicken has contacted us and the PAC exec will follow up with them to confirm if this will be possible. Proper labeling and items sorted by division will be needed. This should be possible as our online system can print out labels to give to supplies.

New Business -Brianne Boulter

Teach and Learn Fundraiser is booked for Friday Dec. 6th from 5-8pm. All sales will earn the BX PAC 20% in the form of a cheque. Free babysitting and gift wrapping will be provided. There will be multiple schools on this night, so it is important to quote BX when making a purchase. Posters and more info to follow once received.

BX PAC has signed up with Cobbs bread for "Raise the Dough". Purchases made at the Anderson Way location will earn the BX PAC 5% back when BX elementary is mentioned.

Mrs. Norris will be doing a recording of the choir next Friday, November 22nd, and is looking for one or two parent volunteers willing to hold an iPad to record for about an hour. If you can help with this, please let the office know.

Traffic is still a concern. If you personally have an issue, please contact Amanda Shatzko. She is our rep and can voice your concerns to the district and hopefully help us find a solution.

Sarah Hanson motioned to put together a playground committee. Christal Armstrong seconds, everyone approves. She will be looking into making our playground accessible. In charge of grants/fundraising. If you are interested in joining this team, contact Sarah.

Need to send out next round of pizza order forms. Need to make sure the sheet clearly states the student and their class info.

Events Calendar: Brianne Boulter

November 19th- Hot Dog day November 26th- Hot Dog day November 28th-Christmas fundraiser pick up December 6th- Christmas concert December 6th- Teach & Learn fundraiser night

Next PAC Meeting to be held Wednesday December 11th, 2019 @7pm in school library.

Note: These minutes are the best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting by Brianne Boulter. Any noteworthy errors or omissions are unintentional.