

BX PAC Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2020

5:30pm

BX Gym

In attendance:

Amanda Connor (PAC President), Sarah Hanson (DPAC), Trish Hanke, Tyler Galenzoski (Principal), Louise Alexander (Vice Principal), Brianne Boulter (Vice President), Shawna Brooker (Member at Large), Rachael Milner (Member At Large), Natacha Castanheira, Fakri Fituri, Marnee Maxted, Patience Meaker, Laurie Case, Katrina Johnson, Selena Russell, Mitch Sawyer, Kendra Sawyer, Dawn Lypchuk

Call meeting to order at 5:34pm by Amanda Connor

Attendees were reminded to sign in and that their signature confirmed that they answer “NO” to all of the health check questions in order to adhere to Covid 19 protocols. All chairs were spaced 6 feet apart and masks were to be worn.

Introductions were made.

The school year started off different from last year as the PAC was not able to have a “First Day of School” table or offer a “Photo Booth” for first day of school photos. Volunteers set up cones and supervised the Drop Off Zone for the first week back to school. Parents followed the rules and the Drop Off Zone worked well. Facebook members have increased in number which has made it easier to get information out to more parents.

Principal’s report: Tyler Galenzoski- Principal

-456 students registered; 17 spots are being held for BX students who are distance learning with Vlearn.

-Mrs. Dias was hired to complete staffing. There are 10 EA’s and they are looking to hire more. There are over 50 staff members currently.

-2 lunch breaks mean noon hour supervisors are working 1 ½ hours this year

-Staff moral has been good. June helped with some of the protocols. Administration has given teachers more time teach the new safety protocols and to get students settled in their daily routine.

-There were class configuration challenges at the start of the year. The school is given a certain number of staff and then administrators have to fit all the students into classes based on the number of staff they are given. There are many challenges to making classes. There are limits on students with IEP’s per class, students who don’t get along with other students and many others. Split classes are not as they were in the past. No longer are weaker kids put in the high grade of a split class or advanced kids put in lower grades of a split class. There are diverse maturity levels in all classes and a mix of all academic abilities. There is a wide range of learning abilities and students are given work based on their level.

-Because of the lack of space in the school, students and staff are working hard to follow pandemic protocols. Signage has been place and sanitizing stations added.

-Kids were excited to return to class even though the routines are different. They are happy to be with their friends and are adapting quickly to the new norm.

-RECESS: There will be 4 x 15 min recess breaks starting at 10:00am going until 11:00am. There are 20 classes, so 5 classes will go out during each 15 min break. There will be 5 designated "play stations". Each class will go to their scheduled play station (example Div. 1 is at play station A on Monday, B on Tuesday C on Wednesday etc. 1 cohort per station. The stations have been given the names: Polar Bear, Black Bear, Kodiak, Grizzly and Spirit Bear.

LUNCH: Primary grades will go outside at 12:02pm for 39 minutes. At 12:41 pm the WHOLE school will eat. At 12:51 the intermediates will go outside for 39 mins. Students will be allowed to eat longer than the 10 minutes allotted. There will be no student lunch monitors this year.

Because there are only 2 outside lunch break times, classes will cohort with another class of the same grade (where possible). Cohorts (of 2 classes) will follow the schedule for the 5 play stations on a rotating basis, just like at recess. There will be one supervisor per play station.

The Primary grades are being given multiple "snack times" as it is a longer wait for lunch this year.

Lunchtime cohorts may be adjusted to allow more classes to play with kids in their own grades. These adjustments are being looked at to make sure they follow the safety protocols in place.

-Pandemic Plan from the government has been updated a few times since Aug. 25. It is available to the public online. SD22 and BX are following the guidelines set forth from the BCCDC and the Provincial Health Officer.

-A Virtual assembly via Microsoft Teams will be done on Friday September 25th in honour of Terry Fox. Classes will be given times to run during the day.

-Wednesday September 30 will be Orange Shirt Day

-Starfish Backpack program will start again soon. Tyler G. is identifying BX families and will let the PAC know how many backpacks he would like the PAC to sponsor this year.

-There is funding from the Federal Government for specific needs due to Covid 19. The administration is putting together a list of items such as: More clerical time as there is a lot more reporting, phone calls and isolating sick students which takes time. Covered areas and benches for more student learning outside.

-The Leadership Team would like to run spirit days again this year (crazy hair day, backwards day etc.) These days will be announced and run on a Wednesday. BX shirt days will be scheduled on Fridays. Order forms for BX shirts and hoodies will be going home soon.

-Payment for school supplies has not been requested yet. The district is testing an online payment site. Once the district has it up and running, instructions for payment will be sent home.

-FSA (Fundamental Skill Assessment) testing for Grades 4 and 7 will start on October 5th.

-A notice of Ring Worm went home to students in the affected class.

-Building update: 2 classes are in the library until December when 2 classrooms are expected to be ready for them. The music room is being rebuilt and should also be done before Christmas break.

-The primary playground is in storage with the district. The playground will be put back in the next few months.

-Picture day will be on October 9th.

DPAC Report – Sarah Hanson

The September DPAC meeting will be held on Thursday Sept.24th. Sarah will share any important or time sensitive information via the BX PAC Facebook page. The DPAC has been heavily involved in back to school plans with the district and continues to voice parent's concerns and give suggestions.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Connor OBO Christal Armstrong

*See attached report

Funds that can be allocated to this year's school "Wish List" total \$ 26803.14. Butcher Boys credit stands at \$4379.61. Because we were not able to run a "Receipt Drive" this year, Butcher Boys generously gave the BX PAC 2.5% in credit and 2.5% in cash on \$75,000 of the \$115,137.14 we turned in in September. They gave us the standard 1% in credit on the remaining \$40,137.14.

Ongoing Business: Amanda Connor

Garden Project: The shed has been installed in the garden. Tyler G. is still looking into options for an archway with plaques to recognize the donors. Amanda C. will contact Denise Bateman about sending out the thank you cards to the donors.

Inclusive Playground: Sarah H. reported that the committee is still researching all available options and funding grants. Because the district uses pea gravel as their playground bases, we are not able to use pour in place as a base option. Having the pea gravel next to it voids the warranty. If the district switches to wood chips, we could then use pour in place. Sarah H. suggested that we look at installing the inclusive elements we want with an option to change the base material at a later date. Because of the costs involved, this project will need to be done in stages over many years.

HOTLUNCHES.NET: All PAC events and fundraisers will be run through our online website. No cash or cheques will be accepted this year. Christal A. will continue to manage the website.

Meeting Schedule for 2020/2021: It was discussed amongst the attendees and was decided that PAC meetings will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The time will change to 6:00pm and the location will be the BX School Gym. Marnee M. volunteered to look into live streaming options. It was decided that while we are permitted to meet in person, we will continue to do so. If pandemic plans change, meetings will move to an online format.

New Business – Amanda Connor

Crosswalk on Silver Star Rd: Tyler G. is talking to the district about options for a crossing guard at this crosswalk. Amanda C. confirmed that the PAC will not offer volunteers for this job as the volunteers have no insurance should they be in an accident.

Butcher Boys Credit: Because the PAC will not be able to run it's usual public events that the Butcher Boys credit is used for, Amanda C. suggested the following uses: Snacks for students without lunches/snacks, Gift Cards for Starfish backpacks in December, Hot Dog days for students, Special Treat days for students (popsicles, freezies, ice cream etc.) The PAC Executive will discuss ideas and implement during the year.

Fundraising First Term: All fundraising will be online. Amanda C. suggested that if anyone would like to form a Fundraising Committee to please contact the PAC. The PAC executive will discuss some options and implement with parent volunteers.

2020/2021 PAC Executive Elections:

PRESIDENT: No nominations were made. Amanda Connor let her name stand. Amanda Connor was **Elected by acclamation**

VICE PRESIDENT (2): Brianne Boulter let her name stand. Robin Cardew stepped down. Shawna Brooker was nominated. No other nominations. Brianne Boulter was **Elected by acclamation**. Shawna Brooker was **Elected by acclamation**.

TREASURER: Christal Armstrong stepped down. Marnee Maxted was nominated. No other nominations. Marnee Maxted was **Elected by acclamation**. Christal Armstrong will be taken off as a signing authority, Marnee Maxted will be added as a signing authority.

SECRETARY: This position was vacant. No nominations were made. After the meeting, Rachael Milner agreed to step into the Secretary position as she stepped down as Member At Large. Unless other nominations are received, Rachael Milner will be elected by acclamation at the next PAC Meeting.

DPAC: Sarah Hanson let her name stand. No other nominations. Sarah Hanson was **Elected by acclamation** with BX support.

Members At Large: Shawna Brooker stepped down. Rachael Milner Stepped down. Selena Russell was nominated. Trish Hanke was nominated. No other nominations. Selena Russell was **Elected by acclamation**. Trish Hanke was **Elected by acclamation**.

Events Calendar – Amanda Connor

September 24- First Pizza Thursday

September 25- Terry Fox Run

September 28- Pro D day

September 30- Orange Shirt Day

October 9 – Photo Day

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday October 14, 2020 @ 6:00pm in the BX Gym

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 21 , 2020

TD Main Bank

Gaming Account

Opening Balance:	26,803.14	Opening Balance:	5,541.44
Money In:		Money In:	
Pizza In	4,116.00	Sept	0.00
Misc last year	344.35		
Mabel Labels	<u>5.40</u>	Total Money In	0.00
Total Money In	<u>4,465.75</u>	Money Out:	
Money Out:		Sept	291.56
Sep			
Bambora			
Fees	111.38		
Total Money Out:	<u>111.38</u>	Total Money Out:	<u>291.56</u>
Ending Bank	<u>31,157.51</u>		
		Ending Gaming	<u>5,249.88</u>
Total last year:	26,803.14		

Account Balances

Main Account	31,157.51	31,157.51
Gaming Account	5,249.88	5,249.88
Butcher Boys Credit	4379.61	4379.61