# BX PAC Meeting Minutes 

February 10, 2021 7:00pm Via Zoom

## In attendance:

Amanda Connor (PAC President), Lance Johnson (Principal), Shawna Brooker (Vice President), Rachael Milner (Secretary), Marnee Maxted (Treasurer), Selena Russell (Member At Large), Sarah Hanson (DPAC), Trish Hanke (Member At Large), Brianne Boulter (Vice President)

## Call meeting to order at 7:01 pm by Amanda Connor

Motion made by Marnee M. to adopt the January meeting minutes. Seconded by Shawna H. Discussion Held. Motion carried.

No additions to the agenda

Principal's report: Lance Johnson- Principal

1. Kindergarten Registration - We are now up to 44 registrations.
2. Construction Update- Hydro brought the transformer to our school on February 3rd. It is being connected to the school on February 12th (weather dependent). This is a huge deal because the new wing will finally have power and they will finally be able to install all of the lights and get the fire suppression system operational. This will speed up the building process for us. Hopefully the weather is warm enough that they can still connect the transformer on Friday. If it is, I am hoping to be able to announce by the end of February when our move in date will be.
3. Classroom Placements - Staff have been told which classrooms will move into the new part of the building. Please refer to the map for specifics (attached) In general:
-grades 3 and up will go to the new wing
$-K$ and $K / 1$ classrooms will be in the office wing
-there will be a playground built in the area where Lisa Quiring's and Lauren Helton's classrooms are currently located
-the playground will be referred to as Nash's playground even though we are not allowed to formally name it with a sign
4. Grade 7 Year End Planning - I reached out to our grade 7 teachers on Monday for us to discuss what things might look like for our grade 7's at the end of the year.
5. Exposure Control Plan Update - The provincial health officer updated requirements for schools last week. Students in elementary school do not need to wear a mask anymore unless they choose to. This includes students in grade 6 \& 7 as well. I have had one parent contact me and ask that his children not to be made to wear a mask and I let their classroom teachers, Music teacher and library teacher know of that family's request. Teachers are allowed to 'highly encourage' students to wear masks but they can't make students wear them.
6. Grade 1 Readers - Mrs. Martin's grade 1's read to me yesterday and Mrs. Tuomi's/Cooke's grade 1's read to me today. The students did really well and left the office feeling proud of themselves and with a special scratch and sniff sticker on their hand. Doing this allows the kids to feel proud about their achievement and to get to know me better and see that that big guy in the office is okay. It's also a good opportunity for me to email some personalized feedback to the parents. I will be reading with the other grade 1's next week.
7. Fruit and Veggie program - Is there a parent wanting to come into the school twice month to sort fruits and vegetables into classroom bins and bring them to each class? In my experiences, parents like this because you're not committed to a particular day and you get the opportunity to naturally see what's happening in the school. This person needs to have a Food Safe certificate.

## DPAC REPORT - Sarah Hanson

DPAC has been organizing presentations for parents via Zoom this year. DPAC feels that because of current gathering restrictions, presentations over Zoom are a great way to reach more parents and they can also offer more presentations. The next scheduled presentations are: Understanding Parent Stakeholders In Public Education, February $22^{\text {nd }}$ and Advocating For Your Student, March $8^{\text {th }}$. Both presentations require preregistration. Please refer to the announcements below, check our FB page, or contact the PAC for more info.


The DPAC has been actively advocating for parents regarding recent proposed changes to the district's bussing policy. They are asking for lower fees for eligible riders. They are also advocating for more transparency in the budget building process.

## Treasurer's Report - Marnee Maxted

*see report attached.
The invoice for HotLunches. Net has been received. Marnee M. made a motion if the PAC should continue to use this platform for our fundraisers and hot lunches. Discussion was held. Motion carried. Discussion was held if the PAC should pass on the costs associated with collecting money using this platform (Bambora) and it was tabled. The PAC Executive will consider passing on these costs ( $\$ 0.25+2.7 \%$ per transaction) starting in September 2021.

## Ongoing Business: Amanda Connor

Valentine's Fundraiser- There were 31 orders placed. Amanda C. will also pick up a gift card from Vernon Teach \& Learn in the amount of $\$ 184.06$ that was earned from the fundraiser shopping night in December. The PAC has also purchased heart cookies from Butcher Boys to distribute to every student on Thursday Feb. $11^{\text {th }}$ for Valentine's Day. Tongs were also purchased for each class so that the cookies could be handled according to Covid Protocols.

Chocolate Bunny Fundraiser- This will launch Feb. $17^{\text {th }}$ and orders will be taken until March $4^{\text {th }}$. These are made locally in Armstrong and can be customized with a first name.

## New Business - Amanda Connor

Butcher Boys Receipt Drive- The PAC will be organizing a Butcher Boys Receipt Drive for March and April. Receipts collected and dated March or April 2021 will earn the PAC $2.5 \%$ back in store credit and $2.5 \%$ back in cash. The class with the highest per student dollar amount will win a Treat Party. Treat prizes for $2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ place will also be awarded. Notice to be emailed out the last week of February. Buckets will be collected from the classrooms on May $4^{\text {th }}$.

DPAC Zoom meetings- The DPAC is organizing informative zoom meetings for parents. "Understanding Parent Stakeholders in Public Education" will take place on February 22n. Amanda C. encouraged all Executive members to attend as this meeting will address the role of a PAC and what PAC's should be aware of and practicing. Preregistration is required.

Events Calendar- Amanda Connor
February $11^{\text {th }}$-Valentine's order pick up
February $12^{\text {th }}$ - Pro D Day
February $15^{\text {th }}$ - Family Day
February $17^{\text {th }}$ - Backwards Day/ Chocolate Bunny Fundraiser
February $18^{\text {th }}$ - School Lockdown Practice
February $24^{\text {th }}$ - Pink Shirt Day
March 1-Butcher Boys Receipt Drive
March 4- Chocolate Bunny Fundraiser orders due
March 10- PAC meeting at 7pm via Zoom/ Book Character Day
March 13-March 28- Spring Break
April 14 - Class Photos
April 15 - Crazy Hair Day

## Questions and Comments

Rachael M. suggested a "Mask Fundraiser" that she has seen done at Silver Star Elementary. Masks can be customized with the school logo and initials for students. They come in adult and child sizes. Lance Johnson (principal) suggested that multiple colour options would be preferred as to distinguish masks from one another. Rachael M. will contact Sun Valley Sports for more information.

## Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

## Next meeting to be held on Wednesday March $10^{\text {th }} @ 7: 00$ pm via Zoom

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


Prepared by Marnee Maxted as a volunteer treasurer of the BX PAC.
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## Proposed classroom assignments as of February 10, 2021

Classes currently in portables will move into the new wing first, followed by Paul/Chambers, Thomson, Wankling, Rivard/Wanless, Anderson, Dias and Tyssen's classes. The classrooms in the Office Wing will be renovated before Braun, Coleman and Pentland move in. Martin, Miller and Cooke/Tuomi will then choose their classrooms once they have been renovated.


