

BX PAC Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

6:00pm

BX Library

In attendance:

Amanda Connor (PAC President), Shawna Brooker (Vice President), Marnee Maxted (Treasurer), Selena Russell (Member At Large), Louise Alexander (Vice Principal), Rachael Milner (Secretary), Trish Hanke (Member At Large), Lance Johnson (Principal), Sarah Hanson (DPAC Rep), Brianne Boulter (Vice President), Jen Olson, Michael Mthandazo, Iryna Doroshenko, Lacey Dueck, Danielle Galbraith, Dawn Lypchuk, Kat Johnson, Kelly Ingersoll, Alicia Awesome, Leanne Kirsch

Call meeting to order at 6:03 pm by Amanda Connor

Motion made by Selena R. to adopt the June meeting minutes. Seconded by Shawna B. Discussion Held.

Motion carried.

No additions to the agenda

Principal's report: Lance Johnson- Principal

1. Start-Up

We are very pleased with our start-up process this year. It is always my first choice if we can have students begin at their new class and not go to last year's class on the first day. This is better for new students and gets students and staff into a rhythm quicker.

We have 57 Kindergarten students. One student is moving at the end of September to bring us to 56. Is there a way that we can try to engage these parents with PAC?

Parent requests continue to be a cause of concern for me. We had 5 parents request a change of class. I look into each case individually by meeting with last year's teacher and reviewing the reason for placement, going into the classroom and observing the student, going outside to observe the student and talking with the current classroom teacher. I then email the parent with my decision and explain why I made it. Of the 5 parent requests, I moved one student. The other 4 students remained in their class. The reason for the move was that when I did the review, I realized that we made a mistake when we made some final classroom changes on Thursday and Friday before school started. If we allowed every parent request, it would have a detrimental effect on the greater group of students as we would not be able to make placements based on the best needs of all students.

We have a lot of split classes at BX and there are a lot of split classes throughout our school district. The reason for the splits at BX is because of the regulations around special education students. We can only have 2 students that are declared special education students in a classroom, if possible. So, let's say grade 7's have 7 sped students and 55 grade 7's in total. The principal can't make two straight grade 7 classes of 27 and 28 students. You automatically have to go to 4 classes (4 grade 6/7 classes) to meet this regulation. Then you need to look at your grade 6 sped numbers. If you have too many, you now need to create grade 5/6 classes and then you look at your grade 5 sped numbers etc. etc. This is why we have grade 6 students spread out across 6 classrooms and a couple of other grades spread out across 4 classrooms.

The other factor is class size regulations, although class size does not play nearly as much of a role in splits vs straight grades. Here are the maximum class size limits so you are aware:

K – 20

K/1 – 20

Straight grades 1 - 3 – 22

Split grades 1- 3 – 22

3/4 split – 23

Straight grades 4 – 7 – 30

Split grades 4 – 7 - 28

2. Orange Shirt Day (Louise)

We will have an assembly on September 29th at 10:45. We will have a ceremony to raise the OKIB flag and unveil our painting for our entrance. If the event can happen outside, parents are able to attend. Parents asked if moved inside, could parents watch online. Louise A. to investigate. More information to follow.

3. Lunch Schedule (Louise)

Primary lunch begins – 12:02

Lunch eating for all – 12:30

Eating ends/Int. play begins – 12:40

Intermediate play ends – 1:08

Our lunch time has decreased because of the BC Winter Games. With schools closed an additional 2 days, 11 minutes had to be added to the school day and it was added during lunch time due to transportation.

4. Volleyball (Lance)

We have enough teachers that have volunteered to coach our grade 6 & 7 volleyball teams. The elementary athletic association met after school today. I need to review the Communicable Disease Guidelines that were shared and then we will send out information to grade 6 and 7 students and families about the upcoming volleyball season.

DPAC REPORT – Sarah Hanson

Sarah H. discussed the roles of PAC, DPAC and BCCPAC and how parents can seek support from them.

Chain of Communication- If parents have an issue, they should first speak to their child's teacher. If no resolution, they should contact the school's administration. If no resolution, they can contact the PAC to provide support with discussion with administration. If no resolution, they can contact DPAC for support. If at anytime a parent would like support, they are welcome to contact the PAC to attend meetings with teachers/admin.

District Communicable Disease Plan – This document is on the district's website and was posted on the PAC's Facebook page. Parents should familiarize themselves with the plan and what is expected from their children and themselves if they enter a school building.

Treasurer's Report – Marnee Maxted

*see report attached.

A Budget column was added to the report to show what funds the PAC has available to spend for this school year. PAC funds raised last year, are to be spend on this year's students. Funds raised this year will be spendt next year. The PAC will allocate funds for purchases they want to make this school year and the amount left can be used on the school's Wish List.

The October PAC meeting is the Budget Meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend to have a say in how PAC funds are spent.

Sarah Hanson reminded parents that all parents are responsible for the PAC's finances and should read the report monthly.

Ongoing Business: Amanda Connor

No ongoing business was carried over.

New Business: Amanda Connor

Amendments to constitution – Amanda C. put forth a motion to amend the constitution to allow for Co-Chairpersons/Co- Presidents (2). Discussion held. **Motion Carried.** Amanda C. will amend the constitution and submit to DPAC and the district to have on file.

Sexual Health Education- The PAC contacted Dawn Ansdell of Okanagan Sexual Wellness Education and Empowerment Tools (OK Sweet) to get information about her program. (www.oksweet.ca) Dawn has been a nurse for over 20 years and a Nurse Practitioner for over 15 years. At the meeting in June, the PAC voted in favour of bringing this program to BX School in the spring. The estimated cost for presentations to every class (21 -in grade groups) is \$3500.00. Discussion was held. Parents asked if Dawn could attend a PAC meeting and share some more information about her program and her ideology. Amanda C. will invite Dawn to the next PAC meeting. Administration and parents were in favour of this program.

Lunch Moms- The Lunch Moms program will not be operating at BX this year. The owner has retired. Dawn L. and Kat J. did some research into alternatives to organize on a Monday on behalf of the PAC. Discussion was held and it was decided that Dawn and Kat would present an alternative to the PAC Executive and that the PAC would try it on a temporary basis.

Halloween Event- Trish Hanke will meet with administration to determine what can be organized this year. Due to restrictions, a Halloween Dance will not be permitted.

First Term Fundraising – There will be a Christmas Card Fundraiser planned this year. The PAC will also organize a poinsettia and holiday greens fundraiser. The Christmas Basket Raffle will be on hold until we know if Christmas concerts can take place. The PAC will discuss other options for the baskets if they can not be run as usual.

Events Calendar- Amanda Connor

September 23rd – First Pizza Thursday

September 27th – Pro D Day

September 30th – National Truth and Reconciliation Day – Holiday

October 13th – PAC Meeting (Budget meeting)

Questions and Comments

Meeting adjourned at 7.37 pm

Next meeting to be held October 13, 2021

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

BX PAC - Financial Statement September 15, 2021

MAIN ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance:	\$22,898.98	September 1, 2021
	REVENUE:	EXPENSES:
Pizza-Term 1		
Pizza- Term 2		
Pizza- Term 3		
Special Hot Lunch		
DFS Fundraiser		
Poinsettia Fundraiser		
Valentines Fundraiser		
Easter Fundraiser		
Growing Smiles		
Hardship Pizza		
Lunch Mom's		
Cob's Bread		
Butcher Boys		
Mabel's Labels		
Micellaneous: PAC Supplies		
2020/2021 Wish List Outstanding		
2021/2022 Wish List		
Starfish Backpacks		
Bambora Fees		
Bank Fees		
TOTAL:	\$22,898.98	\$0.00
BALANCE:	\$22,898.98	

GAMING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance:	\$8,293.55	
	REVENUE:	EXPENSES:
2021/2022 Gaming Grant		
2021/2022 Wish List		
2020/2021 Wish List Outstanding		\$9,246.72
Bank Fees		
TOTAL:	\$8,293.55	\$9,246.72
BALANCE:	-\$953.17	

CREDIT:				
	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Butcher Boys	\$5,150.41		\$69.48	\$5,080.93
Teach & Learn	\$309.06			\$309.06

HARDSHIP PIZZA:		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Term 1		
Term 2		
Term 3		
TOTAL COST		\$0.00

BUDGET:		
Opening Balance:	\$	22,898.98
		<u>Estimated Expense</u>
Wish List Items		
Sexual Health Presentations	\$	3,500.00
Hardship Pizza		
Halloween Event		
TOTAL	\$	3,500.00
BALANCE:	\$	19,398.98