

BX PAC Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

6:00pm

BX Library

In attendance:

Amanda Connor (PAC President), Selena Russell (Member At Large), Lance Johnson (Principal), Marnee Maxted (Treasurer), Brianne Boulter (Vice President), Louise Alexander (Vice Principal), Trish Hanke (Member At Large)
Amanda Kopiak, Kelly Ingersoll

Call meeting to order at 6:01 pm by Amanda Connor

Motion made by Marnee M. to adopt the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Trish H. Discussion Held.

Motion carried.

No additions to the agenda

Principal's report: Lance Johnson- Principal

1. Basketball

- a. We had a very successful season and the year-end tournament that we organized at VSS was highly attended by parents and grandparents. The players loved the experience of playing in front of a crowd.

2. Tube Town

- a. Information went home to families. We have our two grade 1 classes going to Jump2It in Kelowna so the straight grade 1 classes do not miss out on doing a fun activity.

3. Kindergarten Registration

- a. We currently have 34 Kindergarten students registered and we're projected to have 52.

4. Coaching Recognition

- a. In previous schools, I asked the PAC if they would sponsor an opportunity to recognize our coaches. I am wondering if PAC will put \$200 toward appies for our coaches? It would entail \$100 for volleyball and \$100 for basketball. From my experience, coaches feel very touched by the acknowledgement.

5. Grade 7 Recognition

- a. Louise met with our grade 7 teachers and has a few ideas to share with you.
BX Grad Night will be June 21st. A notice will go home to Gr.7 parents about organizing it.
A day trip is being planned by the teachers. They are looking at options and costs.

6. Parent Conferences

- a. We are waiting until we see what happens with the restrictions in April to make any official plans for our parent conferences at the end of April. Our staff will meet about it on April 12th and information will go out to parents shortly after.

7. Sexual Health Education

- a. Dawn Ansdell will be at BX during the 2nd and 3rd week of April. Dawn recommends splitting our 5/6 classes for the presentations and keeping the other classrooms together. She is currently working with Okanagan Landing with sexual health education.

8. School Goals

- a. We will increase our school community's awareness and understanding of racism.
- b. We will increase our reading comprehension for all students by developing students' ability to communicate and think critically about their reading.
 - i. We will continue to work on these two goals over the next 3 or so years.
 - ii. Teachers recently reviewed our school data to help guide us on where we go next year with these goals.
 - iii. From the data, we determined that we need to look at our student's writing as writing and reading are tied together for literacy.
 - iv. We will also be looking at our grade 1, 2 and 3 classes next year. You will see that their literacy results on their June report cards are significantly lower. We will be reviewing our June 2022 report card results to see if the gap caused by students not being at school during covid is being made up or if we have to put further resources into those grades.

9. Child Care

- a. I spoke with Jen Friesen (vice-principal of early learning) and Jessie Harms (Boys' and Girls' Club) this week. They feel that the results of the survey show that there is a need for childcare in this area. They will move forward with a planned start date in September. They are hoping to have information out to parents by late May. Some important things to be aware of with the childcare program at BX are:
 - childcare program is taking place on SD22 grounds
 - fully operated and staffed by BGC Okanagan
 - BGC is renting our facility, on a yearly basis
 - all registrations and communication will be facilitated through BGC

With so many new childcare options coming up in Vernon, there is some confusion about which is which, so we want you to be aware **that this is a third-party childcare operator**, operating on school grounds, with an organization that we have a great relationship with!

10. Upcoming Dates

- a. March 17 – Green and Gold Day
- b. March 18 – Last day of school
- c. April 4 – School Reopens
- d. April 8 – P is for Privilege presentations in intermediate classrooms
- e. April 15 – Good Friday
- f. April 18 – Easter Monday
- g. April 20 – Class Photos
- h. April 22 – Wacky Hair Day
- i. April 28 & 29 – Parent Conferences (Busses Run 3 Hours Early)

11. BX Badge Prizes will be changing. Students will now receive a certificate to take home when they receive recognition. A copy of the certificate will be placed in either the primary or the intermediate bin. Each week a couple of students from each bin will win a prize. Prizes will be purchased with PAC money donated at the budget meeting in October. These prizes will be upgraded consist of gift cards, vouchers, coupons, stickers etc. that will appeal to the intermediated.

Motion made by Amanda C to vote on Coaching Recognition funds. Seconded by Marnee M. Discussion Held.
Motion carried. Marnee M will issue a check to the school for \$200.00

DPAC Report: Amanda Connor OBO Sarah Hanson

Sarah sends her regrets and sent this information on to be read:
DPAC Rep needed for BX Elementary. With me as President, BX loses its distinct voice at the district level through DPAC. Would be great to have someone step up into that role.

BCCPAC Parent Conference and AGM - BX could choose to fund 2 members to attend. DPAC will be sending 2 delegates. But we are pretty sure proxy voting will not be allowed again this year, so BX only gets a vote at AGM if someone attends. We expect a resolution to be presented at the AGM to change this bylaw. All conference info on the BCCPAC website.

Published high school completion rates for SD22 revealed very low percentages for Indigenous Students, ELL Students and Students with Diverse Needs. Funding for Indigenous students exists, and many initiatives and programs are slowly improving graduation rates. The completion rates for ELL and Diverse Needs fall below the average range in most districts in BC. DPAC has brought this forward as a concern and hopes to advocate for Students and parents in those areas.

Concerns with the Gaga Pit without accessible gate had brought about some changes at the district level. The exceptional staff in Student Support Services will be consulted more. It was simply a gap in process, but DPAC is very happy that PAC voices helped create this positive change.

We hope to host a district wide speaker on social media again. It has been 3 years since we last did this. There are ongoing social media issues within high-school that have been concerning and are against the school code of conduct. Education for students and parents is sometimes helpful with the right speaker. DPAC has funds it would like to use for this if we can find a speaker who is back to in person work.

Sd22 budget time! If you want more info, it's all on the website. Parent voices and feedback are always welcome.

Many other ongoing committees and initiatives. I hope to be at the next meeting to speak to them!

Sarah

Treasurer Report: Marnee Maxted

* See attached

Etransfer received from Lunch Moms in the amount of \$900.00. Thank you to Lunch Moms for their support.

Correspondence: Amanda Connor 5 minutes

The following email was received:

On behalf of our students, volunteers and The Okanagan Literacy Society I would like to thank you for your wonderful donation to the Reading Together Program.

With big help of Mrs. Best, I have been able to select great books. We now have wonderful new books in our little library, which we hope to grow and maintain on a yearly basis.

Regards,
Romy Hiemstra
BX School coordinator for
The Reading Together Program

Ongoing Business: Amanda Connor 15 minutes

Sexual Education Parent Night- Scheduled for Tuesday April 5th @ 6:30pm at BX School. Information and RSVP instructions will be sent out

Bunnies & Honeys Fundraiser – Well supported. Pick up will be Monday April 11th from 3:30-6:00pm at BX School. Question was raised as to why a paper notice was sent home. Some families order these bunnies from the “Easter Bunny” and were disappointed because their student saw the notice. The PAC did not ask for it to be sent home with students. Lance will talk to the office staff. The PAC apologies for the error.

BB Receipt Drive- Buckets are in the classrooms and receipts dated March and April 2022 will be collected until May 4th. Volunteers will be needed to tally the classes.

Growing Smiles – Notice will be going home right after spring break. Orders will be accepted until April 21st. Pick up will be on Friday May 6th.

BX Legacy Garden – A donor sign is still needed. Amanda C brought forth an estimate for a boulder with a flat face and names etched in. Cost would be approx.\$2100.00. This option would last a long time. Louise A. suggested asking a new teacher in the school who is an artist if they would be interested in making one. Amanda C suggested that it would be nice to have one ready in time for the Apple Blossom Fair so that we could hold the garden’s grand opening then too.

Executive Elections for 2022/2023 – Notice is given that elections for the 2022/2023 executive will take place at the AGM on Wednesday May 11th. All positions will be open for election. Any PAC members wishing to run or would like more information are asked to contact the PAC. Amanda Connor will be stepping down as President, so a new president will need to be elected.

New Business: Amanda Connor 5 Minutes

Apple Blossom Fair- Brianne Boulter will head a parent volunteer committee to organize our annual event. This event will take place on Friday May 27th. An FB post and email will be sent once a date for the first meeting is arranged.

Member feedback/questions:

Amanda K. asked if there are any other clubs organized at the school. Lance J. said there was a club running out of the resource room and that a chess club will be starting up after spring break. Track & Field will also be starting. Clubs are run by staff so they are volunteer dependant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Next meeting to be held April 13, 2022

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

March 9, 2022

<u>MAIN ACCOUNT</u>		
Opening Balance:	\$22,898.98	September 1, 2021
	<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>EXPENSES:</u>
Pizza- Term 1	\$10,774.00	\$7,386.65
Pizza- Term 2	\$11,364.00	\$3,798.38
Pizza- Term 3		
Hardship Pizza		\$780.00
Tuesday Hot Lunch	\$9,755.00	\$7,776.00
Tuesday Hot Lunch - Term 2	\$11,110.00	\$5,352.00
Tuesday Hot Lunch - Term 3		
Art Cards	\$2,744.96	
Growing Smiles	\$4,852.00	\$3,568.99
Bunnies & Honey	\$1,864.30	
Lunch Mom's	\$900.00	
Cob's Bread		
Butcher Boys		
Mabel's Labels		
Micellaneous: PAC Supplies		\$178.39
2021/2022 Wish List		\$13,071.00
Starfish Backpacks		\$3,000.00
Bambora Fees		\$1,671.74
Bank Fees	\$29.70	\$49.20
Teacher Appreciation		\$250.00
TOTAL:	\$76,292.94	\$46,882.35
BALANCE:	\$29,410.59	

<u>GAMING ACCOUNT</u>		
Opening Balance:	\$8,293.55	
	<u>REVENUE:</u>	<u>EXPENSES:</u>
2021/2022 Gaming Grant	\$ 8,980.00	
2021/2022 Wish List		\$11,840.00
Bank Fees		
TOTAL:	\$17,273.55	\$11,840.00
BALANCE:	\$5,433.55	

<u>CREDIT:</u>				
	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Butcher Boys	\$5,150.41	\$1,403.60	\$1,093.90	\$5,460.11
Teach & Learn	\$309.06			\$309.06

<u>HARDSHIP PIZZA:</u>		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Term 1	\$ 542.00	
Term 2	\$ 238.00	
Term 3		
TOTAL COST	\$780.00	

<u>BUDGET:</u>		
Opening Balance:	\$ 22,898.98	
		<u>Estimated Expense</u>
Wish List Items		\$ 13,071.00
Sexual Health Presentations		\$ 3,500.00
Hardship Pizza		
Halloween Event		
TOTAL	\$	16,571.00
BALANCE:	\$ 6,327.98	

Prepared by Marnee Maxted as a volunteer treasurer of the BX PAC.

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