

Broadview Parent Council Meeting
April 9, 2018
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Principal Update

1. Staffing & Scheduling
 - a. This year Broadview is staffed for 930 students and we have 1010
 - b. Prediction for 2018/19 is 1028 students and three new classes will be added.
 - i. Three new portables will be added to the yard on the Denbury side
 - ii. This may result in a new layout for the school and the teachers have been advised they may need to move their classroom depending on the new plan
 - iii. A new VP (0.5) will be added and a new 0.5 ISST (Intermediate Student Success Teacher – “Guidance”)
 - c. Priorities for the year
 - i. Reduce the number of teacher contacts in kinder with a goal of decreasing to 4 teachers (one English, one French, one coverage for English, one coverage for French).
 - ii. LD/SIP children to be slotted into classes together
 - iii. Reduce number of teachers for grades 2-6 EFI
 - d. Kinder cap was reduced by the Ministry from 30 to 29
 - e. Question was asked if the Board considered moving the Gifted program from Broadview – answer is not this year as the program is under review
 - f. Question was asked regarding split classes
 - i. Stated that it is not the brightest of the lower grade and slowest of the higher grade, but rather teachers look for compassionate children who are able to work well independently and in group
 - ii.
2. Dogs on School Property
 - a. Dogs are not allowed on school property at any time, this includes the grounds, parking lot and fences that surround the school
 - b. There have been a couple of incidents lately where a dog has jumped on a child
 - c. Signs have been ordered and will go up on the fences
3. Code of Conduct & Dress Code
 - a. Discussion around what is appropriate for children to wear to school. Broadview currently has a dress code and it was

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discussed and all were in general agreement towards enforcing it.

Key things to note:

- i. It will be more gender neutral in tone
- ii. Spaghetti straps are allowed
- b. Council will vote on the code at the next meeting

Chair Update

1. OCDSB Board meeting update
 - a. Ariel Burns spoke regarding concerns of class size and number of contacts in Kinder
 - b. Carrie Cuhaci spoke regarding concerns of scheduling in grades 2-6 and the number of teachers the students have and the short blocks of learning (at times 20 minutes)
 - c. The Trustees requested staff to review both of these issues and at the next meeting staff presented a plan to help administration across the Board to help alleviate these issues.
2. Web site Update
 - a. The Broadviewparents.org web site will be decommissioned and all relevant content will be moved to the school's official web site.
 - b. Zolt Miko has been trained and is posting all agendas, meeting minutes, newsletters, and presentations
3. Pro Grant
 - a. Each year Councils can apply for a \$1000 grant to be used to reach out to parents
 - b. Discussion around what to focus on: mental health, physical health, science, math, how to talk to children about difficult conversations, stress vs anxiety, social skill learning, transportation plan
 - c. Decided that Carrie Cuhaci will apply for the grant with a general "Mental Health" focus and next year's council will determine what focus to take
4. Committee Process
 - a. It was raised there is no handbook for how committees engage with the school to determine and implement their plans
 - b. Carrie Cuhaci, April Riley, Diana MacFarlane and Sheila Hodges will draft an initial process for Dennis to review and to discuss at the next council meeting

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Treasurer Update

1. Fundraising committee crushing it! Over \$100,000 has been gross raised this year to date - \$15,000 over our total last year!
2. Spending discussion highlighted that Lindy in the office is not invoicing council on a timely basis so we don't have insight into what has been spent and billed
3. Science Committee raised a concern that they never know how many Scientists in the School are booked and billed so have a hard time managing their budget without insight
 - a. Discussed that it will be part of the process plan for next year

Fundraising Update

1. Book Bonanza
 - a. May 10-12 – Flyers going out this or next week & banners going up
2. Bricks
 - a. Concern that the historical emotion around the old school is waning and people won't spend \$100 on a brick.
 - b. Discussion about incorporating the bricks into the outdoor space with donor recognition
 - i. Will need a plan and ability to execute
3. Broadview Swag
 - a. Shirts have arrived! Will be distributed on Thursday
 - b. Determined Council should hold some inventory to sell at Family Dance, Book Bonanza, etc
 - c. Also a desire for hoodies, caps, etc

Arts Committee

1. Arts Alive- May 15 at 6:30
 - a. 5 teachers working with committee to execute
 - b. Will be a primary concert and junior performance with art being displayed throughout the school
 - c. Workshops are being held with artists leading up to the event
 - d. Donations at the event will be directed back to the arts
 - i. Music cart for school
 - ii. Sound system

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- iii. Blinds for gym

Graduation Committee – June 27th 9:30am – Mark your calendars!

Healthy Active Living

1. Little Souls Yoga
 - a. Coming weekly for kinder this month – teachers and kids love it!
2. Ordering sports equipment
 - a. Question about contact and process – Denis Lachapelle to work with them
3. Parkour planned for grades 1-3 at the beginning of May

Science & Math Committee

1. Dennis paid for Marion Small (math workshop) that was originally budgeted for Council to pay. He requested that the money allocated for this speaker be used to fund 150 grade 7 students to take a baseline math test that will eventually help them get scholarships to university. Cost is \$4 per student. Council unanimously agreed.