

Broadview Parent Council

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Minutes of Meeting

1. Principal's update

Well-being plan submitted. One issue on time available to work it: Have recently not been able to use occasional teachers to cover during professional learning because not enough occasionals to cover both the professional learning and the regular leaves (e.g. sick leaves).

So lots of scrambling to cover classes, hardest hit are small schools without VPs. So no longer can use occasionals to cover for other teachers doing professional learning (moratorium was placed, but will be lifted soon).

The W-B plan is: problem solving language in math/outside math, e.g. in the yard. Problem solving in general. Generally kids have not been confident working through problems. If we talk about common language in solving problems we should see the kids approach the problems in that way.

Expecting to re-engage in professional learning next week (once the moratorium has been lifted)

Online payments have been set up. So far, pleased with the voluntary school fees that have been submitted. They provide for things like busses during ad hoc events (e.g. today a group went to Parliament to see the Olympic flag bearers and went on a bus).

Whitehorse exchange will not go forward. No student in the Yukon can do/offer a homestay. Accommodations too expensive otherwise.

2. Chair's update: Carrie K.

Discussion about: Trustee meeting on inequality in fundraising across the board, two issues came up. First: We need to be more collaborative between parent councils, e.g. pair up schools such as we are doing with York Street school. Second: we are raising funds for basic needs and parent councils should not be responsible for that. Should push back on government for this. There are funds available but parents not coming out to advocate for their use.

Carrie: before those meetings we should firm up our wish list.

Mo: Potential for a social gathering for the parents (fundraiser, a dinner, etc), so gauging interest. Ideas floated: casino night, contacting a single restaurant/bar to close down and host it, licensed events. So, Mo and Carrie will explore.

Carrie: we should start looking at ways to improve for the future. Not to discuss tonight, but for future meetings.

Communication ideas: every week if anything needs to be communicated out to the broader population, come into Mo/Carrie and Monday morning Dennis could send it out. Also, twitter seems to be a good way to keep up with what's going on at Broadview as Dennis tweets regularly.

3. Treasury: Lucas

Congrats to the fundraising committee because:

Last year we fundraised: \$44,200

This year so far (not even half way through the school year): \$54,000!!!

(Pizza is up a lot this year)

The fundraising committee has been really, really hard at work with bake sales, cookie dough, magazines, etc. etc.

4. Committee Updates:

Fundraising:

Nicola launched the silent auction. It will go live on Feb 1 and have two weeks to do bids.

Re: Dance-a-thon. The gym is booked, DJ is booked, etc. Feb 15.

Discussion about whether payment system could be used for dance-a-thon (but there is a 3% fee on the transaction).

Ted: Broadview swag. T-shirts, tote bags, etc. Total \$2545 + tax and shipping. Various logo/colour options discussed. It was decided to take orders in before placing the order, including them in the silent auction as ad-on purchases. A bulk order will be placed later once we have a better idea about sizes ordered, numbers ordered.

Arts Committee

We are working on a date for the ArtsAlive. Around the month of May-June. We will bring in three arts educators. One for each division. Along with two staff members (Lynne Belanger and Larisa Deme). Each group will get three 45-min workshops with the arts educator. Format would be similar to ArtsAlive nights in prior years. Logistics being worked on.

Healthy Active Living

Kinder is yoga. 1-3 is Kids in motion. 4-6 is Parcour. 8 is Training. (7s already had something). That uses up most of the budget, except for money earmarked for equipment and bike rodeo.

