

Broadview Parent Council October 9th, 2018 Minutes

Welcome

- a) Approval of last month's minutes –Posted on our school website
https://broadviewps.ocdsb.ca/school_council_meetings
- b) Approval of Agenda - completed

Parent Council open positions

If you know somebody who may be interested please have them contact Michelle Milne – Co-Chair
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- 1) Intermediate Division rep. Requires interaction with teacher representatives and feedback on behalf of students in this age group.
- 2) Grants Rep- Are you a detective? We need someone to do the research to find out what money is available to our schools.

OCAASC debrief

Donna Owen (donnamowen@hotmail.com) is our representative and shared information about what is going on in councils at the board level. Topics in September: Municipal election on Monday October 22. Schoolboard trustees being elected. Council banking update. Last year board proposed that all banking get done with school. It did not pass. New proposals and revisions will be considered. Mamwe legacy project - Bring an elder to school, remove inappropriate materials in libraries. Reconciliation and indigenous issues. Parent conference in Gloucester. Parent committee looking for another rep.

Principal/Vice Principal update

Update on purchasing and how school budget works. Everything is the responsibility of the school operating budget. School council is able to contribute from an **enhancement perspective to further improve student learning environment and experience**, i.e. tables, chair, renovations, basic library books.

Broadview is allocated approximately \$80k/year which breaks down to \$80/child – which is spent on supplies, whiteboards, repairs, etc add up very quickly. Enhancements could be for example, throw cushions, extra phys ed equipment, increasing allocation of chrome books and programs supported by council.

We would also like some consideration for funds with families who need it. We can help ourselves and our own community.

Budget

Where Council should allocate funds this year?

Provincial legislation governs what we can or cannot spend money on. Michelle to post a link on our website. We seek representation from parents, board, teachers, schools, students, in various forms to ensure we are enhancing the school, classroom and are community building.

How does the allocation of funds work? Money raised in previous school year gets spent this year. New approach this year, we are allocating funds by division first, then deciding how to divide the funds. In previous years the allocation was done by committee, i.e. Arts, Healthy Active Living, etc.

A comment on board funds. When the rebuild was happening there was money left over to see what the needs would be. \$18k was rolled over from last year and then another \$16k being proposed tonight could be allocated towards a yard project. The board may contribute to future yard enhancements however, we need to have \$50k ready to spend before a project will be considered. Our classrooms have other needs that can also be addressed this year. We now have close to \$100k to spend this year.

Budget approval: Year of year comparison. 2017/18 versus 2018/2019 proposal

Last year \$16,600 versus \$35,050 this year recommendations.

In 2018/19 we are recommending increases in areas that we think will benefit the learning of our school in specific areas and communicating more directly and in advance with all educators to work more closely with the school. Teachers and parents have requested that a calendar of events would be ideal. Our goal will be to solidify the calendar for the year at the next council meeting on November 13, 2018.

We have 4 new classrooms to support and while the school is responsible for supporting the students, we are not sure if board is supporting growth in this area to reach 5 chromebooks per classroom (age appropriate). Teachers feel for grades 1-2 chromebooks are not as needed as grade 3. Old VP tracked number of units purchased by council. Council has contributed tech tubs for classrooms. We want to ensure we allocate funds appropriately so that we can have a positive impact on the learning of our students. Principal comments that we should support students learning in a safe place. How to use and leverage digital learning, citizenship, go to Wikipedia or YouTube for positive, educational opportunities. Important for kids to learn what is factual or relevant in a safe way. If they don't have access, they are at a disadvantage. Need versus the want from a teacher perspective.

Technology in the classroom – bring your own device? Sometimes it is an inescapable disaster. It can create havoc however I can turn a blue tooth keyboard and turn it into a chrome book. Some schools promoting, some banning. Parents will intervene. No concern with kids bringing in Chromebooks. iPhones are a bit different. Creates environment of have and have not or have and will not have.

Request from parents for current allocation of Chrome books. Where are they allocated and how many would be we be able to buy - they cost about \$330. Ideally, three additional portables would have a tech tub and chrome books in each class. There are floater tech tubs in the library that are used every day.

They require regular repair. Theft rate is low.

Five-year plan – district is looking to fund to ratio of 4:1, class of 20 would have 4.

Allocating of committees and where we want to spend next meeting.

Future agenda items – BYOD, split classes, etc. Speaker series.

Approval of new budget

Approved - Chrome books 5 for 4 new classroom. Roughly \$6600 - \$8000

Increasing spending in all of the following areas approved:

Teacher appreciation lunch.

Admin costs increase – premium subscriptions for council to track and sign up for volunteer events, Hot lunches, increased banking fees to leverage technology more proficiently.

Playdays – costs moved to division

Grade 8 grade go up to \$2000 (160 more students)

Homeroom teacher increase – was done in the past, need to remove admin burden of how to access it. They would have to go through school visa \$100 each to take credit card and get reimbursed. How many teachers do not have a homeroom – 14. If you are a transient teacher you are not spending money setting up a classroom. Many teachers spend ongoing costs.

3 votes: Increase budget by \$6300 (63 teachers), \$4800 (48 homeroom teachers), or move money elsewhere. Approved 63 teachers total. \$6300/teacher and check in mid-year to look at knocking item wish lists items from teachers.

Outdoor phys ed equipment - \$4000 of phys ed equipment outdoor, mats, tents \$384 for outdoor nets.

Other \$6200– \$1000 shooting stars (Chris shooting stars – growth 30% year over year for junior level programs. \$8000 costs and shooting stars can contribute \$7000 so were asking council for \$1000) , Broadview families in need \$2000, everything else, i.e. PA system in gym (Arts Alive last year \$1230 raised in 2018 and wanted to ensure that money was allocated to an Arts program). \$1700 left in other wish list. Community engagement committee – giving back– Look at Elmdale Care pot – propose 5% out of all funds, i.e \$2k for Broadview families in need \$2850 for York St School – educate our children about working with other teams. In terms of community engagement for 2018 - proceeds of a major event goes to York Street and Broadview families and this year we are starting a Broadview Cares community engagement initiative and going forward 5% allocation. Approved \$1300 today for community help which will be replenished in event during the year. Ongoing 5% donation to community engagement for broadview cares and sister school in need.

Library - \$4000 to spend – replenishment.

Fundraising budget

Budget items moved to November Agenda:

Proposed allocation by division rather than by committee. Teacher representatives in the midst of collecting wish lists and prioritizing asks and will meet with committee heads to review ideas who will them approve allocations.

Approved - What is left over to be divided by 10 – workshop committee stuff broken down based on number of student per grade.

Ongoing need to get French readers in primary schools. Council wants to improve allocation but there are restrictions. Review Denis school budget and research and report out next meeting.