

April 9, 2019
Minutes of Broadview PS School Council Meeting

Welcome

- From Last Meeting: request for discussion to have specialized classes removed from Broadview reflected in minutes

School
Update

- April means staffing.
 - Admin team in and out of school to review staffing numbers. Numbers are up. We will be staffed for 1096 students; currently have a population of 1095. Previous staffing was for approx 1030 students. Staffing formula calculates staffing in the school. Numbers for students are up, numbers for staffing are similar.
 - We have some retirements but also staff that are returning from leaves or central positions. Looks like we may be staffing 2 positions. One french. One English.
 - Moving from 3 Immersion Gifted classes to 2, same number of home rooms (47). Immersion classes are full. All primary at 20, juniors high 20s. These are projected numbers - actual numbers are confirmed in September when we can measure students in seats.
 - Increase in Special Education - LST from 1.25 to 1.5
 - Email pending to parents about class placements. Admin wants to hear parents inputs. Requests will be taken into consideration but will also use school input and consider student needs, balancing needs in class (i.e. IEPs), balancing gender, relationships, and who works well together etc.
 - Higher class sizes should not affect Broadview. Our numbers are already high
 - Some split grades expected. Combined in Regular program... 1/2 , 3/4, 4/5 and a 7/8 Two on immersion side: a 1/2 and a 2/3
 - Office is tasked with verifying addresses of enrolled students - an effort to ensure that our numbers are not inflated by students who do not live in our catchment area.
- Question about how LRT support is allocated will be deferred to next month
- Update from School News (to be shared from Natalie)
- Monthly character focus is integrity, wrapped up our Kindness month with our Primary March assembly (part of our School Learning Plan for Well Being)

OCASC Update

- Voted on motions - all passed at OCASC
- Two ministry consultation': class size and hiring processes. Provincial feedback due May 3RD
- OCDSB Risk Management
 - School councils have insurance and it is separate from the board's insurance policies
 - Events should align with the school values and be engaging to the student population
 - Parents/guardians are required to accompany their children e.g. not a drop off event for elementary age children
 - 3 types of events
 - Sanctioned events
 - Booked by the principal and school staff present
 - covered by board insurance
 - Non-sanctioned event
 - Principal still has to approve the event
 - Booked through community use of schools, no staff present
 - School council insurance will cover depending on the type of event
 - Community use of schools
 - If Principal doesn't approve the event, have to book through community use of schools
 - have to provide additional insurance
- PLEO: Parents Lifeline of Eastern Ontario. Provide peer support for parents dealing with mental health challenges. Non profit. Help families and parents navigate the system. Telephone helpline and support groups. Provide mobile help support program.
- Away trips also discussed. Some schools have been told that they are not allowed. Risk management was unsure where that directive came from. Dennis advised that the board is directing to limit number of days away from school.

Treasurer Update

- As of the end of March: Of the 61,300 proposed budget, 20,540 has been spent. Teachers are submitting individual expenses. Outdoor budget has been spent but not submitted.
 - \$2000 other spent on balance of basketball nets and PA system
 - Much of the divisional spending that has not been spent yet has been

earmarked for spending

- Approx \$9000 that has been previously dogeared will not be spent on what it was allocated for; discussion will need to be had about how to reallocate

- Mr. Vesey's Games and Chess clubs \$900 (voted - approved)

- \$1200 to go towards Gauss Math Contest (voted - approved)

- Remainder to yard fund to begin enhancements next year Can do some paintings on pavements and other small purchases i.e. chalkboards and activity boards to mount of fences, bench seating etc over the summer. In terms of an outdoor classroom or kinder yard enhancements they are larger expenses and need to have a clear plan of action before board will begin project.

- Some carryover for uncovered expenses incurred in 2017/18

- On the fundraising side Revenue \$132,191 with a net profit of approximately \$92,657

Chair Update ● Discussion: Should a motion be raised that the official position of

Broadview school council to be support moving Grade 7&8 Gifted program be moved to another school

- This program requires classroom (currently 4 classrooms; next year will be 3) when we have 12 portables; Also have 2 LD SIP classes where students integrate into regular classes

- Students are bussed from outside the neighbourhood

- School is at capacity and space is a premium (yard, gym, toilets, lockers and cubbies.

- Some concerned about optics of that request (us vs them); shared benefits of having program at the school

- Should the wording of the position be around "capacity of the facility" and requesting that the board look at all options to alleviate the pressure of a large population

- Discussion to continue next meeting

- Indoor Garden Towers - Recalled Bulbs. Status of bulbs unknown - Dennis to follow up.

- Garden Boxes: Could teachers ask around if there has been interest in having a class garden or lead. There is a parent volunteer who is willing to help out with that.

- Raised stone garden could be something that can be looked at along with the

areas of the yard that did not grow grass etc, is something that can be reviewed by the yard beautification team. The board can provide estimates on mulch etc. Dennis to follow up on grass issue because he is speaking to the board already about the grass at the front of the school.

- FaceBook group for Broadview parents is currently set as secret. In order to join, they need to be invited by a friend who is already a member. Michelle suggesting that the settings of the group be switched to CLOSED. Voted -APPROVED
- Please communicate to Julie Demole any Thursdays that there is a field trip to coordinate pizza. Kinders have expressed interest in having pizza (next September)
- Book Bonanza is coming. Information will be shared with teachers soon i.e. borrowing bookshelves. May 2 is the shopping day. Two classes at a time. In that email there will also be a sign up for parent community looking for parent support and volunteers. Collecting books Saturday, Monday and Tuesday prior. Books will be set up on the Wednesday. Open to the public at 4:00pm on the Thursday. Collecting book and awarding points - classes will earn prizes. GC to spend on class how teacher likes.
- Speaker Series: Is this something that we will embrace this year? Alison will follow up.
- Angela Hasson, school librarian has arranged to organize a Scholastic book fair in September but can only do that if we can secure some parent volunteers
- Next meeting May 14th