

GRAHAM BRUCE PAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

1. Call to order time: 6:37 pm
2. Members in attendance: Vince Sharma, Natlie Sharma, Tiago Maximo, Melvin Lee, Tammy Lee, Jen Yong, Anjula Joshi, Kimmy, Atif, Zainab, Priscilla Deer, Peter Soukup, Sean Marlyn (Principal). Regrets: Danica Hendry
3. Adoption of previous meeting minutes: June 2018
 - a. Tammy adopts, Jen seconds
4. Principal's report (*Mr. Marlyn*)

Events:

- Terry Fox Run - raised \$718
- Orange Shirt Day coming up on Friday. Joyce, Indigenous Education Worker will be running assembly at 1:15, parents welcome.
- Parent-teacher conferences coming up next week

School Goals:

- Math: school plan on school website has data that was collected last year in math, staff will be looking into assessing more problem-solving skills
- Social-emotional learning: Many vulnerable kids at our school, Angela Roguski, school counsellor, will be teaching classes about brain and self-regulation

Ready Bodies, Learning Minds circuit is set up. It helps kids who need it settle at school in the morning, run by a few SSA's in the morning

School enrollment: 254 students currently enrolled, one more division than last year. Collingwood has 129 kids, 6 divisions

Staffing:

- Mr. P had a knee replacement, will be off until Christmas, fortunately there is a teacher to replace him
- Gr. 7s are all in one class with Mr. Tam

- Paul Parungao is filling in for Ms. Haines
- New SSA : Romana Jandrijevic

5. Treasurer's Report (*Mel, for Danica*)

Accounts:

- General Account \$21,143.93
- Raffle Sales \$7692.38
- Gaming account - \$5382.00

- Rotary club donation (\$3300) for all Windermere catchment schools, can be used for reading or technology. Ms. Mochrie suggested getting next level of Lego Mindstorms. Costco has them on sale currently for \$299 (\$100 off). Lego Boost is \$159. Sean will check with Dee how many and which ones she wants, and get back to Vince about purchasing them ASAP.

- Van Tech has set up a garden program with Fresh Roots, similar to UBC Farm Program. Mr. Lafond has applied for his class to go to Van Tech garden for 8 sessions, using public transit. Cost of program is \$500, plus \$700 for public transit costs. Would PAC support transportation costs? Because only one class would benefit, PAC is suggesting that parents are asked to pay, and PAC will pay for students' whose families have financial need, or Mr. Lafond could use his school bus fees (about \$400). Sean will get back to us after discussing with Mr. Lafond.

7. Volunteers for PAC Executives

- Chair – Vince Sharma
- Vice Chair - Vacant
- Treasurer – Danica Hendry
- Secretary – Anjula Joshi
- Social Media coordinator - Tiago Maximo
- Events/Sponsorship Coordinator - Priscilla Deer
- Gr. 7 Parent Rep – Vacant

8. New Business / Ideas for this year:

Multicultural Potluck – Friday Nov 2

- With Silent Auction?
- Date is near Diwali – could we get dance performers?

Santa Visit/Pictures

Lego competition

Reading Buddies Program – The school turned it down this year, the staff was not happy with the program volunteers last year. Plan is to take a break this year, and go back to it next year.

Danica: Committee for Advocacy for education funding, Peter and Jen expressed interest, Peter is wanting to advocate for a music program/band program at Bruce. These points need to be brought to the district level.

No carnival this year - due to volunteer workload involved (Sharma family will be out of town mid-May to early June).

Raffle only this year, to continue to raise funds for the school.

Other fundraising ideas? Purdy's chocolates

Next meeting: Thursday Oct. 11