

Brantford PAC General Meeting – Wednesday September 18, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by John Carinha at 7:06pm
2. Attendance: John Carinha (Chair), Kurt Gurney (Principal), Sarah Jones (Fundraising), Raj Pooni (Treasurer), Michelle Mark (Member at large), Zein Gulam (Secretary), Jen Lee, 5 other parents
3. Approval of past minutes (motioned by Raj, seconded by Sarah, all voted in favor)
4. Chair's Report – John Carinha
 - Welcome back BBQ – 78 students however attendance was low due to weather
 - New caterer
 - we have committed with her until end of December
 - will continue to gather feedback over the next month and re-visit if to see if we want to suggest any changes
 - Movie night: October 18th
 - We have approval to purchase a BBQ for the school
5. Zein Gulam voted in for position of Secretary (motioned by Parm, seconded by Raj, all voted in favor.
6. Principal's Report – Kurt Gurney

Recent Events:

- a. GREAT start to the year
 - a. What a great way to kick off the year with coffee in the gym the first day, a mini-games day, and looking forward to the community BBQ & soccer tournament...I continue to be the envy of all at the district principals' meetings 😊
- b. Cross Country has started
 - a. Great to see all the running in the morning and students will be participating in their first meet next week. Special thanks to Muniz and Ms. Ko for coaching this year.

c. Jerseys are here and have already been used for Cross Country (Go Eagles!)

d. Staffing Update

New staff this year or notable changes:

- i. Gloria Chu – Teaching grade 6/7 English
- ii. Emma Fox – Teaching grade 4/5 French
- iii. Marlen Dias – new Librarian (at least until Spring Break)
- iv. Sheila MacTavish – new counsellor until Spring Break
- v. Stephanie Parks – Moved to grade 3 French
- vi. Chloe Lam – Moved to grade 1 French
- vii. Julie Mah – Partnered with Ms. Capitanio in grade 1 English
- viii. LeeAnne Buckingham – new Educational Assistant
- ix. Rashmit Josan – new Educational Assistant
- x. Alexis Virus – new Educational Assistant
- xi. Andrea Svetic – working full time LSS
- xii. Nelly Gaster – Working 2 days instead of 1

Upcoming Events:

- a. Gr. 7 Camp – And they're off! Sept. 18th – 20th
 - We've ordered sunny weather
- b. Parents as Partners (Intake) Conferences (Sept. 24th and 26th)
 - Reminder that dismissal will be at 1:50 p.m. both days and meetings will run from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

c. Terry Fox Run (Sept. 25th)

- Our Terry Fox event will start off in the gym with an assembly to remind students WHY we participate in this event every year. We'll follow this up with a run outside (grade 2 – 7 around neighbourhood; K & 1's around field).
- Would be great to have parent volunteers to act as spotters, cheerleaders, and runners that afternoon. Please email me and I'll get you organized
- Pro-D day (Sept. 27th) – students do not attend

News:

1. Mme Taylor is organizing a Quebec Trip for grade 7 French Immersion students.
 - a. Just under a week at the beginning of June (early June 7th to late June 12th)
 - b. Company is JumpStreet (30 years of experience)
 - c. Would go with Cascade Heights to lower cost
 - d. Cost would likely be just over \$3000/student depending on numbers and fundraising
 - e. Much more info to come along with a parent meeting

7. Treasurer's report – Raj Pooni

- Reviewed Statement
- Net income after last year was over \$8000

Discussed Fundraising for the following:

- a. Outdoor classroom that would consist of building benches for classes to have outdoor learning, would be located at the back of the school.
 - Cost for this is approximately \$8K
 - May be able to get a grant for this?

b. Logo embossed on gym floor and walls

- Cost for this is approximately \$12-15K

c. Additional gardens, 7 more for a total of 16 so each class would have 1

- Cost for this is approximately \$2800
- Could send out letters to parents to take to work/businesses for donations
- Kurt can send survey to parents to get an idea of what choice they would prefer (IE: rate from 1 to 3)
- Could do different types of fundraising with the goal of raising for a certain choice. Example: Sell Brantford wear(t-shirts, track pants) that would go toward doing the logo

8. Fundraising Report – Sarah Jones

- Photo night – November 6 & 7
- Purdy's fundraiser
- Neufeld Farms
- One time donation is an option again this year for families not participating in any events, can donate instead
- Hot lunch is our biggest source of revenue

9. Volunteer Opportunities

- 28 signed up so far
- No commitment required but will reach out for help when events come up and help is needed
- Hot lunch for the first 2 weeks has run very smoothly – thanks to all the helpers!

10. New Business

- Multicultural night – March 6th
- Additional opportunities for fundraising?
 - More fun fairs? Huge event, lots of work involved
 - Christmas craft fair, done in the past, doesn't generate much revenue
 - Halloween fundraiser?

11. Meeting adjourned at 8pm