

November 6th, 2023 MINUTES, 5:30pm
Barriere Secondary School Parent Advisory Council

Meeting called by Leesa Schilling
Minutes prepared by Kathy Matthews

Attendees: Leesa Schilling, Jen Crosman, Kathy Matthews, Colleen Tremblay,
Angie Farrow, Michelle Johnson

Zoom Attendee:

Staff: John Tyler

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: approved by general assent

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Miss Nomm request
- Community Forrest is due end of December - BSS staff will let us know what they are requesting at the December PAC meeting.
- Bursary Committee
- Rec Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT as of October 31, 2023

PAC Account balance: \$2,129.39

Gaming Account balance: \$5620.56

Bursary Account balance: \$3595.21

Community Forest balance: \$0

Highschool Sign: \$1392.47

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved by general assent.

REPORTS

Principal's Report

- School visits from Superintendent Nixon and Assistant Superintendent Hamblett last week.

Athletics: The Boys Volleyball team qualified for Okanagan Championships. Junior Girls have 2 teams; both still playing. At least one will qualify for playoffs, waiting to hear whether the other team qualifies. There is a Grade 7 co-rec team.

Basketball open gym for some groups to begin next week.

Learning Updates - They are to be published on November 21st. The office will print on request. It will have a work habit assessment, but no longer within the column. With a historical focus on the process of learning, BSS will continue to reflect this within the comment.

Remembrance Day Assembly Friday approximately 10:40am. There will be Poppy distribution.

Addiction Awareness sessions and walks are coming up, as BSS partners with Simpcw Health and Wellness in offering students 3 information sessions. Topics include: impacts of Vaping and Tobacco use; Recognizing pathways to addiction including gaming and cell phone use; The vulnerability of socio-economic and marginalized groups and rates of addiction.

Trustee Rhonda Kershaw - not present

DPAC report from November 6th meeting

-AGM Oct. 17 with new executive

-new Facebook page set up

-Nov. 28th is a PAC workshop/social 4:30-8:30 in Kamloops; rural is reimbursed \$50; dinner first (Leesa and Michelle might go; we can send up to four)

-6 food safe spots left

-DPAC needs a new Logo and is running a contest; open to all students, staff and caregivers. School community winner gets \$50 Gift Certificate and \$50 for their choice of classroom/district program. Also 3 random draws of \$25.

-starting a rural school committee (4 so far) to get rural PACs together (send Jen your rural concerns or join the committee).

NEW BUSINESS:

-Access to feminine hygiene products: Mr Tyler says the janitor will load machines this week. In the past they were flushed and clogged the toilets with vandalism. We will try for the next month to have them loaded. One machine is gone from one of the washrooms. Is it SD73 policy to have them in the washroom?

-We need to sign our PAC Code of Conduct - will do digitally

-District of Barriere Rec Committee

Sunday, Dec. 10th is a Winterfest event in Barriere! It includes the annual Breakfast with Santa, Kids Shopping event at the Ridge, and Tree Light-up, as well as many other family activities throughout the day generally located in the downtown core. There is an opportunity for non-profit groups to fundraise (by donation) at warming stations that day. Groups can sign up for a few hours at a time.

-School Learning Plan: it's a living document. Presentation to the board happens in February. Meeting with students in December. If anyone else wants to read and provide feedback, then let Mr Tyler know.

Ms Nomm request: new cricut machine and materials. Asking for \$396. We will give \$500 -approved by general assent. This will help buy more materials they will need.

Creation of BSS sign for fundraising (dunk tank, Cougar Classic, etc)

-We want one 3 feet tall, 2 feet wide

-Angie makes a motion to spend up to \$120 to buy a sandwich board - approved by general assent.

Bursaries:

-Bursary Committee: 3 people are needed

-The bursaries go out to students in February

-Mrs. Gardner will provide it to us. Angie will try to bring the new documents for the December meeting.

-Do they need proof of volunteer hours? Leesa will inquire.

Event Cart:

-Tonight's PAC walked and looked at the cart.

-Jen, Angie and Leesa will help update the cart. It will be used for the Cougar Classic on Dec. 8th.

OLD BUSINESS:

School beautification project:

-tabled as this will likely be a spring project.

Soccer Fields: tabled

PAC Fundraising:

- treetime.ca will have Honeyqueen raspberry bushes (free shipping)
- Mike will likely have extra strawberries
- Shuswap Pie Company: could do the spring (March or late April) for a variety of pies (been on the waitlist for years). -all in favour of the pie fundraiser by general assent. Jen will get more information.

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec. 11th, at 5:30pm