

**October 11th, 2023 MINUTES, 5:30pm**  
**Barriere Secondary School Parent Advisory Council**

Meeting called by Leesa Schilling  
Minutes prepared by Kathy Matthews

Attendees: Leesa Schilling, Allison Rilcoe, Jen Crosman, Kathy Matthews,  
Colleen Tremblay, Jen Kerslake, Rhonda Kerslake, Angie Farrow

Zoom Attendee:

Staff: John Tyler

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: defer until next meeting

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: discuss gift for Beth

FINANCIAL REPORT as of September 30, 2023

PAC Account balance: \$2,131.39

Gaming Account balance: \$1,280.56

Bursary Account balance: \$4195.21

Community Forest balance: \$0

Highschool Sign: \$1390.82

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Motioned by Michelle. Approved by  
general assent.

## REPORTS

### **Principal's Report**

Truth and Reconciliation Week: We had a Professional Development Day at Chu Chua, the Blanket Exercise was done with the grade 7s led by Ms. Eustache, BSS had Smudging outside at our main entrance, various videos were shared and discussed (grade level), and we had a delicious Indian Taco lunch.

Leadership will be hosting Spirit Days throughout the rest of the semester -

Today was pajama day.

Athletics - All teams grade 8 -12 have started play. Grade 7 co-rec team first practice today. Basketball sign up Grade 8 to 12 started.

Music - Strings started today.

New Club - Better Together Club. It had 20 students attend the first meeting last week. The focus is on inclusion across the school. Equity in all aspects of student life: Gender equity, race and culture, sexual identity.

Parent Teacher Interviews this week - 2 sessions: 1:30-3 and 4-530. - Any parent who is unable to attend/make an appointment can always arrange a different time (this can be done throughout the semester).

### **Trustee Rhonda Kershaw**

- at the board level we are confirming students and staffing
- at SD73 we have all of our positions filled; have a large TOC list
- we need bus drivers for relief
- we have approved School Learning Plans

### **DPAC - none**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

PAC emails: Who will send out emails to PAC members from our PAC email. Kathy will teach Leesa how to access it.

PAC mail: Jen Crosman will pick up PAC mail.

### Creation of yearly PAC Budget:

- Jen has one to send out for feedback (annual things: teacher breakfast, bursaries 7x300, retirements, etc)
- next year revisit the constitution and possibly add this

### Printing of Report Cards:

- we will print on request (phone the office) and send home with student(s)
- You need to log in once on a computer first, then you can view on a cell phone
- With completion days, reports are not finished for the student's last day (so it cannot be sent home with student)
- it is not a Policy to not print report cards

### Microphone for zoom meetings:

-IT department recommends Boundry Mic for Zoom rooms (up to 25 feet away) \$107.99 plus All in favour. Mr Tyler will order it.

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

- Teresa Young makes signs (ie. plexi sign or banner, triangle sign that stands up)
- maybe BSS can make one?
- maybe have the middle blank so it can be customized for the event
- Leesa will ask Mr Fielding for suggestions

### Bursaries:

- students get paper with awards written on it then they mail proof to the PAC. Then they get a cheque.
- Angie will check back in November with Stacy Gardner. The new career councillor is Carol.

### Event Cart:

- needs a cash box: Leesa will double check the cart to make sure it doesn't have one. Angie motions to purchase a cash box. All in favour. Leesa will look into it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### School beautification project:

- BYSA gave consent to do some artwork to the outside of the seacan. BYSA would like to have soccer incorporated somehow into a mural. Ms. Eustache is on board and has talked with the new art/leadership teacher, Megan Lind, about it. They have some supplies. This will likely be a spring project.
- Volleyball courts: needs weeding. It would be OK to have people clean it up. Mr Tyler is not sure of the history of when it started. Not sure if there's a group that really wants to use it. It can be put forward to the leadership group to ask if students want it (gather data).
- Planters are watered out front. Planters need more soil. Leesa will add more soil.

#### Soccer Fields:

- Repka says there are still holes in the field. It was filled and irrigation was fixed. Next year more long term maintenance will occur. This is a 3 year project. We are at the end of year one.

#### PAC Fundraising:

- blueberry fundraiser last year went well!
- can try Vesey's seeds/growers for fundraising opportunities

- strawberries - Mike Burrows may have some - Jen C will check.
- Raspberries - Leesa will ask Robin Schilling for ideas.

Beth Gift - she likes Starbucks. Jen K will get a GC for \$40, mug with flowers.  
Leesa can give it to her. Leesa has a card for all to sign.

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 6th at 5:30pm