

Belmont Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

1. Call to order & welcome

- a. Call to order 7:05 pm
- b. Attendance: Stephanie Eby, Rosie Ahmad, Alana Pirro, Tracy Zacher, Reta Nitti, Meagan Wirsz, Amy Morose, Shara Knoblauch, Samantha Orantes. Marlo St James
- c. Approval of agenda
 - Reta Nitti approved and Rosie Ahmad Seconded
- d. Approval of previous minutes
 - Reta Nitti approved and Rosie Ahmad Seconded

2. Reports

- a. President
 - A couple of fundraisers have completed. Gearing up for a couple fundraisers and spirit days.
- b. Principal
 - Student and Family Affordability Fund
 - The province has created a new program to help support families.
 - Mr Bonnar shared video from the Superintendent about program
 - Langley received a little over 2 million dollars
 - To use for meal programs, cover additional fees, ensure students have school supplies
 - Focus on Equity NOT equal (based on current hardship policies)
 - District wants feedback from PAC and families
 - Parents in attendance gave feedback/asked questions
 - Food/access/weekend support/supplies
 - Report
 - New Vice Principal...Ms. Costello.
 - Meet the Teacher. Great to see the big crowd. Try to set up literacy night in the year.
 - Orange Shirt Day. Assembly and drumming group
 - Terry Fox run. It went well. New route for intermediates because of construction. Donations are still coming in
 - Cross Country is going well.
 - Art Start Assemblies
 - How Raven Stole the Sun is coming up.
 - Coming up...Student Vote, Interim reports, parent teacher interviews
 - Continuing to work on strengthening literacy (Science of reading). As well as strengthening SEL. Looking at new strategies for SEL.

- Online calendar has been updated. Will look at school calendar subscription.

c. Treasurer

- Please see attached report.

d. Committees

i. DPAC

- Minutes online
- School Foundry – Many supports
- Charlie Fox – Two trustees retiring
- Student and Family Affordability Fund
- Next meeting Oct 20 on zoom

ii. Garden Club

- No official report at this time. help.

ii. Breakfast and Lunch

- Baskets have been purchased for each classroom. Working on getting food into classrooms very soon.

ii. Book Fair

- During Parent- Teacher Interviews: Wednesday 1-5 and Thursday 1-7
- Looking for volunteers.
- There is a virtual part of the book fair.

ii. Holiday Market

- Nov 12, 2022
- All tables have been allocated.
- We will need volunteers for Nov 10 for set up.

v. Hot Lunch

- i. We had our first hot lunch on Friday.
- ii. Lots of feedback. Mixed views. PAC will continue to look at feedback.
- iii. Questions/comments:
 - about budget if less people are ordering, how will it affect budget? Budget is conservative because of change. PAC will re-evaluate in December.
 - Why is this session booked into February? PAC will re-evaluate in December
 - Upset about less food. Some students disappointed.
 - Tim – there is no designated lunch time. Eating is part of class/teaching time. Hot lunch was a problem. So simpler hot lunch is more beneficial for the learning time. Teachers like the simpler hot lunch as it takes less time.

3. **Old Business**

a. Vacant DPAC Rep and Member at Large

- No nominations for DPAC. It will remain empty
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b. Classroom Parent

- Reta sent letter to Tim to give to teachers to send to parents. It has a Form on it for parents to fill out and give PAC their email.

4. **New Business**

Fundraisers

- Completed
 - Coupon books. Made approx.. \$7000. We still need to get coupons back. Missing about 50-60 books
 - Neufeld's. Made over \$1600.
- Upcoming
 - Purdy's for Christmas.
 - A request to look at purchasing risers.
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5. Next Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 8, 2022 7pm

Adjourn

- 8:22pm