**Belmont Elementary School Parent Advisory Council**

**General Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

1. **Call to order & welcome**
2. Call to order: 7:06pm
3. Attendance: Alana Pirro, Tracy Zacher, Amy Morose, Shara Knoblauch, Brooke Boutang, Rachel Kramer, Tim Bonnar, Stephanie Eby, Holly
4. Approval of agenda

* Alana approved, Brooke seconded

1. Approval of previous minutes
   * Brooke approved, Alana seconded

1. **Reports**
2. President
   * Movie night was fun. Over 300 people were there.
   * La Foire is coming up. Planning has started
   * We are doing our best to update events on Facebook
3. Principal
   * January flew by with lots going on
   * Exciting events: La Carnival and the pancake breakfast AND Movie night. More families came than expected. A good problem to have
   * Unexcepted Drills – Fire Drills and Lock & Secure
   * Grade 7 leadership are planning a movie night in early March
   * Maple man – He presented to classes about French Canadian culture
   * Professional Development. Looking at Truth and reconciliation. Had great speakers.
   * Design and Assessment – continue to working on literacy goals with Structured literacy. Also looking at Second Step for Social Emotional Learning.
   * All students asked to design a Cultural dolls with their families and bring them back to school
   * Pink Shirt Day tomorrow. Assembly with WITS and Pink Shirt Day
   * Thursday – Diversity Abilities. People are encouraged to wear crazy hats and socks
   * Friday – SOGI and Diversity – Rainbow Day
   * PE teachings– arranged wheelchair athletics
   * March 3 – Reports
   * The following week parent/teacher interviews
   * Questions:
     + Diversity Week: Some of the mom concerned of the issues and materials used. Who decides books? Where do books get chosen?
       1. Individuals are encouraged to talk to teacher and principal
       2. Parents have choice if their child wants to stay home or not participate in lesson.
       3. The districts puts together suggested resources
       4. SOGI – is very important and to recognize. Representation of different sexual orientations is important.
     + Are SOGI books being discussed in all classes? And if so, what are they?
       1. Teachers do not have to specificly inform parents of books used. All teachers have their own plan based on province and Ministry guidelines. Nothing is hidden.
     + Concerned about books that are inappropriate books in library.
       1. The library and resources need to be approved.
       2. Some parents are concerned about SOGI but resources need to be approved. For example, books represented “2 moms” not pictures of performing acts.
     + Are parents allowed to attend Diversity assembly?
       1. YES – parents are welcome
     + Lego Challenge – Can we have pictures of the Lego Creations? Yes
       1. Lots of students participated and submitted creations
4. Treasurer
   * Please see attached report.
5. Committees
6. DPAC
   * Next meeting – is Feb 23 about creating inclusive and welcoming schools.
   * Minutes online. Subscribe to DPAC. www.//langleydpac.ca/
7. Breakfast and Lunch
   * Parent volunteer found a spot to store snacks and teachers can collect more snacks as needed
8. Book Fair
   * During parent/teacher interviews: March 8 and 9
   * We need volunteers for the night – look for sign up
   * The parent organizing book Fair is looking for someone to take over as her child is graduating from Belmont
9. Christmas Store
   * It went well and lots of good feedback.
10. Hot Lunch
    * + New session has been launched – new locations included
      + Non-perishable included each week
      + It was accident to add yogurt and smoothies each week. Coming up with new ideas to give out. They might be given out later in the day.
      + Goal: track orders to look at specific costing
      + We need to get more volunteers for hot lunch
      + Tim – appreciates the support PAC. It is a big job and we need more parent volunteers to make sure it goes out on schedule.
11. Sunshine
    * All students received carnations on Valentine’s Day
12. Fundraisers

* Neufeld’s – coming in May. Look for more information
* Spirit Wear?: Looking at doing it in September.

1. **Old Business**
2. Vacant DPAC Rep – remains open
3. **New Business**
   * Riverman- March 5. Launching information soon. PAC supplementing tickets for families so the cost is $4 to have a community event. All humans need a seat. Students encouraged to make signs and names goes into raffle to get a prize. There will be 50/50.
   * La Foire – Had first meeting. Information sharing. Looking for people/booths for La Foire. Need items for Silent Auction. We need volunteers to help plan.. Next meeting March 2 at Belmont Library. Huge undertaking…we need more parents to volunteer to plan.
   * Question: What happened to classroom parent? Only 75 parents responded out of 550 students. PAC has been ineffective finding classroom parents as we need all parents to give permission for PAC to email them. (even though we had parent volunteer to be class parent, there were only 3-4 parents giving emails for the class parent to use). Still finding ways to be successful
   * Comment: Parent did not know about La Foire meeting.
   * Reminder of AGM in May. Vote for new positions for the next school year.
   * Motion to extend Executive Positions held from 2 years to 3 years. Seconded: Brooke. Discussion: Clarification not “hold for a term” but can be voted in yearly and hold the role. Could lead to uncomfortable situation. Thought you need to have resolution on agenda BEFORE voting at AGM. Minimum notice of AGM and two weeks’ notice? Missing historical context. Tabled until proper notice has been given
4. **Next Meeting**

* Scheduled: Tuesday, March 14 @ 7pm
* We are looking at the constitution to see if we can cancel it. We will make announcement on March 1 via Facebook

Adjourn

* 8:14 pm