

MINUTES
BIRD'S HILL SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
via MS Teams
March 16, 2022 - 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

1.1 In attendance: Larina R-M., Anita M., Amanda D., Kori O., Melissa W., Julie B.,

Regrets: Joanne S., Monica T., Nihal B., Lisa. M, Maria & Steven.

2. Review / Acceptance of minutes - January 2022 minutes

- Motion to accept minutes: Larina; 2nd Amanda

3. Treasurer Report (Joanne):

- We have \$7,575 in the PAC accounts currently.
- Playground account (separate from PAC general account) has \$9,313.00
- Dominos Pizza fund's received - \$210.00

4. School Report (Anita M.)

- Valentines - Thank you for the Kit Kat items. Very successful, kids had a great time
- In February, Minute to win it made \$5,797.00. A \$50.00 donation came in after. A big thank you to: Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Richards , Mrs. Bailey
- Covid update:
 - No more masks as of March 15, 2022. Upon observation, older kids wear masks mostly, younger kids not alot. 60-70% population wears a masks and about 70%-80% staff.
 - Cohorts, hand sanitizing and maintaining distance still in effect.
 - After spring break will maintain cohorts, but may mix cohorts during some activities
 - Still recording and maintaining weekly Covid data
- Staff update:
 - After spring break - Mrs. Yewchyn & Mr. LePage return
 - In May - Mrs. Code returns
- Community:
 - There have been comments seen online regarding bullying at BHS and issues not being handled. There have been no phone calls into the school about any concerns. This may steam from issues in previous years, nothing current.
- Parent Q: When can parents reach out in regards to class consideration for next year?
 - A: Ms. Maharaj advised parents can reach out to school anytime. In the end, class make up is a school decision but the inquiry opens the discussion. Once school starts, moves can be made within first week of school. Students don't know their classroom until just before school starts.
- Sobey's has chosen BHS as their next Toonies for Tummies Support

- Community support donation has been received from Exxon Mobile. These monies will go towards the School Community Message Sign.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Lunch Program Committee (lunch time supervision) (Amanda/Joanne)

- Outstanding registrations
- Lunch Program is fully staffed
- Committee is looking for another member to join, currently 3 members & school representative (Joanne S., Amanda D., Melissa W., and principal Anita M)
- Meetings are monthly and one hour long, usually same week as PAC

5.2 Fundraising (Amanda/Julie/Melissa):

- Mom's Pantry - Most orders were delivered. Some were picked up. Three still waiting for pick up. Melissa will reach out again to the families.
- Bike raffle - for playground, need raffle license
- Minutes to win in made \$5,797.00. A \$50.00 donation came in after. A big thank you to Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Bailey
- Dominos Pizza Fundraiser was held January 31 - February 6, 2022. There were 42 orders = \$210.00 raised.
- Idea: Community event - BBQ on the property, bouncy castle. Sell wrist bands to cover the cost. Raffle bike. Possible date end of May or first week of June.

5.3 Hot lunch (Joanne/Julie):

- Deferred discussion to 2022/2023 school year.

6. Playground Committee –(Julie/Melissa/Kori/Monica)

- \$9,313.00 in Playground Fund
- \$5,797.00 from Fit-A-Thon/ Minute to Win It plus \$50.00 donation.
- \$1,000.00 private personal donation (coming from RBC Award for Community Service given to Winnipeg Blues MJHL player, who chose Birds Hill School as he is a billet with a family from this school)
- Next meeting scheduled for end of March.
- Gathering quotes for 3D drawings, then next step is to award the quote and drawings, and then get quotes for the full project. Most companies say that the drawing is included if we go with them, however as we need multiple quotes, we cannot guarantee who will be selected
- Need to get quotes and designs to send to RETSD, RETSD chooses company.
- Anita will look into what RETSD will do in regards to moving soccer pitches and leveling the fields. - budget is frozen, no answer yet.

7. New Business

7.1 Water Dispenser

- RETSD Maintenance Department changed the water fountain to a water dispenser in the 4/5 area

7.2 Staff appreciation

- It has been proposed that the staff appreciation lunch be on April 25, 2022, the next coordinated in-service day instead of in May.

7.3 Meetings

- Future virtual meeting date for April and June to be determined based on PAC activities. May meeting will remain to ensure yearend activities are discussed/actioned as needed and to be able to prepare for new school year.
- Discussion on frequency of meetings

8. Meeting adjournment 7:42 pm.

Next meeting: April 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm (via MS Teams)