



Beaver Brae Secondary School

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Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023

Call to order 6:39 p.m.

Approval of Agenda Approved

In Attendance

Kristen Fregeua, Principal via zoom

Gary Lynch, Vice Principal

Brooks Meija, Vice Principal

Jodie Peloquin, Parent

Pam McDonald, Parent

Regrets Jessica Molone-Daniher

Welcome and Introductions

Kristen Fregeau introduced as Principal, Gary Lynch and Brooks Meija introduced as Vice Principals, Jodie Peloquin and Pam McDonald introduced as parents of Beaver Brae Secondary School students.

Nominations and Elections

We have no one to step forward at this time for any of the Parent Council Committee Seats.

Jessica Malone-Daniher will represent BBSS at PIC Meetings.

Principal's and Vice Principal's Report

Kristen Fregeau:

Settled in to routine, start up completed and students participating in class, extra learning and field trips.



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Information shared in week at glance, which is emailed weekly to all parents, make sure that we get all students contact information correct and updated.

Ieps going out this week.

Sympathy coming to Beaver Brae this Friday, for our students.

We are short staff and have been having to reassign staff; with some 11/12 classes being assigned independent learning; this isnt our first resort for a solution, if anyone knows anyone looking as qualified or unqualified teachers please send them to Kristen Fregeau, Brooks Meija or Gary Lynch, as well as go to the KPDSB Website to apply.

Interim reports went home last week via email, we will continue this system moving forward for interim and mid term reports. Pam likes the electronic reports.

Caregiver Conference Thursday, October 12, 2023, 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. half Lib half of the teachers will be in the cafeteria and the other half in library.

Kristen is thinking we should have a sign in to help track numbers, as we haven't had the best turnout in the past. Maybe send out a short survey, with needs and strengths for BBSS, to see how we can increase attendance for these events. Suggestion was for another time? It was shared we have to follow the teachers collective agreement only do so many hours after school and per year for the teachers and they need time to eat prior to Caregiver Conference.

Also suggested google meet for teachers, parents and make appointments; worked well during covid.

Gary suggested easier now adays to communicate by email, not sure why the disconnect.

There will be soup and buns or bannock for parents tomorrow at the Caregiver Conference.

Google meet per teacher option

Late start last week; during the late start teachers continued community learning on co creating criteria with students. This PD day October 27, we will spend most day with staff continuing this learning. Collecting more voice and feedback at our School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Gary shared same information from last meeting about his job and working to connect education with students who need, with KCA, 7 Gens, Creighton and Youth Justice

Alt program will be attending the KCA FALL FEASTS. There will also be a Men, Boys and 2 Spirit Retreat Gary will attend with his students.



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IEPS go home tomorrow 30 days from start school and IPRC will be scheduled after the IEPS go out.

We have 2 sets of SERTS - Jerry Via and Deb Allen, with Jennifer Uri coming in as a 3rd SERT in February.

Pam asked what do we do for students who don't have diagnosis, can they have an IEP without diagnosis. Gary touched on this and mentioned that yes they can, and we have system in place working with staff and students to help so students don't fall through the cracks. (Non diagnosis such as trauma, live circumstances, etc.)

Pam mentioned she has used a therapist who does art therapy and other services; maybe we could look at for coming to school, it was shared we have counsellors on staff

Gary mentioned we have supports with Youth Justice, Mahon Mental Health and KCA Trauma, they are in the school and we can also refer students to services.

Finance

Good news school cash zero balance, this is what is required at end of school year.

Current Business

Bronco Clothing next order soon, cost will be going up.

Parking specific accessibility parking, navigating end day pickup, morning is more sporadic, end day is stressful; community businesses have reached out that we are taking up their parking lot.

When one car parks wrong it back logs down 9th street

New parking designated at end tech wing for accessible parking, more parking and more space to move. We may have construction next summer to improve the bus loading and parking lot area behind the school.

Sewing Machines

Deb Allan went through them for drama, culture activities they need repair; don't have any functioning machines, looking at service company.

Kristen will check and track down sewing machines that were in upstairs 7/8 class last year.



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Committee Business

Nothing to report

Fundraising Report

Kristen has filled out, needs to be submitted by October 31, 2023.

We need to share a fundraising report with what we plan on doing with the money and how much we raise or anticipate to raise and how we do spend it.

Fundraising ideas - Spring Fling Event, similar to the Winter Wonderland Sale,

Gary mentioned we don't need to fundraise unless we have a plan for what the money will go towards.

Winter Wonderland Sale

School Cash had zero balance, so we don't have upfront funds to purchase supplies for the Tea Party, Kristin has meeting this week with Finance and will see what we can do. Chef has agreed to help with the sandwiches and the dainties for sale, Krsitin likes this idea over having donations of baking, this also support the students programming.

Admin to get lottery licence for the 50/50 sale.

Need approx idea for amount needed for sandwiches and dainties, Jodie will call around and see what others have done for seasoned tea events.

We need a volunteer to run the Tea Party, Kristen suggested talking to Sherry Quitsberg, Jodie will connect with her and see if Jack Chapter would like to do this.

Float for sale and tea party, Kristen mentioned they have 2 active floats in office with \$100 in each, at end of event, cash out and leave the \$100 float and return to office.

Jodie will forward a draft email to go out to all highschool teachers to share that we are looking for student volunteers for the sale. Also, Jodie will talk with Sam Cameron and see if he would coordinate students and music to play in atrium during out sale, and maybe a coffee house for in the cafeteria.

We are looking for 2 sewing machines and an iron and ironing board for the drama club.

The Parent Council will raise funds for the Beaver Brae School Pow Wow.



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Projected funds expected from Winter Wonderland Sale and Tea Party \$1,500.

NorWOSSA

NorWOSSA will be held in Kenora on November 10, 2023, and only money out is for the officials. This is for both volleyball and basketball. We will have a school wide purple and white day.

Let's promote community broncos and community family. Maybe do some fundraising at Norwasa, face painting, tattoos, baking, taco in a bag are possible suggestions.

Next Parent Council Meeting

November 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Kristen will look at setting up a google meet for next meeting.

Adjourn 7:31pm