

Parents in Partnership (PIP) Minutes for December 5, 2016 General Meeting 6:30 – 7:00

Location: BSLS Common Area

Attendees: Deanna Tkach, Sarah Wakelin, Michelle Woo, Jackie Culley, Jenn McCrea, Espen Elvebo, Anjanette Zielinski, Darla Gauthier, Mary Kraigsley, Roger Lapointe, Leanne Jones, Darcie Christensen, Godwin Oriaku, Christine Oriaku, Carla Bissett

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Michelle Woo (President) opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Devotional** – Mrs. McCrea
3. **Approval of September 19, 2016 Parents in Partnership General Meeting minutes** – Michelle Woo
 - 3A. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2016 PIP General Meeting with the following change:
 - 3A.1. Reference to “receiving Spleems” in section 4.A.1.4.1 will be changed to “learn about Spleems”.
 - 3A.1.1. The motion was seconded. Carried.
4. **Parents in Partnership Executive Reports**
 - 4A. Financial Update (Deanna Tkach – Treasurer)
 - 4A.1. Finances are in good shape.
 - 4A.1.1. Will purchase new cheques.
 - 4B. Fundraising event update 2016-2017:
 - 4B.1. Raised \$58 through “Mabel’s Labels” fundraiser; this fundraiser will carry on throughout the year.
 - 4B.2. Raised \$560 from “FundScrip”; this fundraiser may carry on in the new year – further discussion is required.
 - 4B.3. Raised \$864 from the “Farm to School” fundraiser.
 - 4B.4. Raised \$4500 from the Fall Supper (estimated a profit of \$5000 in the PIP budget)
 - 4C. Fall Supper Debrief – Michelle Woo (President)
 - 4C.1. Received a lot of support and positive feedback about the event and people were complementary.
 - 4C.2. People indicated the food was very good and the Caboto Centre was a nice venue
 - 4C.3. There has been feedback that this is something that should be repeated.
 - 4C.4. Special thanks were passed on to the school for providing the art work and décor.
 - 4C.5. Letters are being sent out to people who donated to the Silent Auction.
 - 4C.5.1. If parents are interested in helping to write thank-you letters, PIP would welcome their support.
 - 4C.6. Sold 205 tickets out of a maximum of 350; the goal for the event was to sell at least 200 tickets.
 - 4C.7. The ticket price was a bit high; the fundraising group/PIP Executive Members will revisit this to see if it can be lowered in order to attract more families to the event.

- 4C.8. Executive Members will meet in January or February to discuss the idea of holding this event in fall 2017 and discuss this with General PIP Members at a meeting in the new year.
- 4D. Vacant Executive Positions
 - 4D.1. The Executive are looking for up to two St. Mary's Representatives and a support person to help the Fundraising Representative. If people are interested in putting their names forward to fill these positions, please speak with any member of the Executive or Jenn McCrea.
 - 4D.1.1. Any parent with a child who is enrolled at BSLS is a "General Member" of Parents in Partnership (PIP) and is welcome to put their name forward to be on the Executive when positions become vacant.
- 5. Childcare Report – Jenn McCrea on behalf of Cheryl Van Dale, BSLS Childcare Program Director**
 - 5A. General update
 - 5A.1. Raised \$1300 from sales of the "Show and Save" books – thanks to all who participated.
 - 5A.2. Preparing for and enjoying Christmas concerts, parties, and caroling.
- 6. Principal's Report – Jenn McCrea**
 - 6A. General Update
 - 6A.1. Mrs. McCrea welcomes anyone who would like more information on the meaning of the Advent candles to come and ask her about them.
 - 6A.2. BSLS clothing sales just finished and the orders are expected to be in before the Christmas break.
 - 6A.2.1. The products are well made and the price reflects that.
 - 6A.2.2. Please contact Heather English if there is something of particular interest that you would like to purchase.
 - 6A.3. The school is looking for Christmas hamper recipients – please let Mrs. McCrea know.
 - 6A.4. Information came home about Christmas concert, which will be at the Caboto Centre
 - 6A.4.1. The facility has limited space for attendees, so Mrs. McCrea asked that only immediate/close family members be invited to attend.
 - 6A.5. The school won an outdoor bench and planter made out of recycled plastic. Over 100 schools participated in the plastic bag recycling challenge and 14 received benches.
 - 6A.5.1. BSLS recycled 2500 plastic bags.
 - 6A.5.2. The school may turn the bench into a "buddy bench" – kids who are looking for someone to play with at recess sit on the bench, which indicates to other kids that they are looking for a "buddy" to play with.
 - 6A.6. The children participated in "Rocks and Rings" (pseudo curling) – Mr. Wozney invited curlers to come in and teach the kids about the sport. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn from the experts. Please check out Mr. Wozny's blog for activities that are being planned.

- 6A.7. Fun family events are being planned again for winter this year. These include activities such as coordinating public skates for BSLS families at various arenas in the City, skating to the Forks and going for supper, etc. These are fun events and Mrs. McCrea sends out email invites shortly before the event. The notice tends to be short, but there are a fair number of events, so if your family can't make one, there will be others to enjoy.
- 6A.8. On January 30 (afternoon), "MunschBusters!" will be presented in the gym. This is a free event and all BSLS families are welcome to attend. Please see Mrs. McCrea for details.
- 6A.9. February is "I Love to Read Month". If parents are interested in coming to read to the classes, please let Mrs. English know.
- 6A.10. "Country Week" is in March. Chile will be the country this year. If families have Chilean things to lend to the school, please set them aside.
- 6A.11. The teachers are planning an Applebee's pancake breakfast this year on February 25. Tickets will go on sale in January.
- 6A.12. The school offers parenting sessions on "Love and Logic" (led by Nobby Woo) and has a lending library of material for parents who are interested in learning more about it. Mrs. McCrea will send out information regularly to parents with tips from "Love and Logic".
- 6A.13. Student led conferences went well.
- 6A.13.1. Mrs. McCrea reminded parents to focus on your child's talents at school. Encourage them to do homework. Read to them. Don't focus on how they are doing relative to other children – all children learn at their own pace. Celebrate successes.
- 6A.13.2. The school tracks your child's progress and will follow-up with additional resources in consultation with parents if they feel the child could use them.
- 6A.14. Mrs. McCrea is always available, but parents should follow-up with teachers first if they have any concerns about the progress of their children. Your child's teachers will follow-up with Mrs. McCrea if academic resources are required.
- 6A.14.1. There was a general comment about the value of Student Led Conferences - some parents feel they want a one on one meeting with the teacher
- 6.A.14.1.1. Parents are welcome to meet with the teacher in a private meeting. Please contact the teacher directly.
- 7. School Board Report – Mr. Roger Lapointe (chair person of the school board)**
- 7A. There is a Board meeting on December 12th
- 7B. The Chairman of the church resigned, which has left one position on the Board vacant. The Board has enough members for a quorum, so the resignation is not affecting decision making.
- 8. Adjournment**
- 8A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm in order to allow Constable Orlando Buduhan from the Winnipeg Police Service to give a presentation (one hour) on awareness related to social media.