

Parents in Partnership (PIP) Minutes for March 20, 2017 General Meeting 6:30 – 7:15

Location: BSLS Common Area

Attendees: Michelle Woo, Deanna Tkach, Sarah Wakelin, Jackie Culley, Cheryl Van Dale, Jenn McCrea, Anjanette Zielinski, Roger Lapointe, Barb Wierckx, Carla Bissett

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Michelle Woo (President) opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.
2. **Devotional** – Mrs. McCrea
3. **Approval of January 30, 2017 Parents in Partnership General Meeting minutes** – Michelle Woo
 - 3A. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2017 PIP General Meeting with the following change:
 - 3A.1. With respect to clause 7.A.6 on classroom capacity, “23” should be changed to “24”.
 - 3A.2. The motion was seconded. Carried.
4. **Parents in Partnership Executive Reports**
 - 4A. Financial Update (Deanna Tkach – Treasurer)
 - 4A.1. Deanna shared an update of the PIP account
 - 4A.1.1. Have raised \$5800 this year.
 - 4A.1.2. Movie Nights raised \$372.
 - 4A.1.3. FundScrip has raised \$640 so far.
 - 4B. Fundraising/Event Update 2016-17
 - 4B.1. FundScrip – Deanna will send out information on the second campaign of year on approximately April 5. The deadline for paper orders will be April 18.
 - 4B.2. PIP BBQ
 - 4B.2.1. There will be a large bouncer for big kids and a smaller bouncer for the young kids to keep everyone safe and happy while bouncing.
 - 4B.2.2. Will arrange for a fire truck and police car to come.
 - 4B.2.3. Committee planning to book a parachute/earth ball and fun kit from the City.
 - 4B.2.4. Plan is to serve hot dogs, chips and fixings again this year to eat.
 - The organizers will need to charge a small amount for the food to recover some, but not all of the costs for the BBQ.
 - PIP voted in September to budget \$1000 for the BBQ. A charge for food will keep PIP on track with the planned expenditure.
 - PIP has charged for food in past years to stay within budget.
 - 4B.2.5. With respect to food charges for the PIP BBQ, a motion was made to charge \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (3 and up). Children 2 and under can eat for free.
 - The motion was seconded. Carried.

- There was discussion related to a planning for a potential rain date, but the school and PIP are okay with maintaining the one date.

4B.3. Christmas Supper 2017

4B.3.1. November 25 is the date for the major PIP fundraiser this year.

- It will be similar to last year's fall supper, as feedback was positive after that event.
- The Caboto Centre provided a quote for food and rental, which matches last year's prices.
- Will have more bartenders this year to keep up with demand.
- The dessert will be plated this year to avoid running out.

4B.3.2. The Fundraising committee will be soliciting donations for the event.

4B.3.3. There was a general question about what the fall supper funds from 2016 will be used for this year.

- There will be a vote of the PIP membership at the Annual Meeting in May as to what the funds raised in 2016 will be used for.
- There has been discussion at past meetings about diversifying how the money is spent – in past years it has mostly gone to the playground, with some spending on classrooms.

4C. Vacant Executive Positions

4C.1. The Executive are looking for up to two St. Mary's Representatives. 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. Other comments

4D.1. Grade 7/8 students are doing a "Mom's Pantry" fundraiser. For details, please speak to Jenn McCrea.

5. **Childcare Report – Cheryl Van Dale, BSLS Childcare Program Director**

5A. General update

5A.1. There will be In-service care offered during Spring Break (March 27-31).

5A.1.1. A number of fun activities are planned including:

- Plastic jug vehicle construction/racing;
- Making hacky sacks and practicing;
- Sketching and nature photography;
- May have a wildlife group come in and speak to the students about ecology and conservation; a woodchuck may make an appearance.

5A.2. Currently are accepting applications for childcare at the two campuses. If you know of interested people, please pass on the information to Cheryl Van Dale.

5A.2.1. Will offer the babysitting course on the May 19 In-service Day. There will be a charge of \$50 for each child to attend the course.

5A.3. Sign up for In-service care downstairs at BASC or by contacting Mrs. Van Dale in advance.

5A.3.1. Parents are welcome to sign their child up for childcare over spring break for the full week or only a couple of days, so long as they do it in advance.

5A.4. Mrs. Van Dale provided a brief on what parents can do “When kids are angry/tired”:

- “Calm down with take 5 breathing”
- Designate a calm space at home or in the class – Having an aquarium or sand timer are ideas that can focus a child’s attention and allow them to calm down.

6. School Board Report - Roger Lapointe (Chairman)

6A. There is a new Chairman of the Church, David Patrick, who is participating at Board Meetings.

6B. Update on the sewer repairs – Hired a plumber who found and pushed out more tree roots and steam “cleaned” the drain, which has helped alleviate the issue. The Board/school will continue to track the success of this and determine if maintenance/clearing roots is sufficient to prevent the costly sewer replacement.

7. Principal’s Report – Jenn McCrea

7A. General Update

7A.1. Devotional today was from “Lutheran Hour Ministries”, which follows the church year.

7A.2. Each Sunday, there is a 9:30 to 10:30 Bible Study at the church and 9:30 Sunday school.

7A.3. On Friday at 11:30, the school will hold the “Purple Bunny Hop”, which is a fundraiser for Epilepsy. Sponsorship letters have come home.

7A.3.1. The school band has learned to play “The Bunny Hop”.

7A.3.2. There will be 100 bunny hops and it takes about 3 minutes to do all of the hops.

7A.3.3. A family will bring in a purple cake for all to enjoy.

7A.4. April 12 is “Pink Day” to raise awareness about bullying. Order forms came home with the option for students to purchase a pink shirt, which they are welcome to where on April 12. Children who did not purchase a shirt are still welcome to wear pink.

7A.5. Country Week – Chile

7A.5.1. Chilean musicians played for the children on Monday.

7A.5.2. On Wednesday, Chilean dancers provided a demonstration/instruction.

7A.5.3. The children enjoyed tasting empanadas.

7A.5.4. During the week, the children are learning about the Chilean culture.

- Sports, games, music
- As they experience new things, their passports are stamped.
- Lots of fun for everyone!

7A.6. Upcoming PD Days will focus on anxiety in the classroom and executive function.

7A.6.1. Children who have even a minor change in routine, be it good or bad, can struggle with adapting to the change, which can make a child anxious and result in them acting out to cope.

7A.7. **June 8** is the new date for the Spring Concert. This is a different date than what is in the school calendar.

7A.7.1. There was an idea that perhaps this can be paired with the PIP BBQ next year.

7A.8. Grade 4 will perform with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra next week.

7A.9. Grade 5-8 regional track and field was held. Some of the children did really well. This track meet includes all school divisions in Winnipeg and is held annually at the University of Manitoba.

7A.10. Intramurals are finished for the year. Running Club will start up again on Tuesday/Thursdays and at lunch hours when the weather warms up.

7A.11. Archery, Mad Science and Chess Club are coming to an end.

7A.12. Photo Corp, who took the school photos this year, provided a check for \$170.

7A.13. Will celebrate Canada's 150 birthday on the day of the spring concert (June 8). The children should wear red and white on June 8, including for the concert.

7A.14. 500 years since reformation for Lutherans – activities are planned at the school to celebrate this.

7A.15. Vacation Bible School is being offered on July 3 to 7th.

7A.15.1. Afternoon care will be provided.

7A.15.2. Mighty fortress (500 year Lutheran Reformation theme)

- Looking for volunteers
- If Grade 6 students want to volunteer they are welcome.
- Interested people should see Jenn McCrea.

7A.16. Manitoba Education and Training assessed BSLs recently.

7A.16.1. Observe classes, staff and students

7A.16.2. Received very positive and complementary feedback.

8. Adjournment – 7:15

8A. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

7:30 - Speaker on "Childhood Anxiety and Parenting Strategies"

- Carla Betker presented to the PIP. She is a School Psychologist with Pembina Trails School Division and provides private consulting services through Elm Park Counseling and Consultation.