

Parents in Partnership (PIP) Meeting Notes from the February 1, 2018 General Meeting

Time: 6:30 – 7:30

Location: BSLS Common Area

Attendees: Darla Gauthier, Michelle Woo, Sarah Wakelin, Brandi Meilleur, Anjanette Zielinski, Ali Wong, Pastor Schnarr, Jackie Culley, Cheryl Van Dale, Anne Scott-Herridge

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Darla Gauthier (President)
 - Darla started the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
2. **Devotional** – Brandi Meilleur (Grade 3 and 4 teacher; acting Principal)
3. **Approval of September 19, 2017 and November 15, 2017 Parents in Partnership General Meeting minutes**– (Sarah Wakelin – Secretary)
 - 3.1. **A motion was made to approve the September 19, 2017 PIP meeting minutes.**
 - 3.1.1. **The motion was seconded. Carried.**
 - 3.2. **A motion was made to approve the November 15, 2017 PIP meeting minutes.**
 - 3.2.1. **The motion was seconded. Carried.**
4. **Parents in Partnership Executive Reports**
 - 4.1. Financial Update (Sarah Wakelin)
 - 4.1.1. Upcoming expenses remaining for the 2017/2018 school year (as per the PIP AGM in May 2017):
 - \$1000 for the End of Year BBQ;
 - \$500 for staff appreciation week;
 - Approximately \$500 for babysitting, bank fees and other miscellaneous operating expenses during the school year; and
 - \$500 to \$1000 deposit for the venue for the 2018/2019 Major Fundraising Event (TBD).
 - 4.1.2. PIP executive held back \$3000 in the bank from funds raised in 2016/2017 to confirm the above items would be accounted for the 2017/2018; this was discussed at the AGM in May.
 - 4.1.2.1. The Executive recommend holding back \$3000-\$3500 to be prepared for hosting the same events (or similar types) in 2018/2019.
 - 4.1.3. Currently there is approximately \$16,000 in the PIP bank account. This includes all monies raised to date from the Christmas supper, FundScript, Mabel's Labels and Farm to School fundraisers.

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4.1.3.1. Minus expenses for remainder of the school year (\$3000) = \$13,000.

4.1.3.2. Minus holdback for PIP's anticipated expenses in 2018/2019 (\$3000-\$3500) = approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000 remain for school programs/playground – ideas for where to best spend this?

- \$25,000 for the north playground? Though drainage issue has not been as bad in the past couple of years.
- Does the school have an expensive program-related item they have their eye on?
- Could PIP help with costs of field trips next year?

4.1.4. There was general discussion about the need for PIP to have a plan outlining where fundraising dollars raised in 2017/2018 should be spent.

4.1.4.1. This should be prepared by the Executive Members and presented to the General Members for feedback at a future meeting.

4.1.5. While the monies are in the PIP bank account for staff appreciation, a deposit on next year's fundraising event, and the PIP BBQ, members did not vote to authorize organizers to spend money on these activities.

4.1.6. BBQ organizers last year indicated that \$1000 is not enough to pay for all of the activities/bouncers and keep food costs low going forward.

- \$1000 has been the budget allotted to this event for the last 4 to 5 years.

4.1.7. **A motion was made to authorize the organizers to use up to \$1500 of PIP's funds on the 2018 June BBQ.**

- **The motion was seconded. Carried.**

4.1.8. **A motion was made to authorize the organizers of the 2018/2019 school year's major fundraising event to use up to \$1500 of PIP's funds to reserve a venue.**

- **The motion was seconded. Carried.**

4.1.9. **A motion was made to authorize organizers to spend up to \$500 towards teacher appreciation in the 2017/2018 school year.**

- **The motion was seconded. Carried.**

4.2. Fundraising/Event Update 2017-18

4.2.1. FundScrip (Jackie Culley – General Member).

- \$723 has been raised.

4.2.2. Christmas Supper (Darla Gauthier)

4.2.2.1. Almost \$10,000 was raised at the event.

4.2.2.2. Feedback has been positive again about the food (Mona Lisa) and venue (Caboto Centre).

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- 4.2.2.3. There was discussion about the cost of the food being high.
- Organizers confirmed the price of the tickets did not cover the cost for the food. (PIP actually loses money on the food and gains it back through the auction.)
- 4.2.2.4. There was general discussion about the purpose for the event – is it both a Fundraising and Community Event – when ticket prices are high, not everyone can attend.
- The main purpose for the supper is to raise funds for programs at the school. Complementary tickets are given at the discretion of the Principal to families who may find it too expensive to attend.
 - The June BBQ is meant to be the main community event of the year, though there are others (such as Movie Night) that are also free and /or inexpensive.
- 4.2.2.5. There was an idea put forward about holding a pot luck supper as another community event in 2018/2019. Pastor Schnarr invited PIP to use the church basement/kitchen for this event, if desired.
- 4.2.2.6. The school is keen about having another major fundraising dinner next year
- 4.2.2.7. Potential venues were investigated prior to the meeting and include:
- St. Boniface Golf Course - available for a similar cost
 - The Rowing Club is available – this is cheaper, though the organizers would need to get a food handling permit and liquor licence, which is quite time consuming.
 - The Caboto Centre has offered to host it again for the same price they offered this year.
- 4.2.2.8. There are no organizers yet to plan next year's event, so there was hesitation by PIP members to decide whether or not to make a non-refundable deposit to reserve any of the above venues at the time of the meeting.
- This year's organizers indicated the event was a lot of work and stress to plan/carry-out and ticket sales were not plentiful; they just made the cutoff for not being charged for the rental of the hall.
- 4.2.2.9. In the past few years, staff have received tickets to attend the fundraising supper for half price. Though the idea was raised at the November meeting, there was not a quorum for PIP to vote in favour of giving staff tickets for half

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price in advance of the supper, so the school decided to pay half of the price for the teacher's tickets.

- The total amount was approximately \$400.

4.2.2.10. There was discussion about PIP reimbursing the school for this amount; it was not accounted for in PIP's budget for the 2017/2018 school year and there was a suggestion that it could be provided in lieu of "Staff Appreciation" week or PIP could approve the additional expense.

4.2.2.11. Discussion about reimbursement was deferred until a meeting when Mrs. McCrea is in attendance to speak what has been done historically and what staff might prefer.

4.2.3. February 23 Movie Night (Sarah Wakelin)

- Pizza will be served and more information will be shared closer to the event.

4.2.4. June BBQ (Michelle Woo)

4.2.4.1. Ticket prices

- Organizers received complaints that prices were too high for the meal at the BBQ.
- The group present did not agree it was overly expensive and discussed that prices should remain the same as last year to recover costs for the food.

4.2.4.2. **A motion was made to sell tickets for food at the PIP BBQ at a cost of 5\$ per adult, \$3 per child (ages 3-17), and free for children 2 and under.**

- **The motion was seconded. Carried.**

4.2.5. Executive Vacancies

- Up to two St. Mary's Representatives
- One Fundraising Representative
- Vice President
- There will be additional vacancies at the end of the school year (Secretary and President).

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

5.1. General Update

5.1.1. Spring break camp is between March 26-29

- Planned for bowling, carpentry (birdhouses), PJ day and children will make some of their own snacks.

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- Anyone needing care should email Mrs. Van Dale and/or sign up in advance on the sheet at BASC.

5.1.2. Babysitting Course

- Need a minimum of 10 to 12 people to hold the course. Mrs. Van Dale indicated that others who do not attend the school can come to make up the numbers. If interested, please contact Mrs. Van Dale.
- Aqua Essence Swim Academy also offers in-school training and will train a minimum of six children per session. Darla Gauthier to provide information on this to Mrs. Van Dale.

6. School Board Report

6.1. There was no one present from the School Board and no report was provided.

7. Principal's Report – Brandi Meilleur on behalf of Jenn McCrea

7.1. General update

7.1.1. Information on 2018/2019 registration has come home.

- Students will be re-enrolled unless the school office hears otherwise.
- A \$55 registration fee will be debited from parent's account in the middle of February.
 - Alternative forms of payment can be provided, but please contact Mrs. Madden in the school office.

7.1.2. Mrs. Patrick has left the school

- Mrs. Van Dale is now teaching Kindergarten full-time.

7.1.3. The school is looking for a new Childcare Director.

- Applicants must be at least an ECE3 and can send their resumes to Mrs. McCrea.

7.1.4. Afterschool Programs have started. Bricks for Kids (Monday), Mad Science (Tuesday), Archery (Thursday).

7.1.5. February is "I Love to Read Month". Undertaking "Ring and Read" where kids carry a book around and stop to read whenever they hear the bell.

- Feb 7 – Sports and "Wear Words" day
 - Thomas Miles of the Blue Bombers will read to the school in the afternoon.
- Feb 14 – Wear red, pink and white for Valentine's Day.
- Feb 21 - Dress like a Voyageur – pea soup and bannock will be served – Mme. Christensen will send home a note asking for volunteers to cook.
- February 28 – "Dress like your Favourite Storybook Character"

7.1.6. Grade 3-8 will go to Festival du Voyageur on February 23.

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7.1.7.Applebee’s Breakfast hosted by the teachers is on March 10.

7.1.8.Country week will be India.

7.1.9.Feb. 5 and 13 – there will be a “Love and Logic” session (7 to 9 pm)

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment (7:38)

Pastor Schnarr invited all members to stay after the meeting and discuss "How Do We View Christianity?"

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