

## **Parents in Partnership (PIP) Notes from the November 15, 2017 General Meeting**

**6:30 – 7:30**

**Location:** BSLS Common Area

**Attendees:** Darla Gauthier, Brandi Meilleur, Michelle Woo, Sarah Wakelin, Jackie Culley, Cheryl Van Dale, Jennifer McCrea, Heather English.

- 1. Welcome & Introductions** – Darla Gauthier (President)
  - 1A. Darla started the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- 2. Devotional** – Jenn McCrea (Principal)
- 3. Approval of September 19, 2017 Parents in Partnership General Meeting minutes** – (Sarah Wakelin – Secretary)
  - 3A. Secretary will remove item 4.A.1 from the draft minutes.
  - 3B. Meeting did not comprise a quorum (2 executive and 5 general members), so a vote to approve the minutes was not possible.
  - 3C. A vote to approve the September 19, 2017 draft minutes will be deferred until the February 1<sup>st</sup> PIP General Meeting.
- 4. Parents in Partnership Executive Reports**
  - 4A. Financial Update (Heather English – Co-Treasurer)
    - 4A.1. \$822 made from the Farm to School fundraiser.
    - 4A.2. \$30 made at the October movie night
    - 4A.3. Spent \$65 for supplies for the Christmas supper
  - 4B. Fundraising/Event Update 2017-18
    - 4B.1. FundScrip (Jackie Culley – General Member)
      - 4B.1.1. Orders are starting to be received.
      - 4B.1.2. Jackie to give checks for FundScrip to Heather English (Treasurer) for deposit to the PIP bank account.
      - 4B.1.3. November 25 is the deadline for ordering cards. After this people will pay for shipping and it is sent directly to their homes.
    - 4B.2. Farm to School Fundraiser – (Michelle Woo – Past-President)
      - 4B.2.1. Approximately 50 bags were donated to Winnipeg Harvest.
        - Next year suggest that people who donate to Winnipeg Harvest purchase two smaller bags over one large so that they go twice as far.
    - 4B.3. Movie Night
      - 4B.3.1. Positive feedback re: movie night
      - 4B.3.2. Pizza was a well received and an easier option than hot dogs to prepare.
      - 4B.3.3. School/PIP are allowed to use any historical movies as well as new releases under the movie licence.
      - 4B.3.4. Can use Apple TV and NetFlix to show the licensed movies (do not need to purchase a DVD).
      - 4B.3.5. Streaming is available on any of the school devices.

4B.3.6. Brandi Meilleur suggested PIP organizers can send a list of movies that PIP may want to show and she can look into streaming at the school.

4B.4. Christmas Supper – (Darla Gauthier - President)

4B.4.1. Vote on Discounted Staff Ticket Prices

- There was not a quorum to be able vote on this at the meeting.
- The principal indicated the school will make up the difference to provide tickets at half price to the teachers and staff.

4B.4.2. Deadline for ticket purchase is the end of the day on Friday (November 17).

4B.4.3. Organizers will sort through donated silent auction prizes on November 23 at 5:30 pm.

4B.4.4. Set up will take place between 9 and noon on November 25.

4B.4.5. Silent auction prizes

- Suite tickets for the Manitoba Moose
- 1 to 2 Jets games
- Pizza party for 10
- Restaurants, museums
- Moose Jacket
- No donation will be rejected.
- Signed Blue Bombers Jersey
- Parking space, first to eat, front row at the Christmas Concert

4B.4.6. Volunteers Required

- Registering people as they arrive.
- Balloon bags
- Close Down will be better organized this year to avoid confusion.
  - May look for volunteers to close bidding, etc.

4C. Executive Vacancies

4C.1. Two St. Mary's Representatives

4C.2. One Fundraising Representative

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

**5A.** Separating children into three groups at BASC – group in the French Room – beading last week, clay this week, snack prep this week

**5A.1.** Idea is to reduce the noise and crowding downstairs

**5B.** Mrs. Van Dale asked that parents please keep sick children at home and encourage hand washing to keep bugs from spreading.

**6. School Board Report - Roger Lapointe (Chairman)**

6A. Mr. Lapointe was not present.

6B. Mrs. McCrea reported there was an annual meeting at the church on January 21. The purpose was for the owners (church/board) to review and discuss the mission of the school.

6C. Mrs. McCrea will present the outcomes of the meeting at a PIP meeting in the New Year.

## **7. Principal's Report – Jenn McCrea**

7A. Community event at the Bomber Game.

7A.1. School is looking to plan a similar event at a Moose Game in Jan/Feb.

7A.2. School is hoping to host another football event at a Bomber Game in June.

7B. December 14 Christmas Concert – the school is looking to parents to provide dainties for the evening – 2 dozen squares/cookies/etc. (or more) will be much appreciated.

7C. On April 23, MTYP will come to the school to present “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”.

7D. School is undertaking speech programs, “Days with Daisy” (children spend time with Daisy the dog and read to her).

7E. Ms. Meilleur indicated there is “Homework Club” on Wednesdays from 3:16 to 3:45 (children from any grade can attend).

7F. On Wednesdays, the Grade 3 and 4 class go to “Pick-it” over lunch.

7F.1. Children are invited to play different games, which is a great exercise to learn about winning and losing and how it feels, talk about how they are feeling, etc.

7F.1.1. Held in the French Room.

7F.1.2. Teaches children about self-regulation

7F.1.3. Play with things like LEGO, jacks and other games

7F.1.4. The school is looking for games that people may be getting rid of

7G. Mrs. McCrea wants to know what people want to hear at the PIP meetings about the school and its programs.

7G.1. Members present indicated that perhaps a survey or comment box might be a good place to start.

7H. Ms. Meilleur explained report cards

7H.1. Coming out on November 24 (Friday).

7H.2. “Grades” – The numbers 1 to 4 are used as indicators for grades 1 to 6.

7H.3. Grades 7 and 8 - provide percentages

7H.4. Provide written comments as well.

7H.5. Look at a variety of areas when assessing the students – things they produce, conversations, what they see as they watch the kids (strengths, challenges and next steps)

7H.6. The “Grade” in each term reflects what was completed in that term (i.e. a child that receives a “3” after receiving a “4” in the previous term does not mean that they are struggling.

7H.6.1. “4” – thoroughly understand the material; generally they are not prevalent on the report card..

7H.6.2. “3” - child has a good understanding.

7H.6.3. “2” – child has a basic understanding

7H.6.4. “1” – child has a limited understanding. Teachers will follow-up with the parents when a “1” is given and parents will be well-aware of it by the time it is written on the report card.

7H.6.5. “N/A” – the material hasn’t been covered yet (for that term)

7H.7. Parents are welcome to meet with the classroom teacher if they have questions or concerns. Should book an appointment.

7H.7.1. Should not expect to have a discussion with teachers on the child’s struggles at the Student Led Conferences. That is meant for children to showcase what they are working on. It is an opportunity for kids to talk about what is important in their learning.

## **8. Other Business**

### **8A. School Supplies**

8A.1. There was general discussion about why the school has switched to parents being responsible for purchasing supplies.

8A.2. Ms. Meilleur used to buy all school supplies.

8A.3. Preference by parents present would be for the school to coordinate colours of binders and more expensive school supplies between years in order that parents can reuse supplies.

### **8B. Status update re: “No Dogs” sign required on the south playground gates.**

8B.1. Will wait to see how bad the dog waste is and make a decision later.

8B.2. The school has no ability to enforce the ByLaw and wants the community to be able to enjoy the playground, so don’t want to lock the gate.

### **8C. Update on 2016/2017 PIP monies spent on school programs.**

8C.1. \$2280 spent – Kindergarten – new sandbox and leveled readers

8C.1.1. LEGO for science and math

8C.1.2. iPad holders and chargers

8C.1.3. Baskets

8C.1.4. Games, books, math and ELA

8C.1.5. Grade 7 and 8 – one microscope

8C.1.6. Recess supplies

8C.1.7. Mallets

8C.1.8. Books French, healthy habits, self reg

8C.1.9. St. Mary’s – CD players.

8C.1.10. Daycare – toys

8C.2. Ideas for fundraising – technology and big ticket items.

8C.2.1. Kindergarten – want a smart board

8C.2.2. More iPads for the classrooms (4 in each class), computer lab.

8C.2.3. Solicit ideas from teachers and discuss later.

8C.2.4. North playground wasn't a drainage issue this year –not as pressing to repair it.

8C.3. Pastor Schnarr would be interested in staying after PIP meetings to speak/answer questions; people are invited to attend chapel.

8C.3.1. Invite Pastor Schnarr to one of the next two meetings. Mrs. McCrea to let Darla know so that Pastor can be added to the meeting agenda.

**9. Adjournment (8:25)**