

Parents In Partnership (PIP) Agenda for September 18th, 2018

6:30-7:30

Attendees: Michelle Chrisp, Sarah Wakelin, Darla Gauthier, Jackie Culley, Michelle Woo, Brandi Meilleur, Barb Wierckx, Heather English, Marianne Lozinski, Natalie Craig, Debra Page, Heather Westmacott, Jenn McCrea, Anne Scott-Herridge, Anjanette Zielinski, Viney San

Location: BSLS Chapel Area

1. **Welcome & Introductions** - Anne Scott-Herridge and Viney San opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.
2. **Devotional** – Jenn McCrea (Principal)
3. **Approval of May 15th, 2018 Parents in Partnership Annual General Meeting minutes**

3A. A motion was made to approve the meeting notes from the May 15, 2018 PIP Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded. Carried.

4. **Parents in Partnership Executive Reports**

4A. Financial Update – Heather English (Treasurer)

4A1. Account Update

4A1.1 - PIP begins the school year with \$6822 in the account

4A1.2 – Received \$61.19 from Mabel’s Labels over the summer

4A1.3 – Some small bank fees expected to be removed

4B. Open PIP Executive Positions

4B.1 – Heather English nominated Barb Wierckx to be co-treasurer. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

4C. PIP Annual By-Law Review (must be reviewed annually -- Reviewed by Anne Scott-Herridge (Fundraising Chair) and Viney San (Secretary). No changes recommended at this time.

5. **Designation of PIP Funds Raised in 2017-2018** –This was voted on and carried during the last meeting. No changes required at this time.

5A. Gift Card -- A gift card for the BSLS family with a bouncer will be purchased and present. This expenditure was budgeted for in the 2017-2018 PIP Year-End BBQ.

6. **Upcoming Events**

6A. Farm to School – Order forms have gone home. Michelle Chrisp, Jackie Culley, Darla Gauthier, Anne Scott-Herridge and Viney San have volunteered their help on delivery day (October 4, 2018). Help is expected from the grades 7 & 8’s.

6B. Christmas Supper – Headed by Anne Scott-Herridge (Fundraising Chair)

6B1. Deposit at Caboto Centre – Deposit has already been made to the Caboto Centre for the November 17th event.

6B2. Ticket Prices –Early bird ticket prices were unsuccessful last year. Prices will be set at \$40 per adult, \$20 per child, age 3 and under are free. These prices will be just under covering costs. A motion was made to approve these prices. It was seconded and carried.

6B3. New Supplier – Sorrentos is now serving the Caboto Centre. They have agreed to honour the menu, prices and all other items agreed upon last year. They will cover liquor licensing.

6B4. Christmas Supper Sub-Committee – An idea was given to form a Christmas Supper Sub-Committee. An email will be sent out looking for volunteers, with an end date to reply stated. Anne Scott-Herridge will give out details at that meeting.

7. Childcare Report – Ms. Debra Page

7A. General Update

7A.1 -- Both childcare facilities are at capacity

7A.2 – The nursery class still has openings

7A.3 – St. Mary's had a field trip over the summer; they are learning about nutrition and seasons

7A.4 –Debra Page is looking for suggestions from parents as to what they would like to hear reported on, as well as suggestions for daycare activities or themes. A field trip was suggested. BASC parents have also been emailed for their input.

7A.5 –Childcare Aid: Ms. Lin left for Vancouver, so a new hire was required. New hire has been delayed beginning due to a family emergency. A new supervisor is being hired for St. Mary's

7A.6 – Show and Save fundraiser has begun

7A.7 – October Inservice day will consist of bowling and hotdogs

7A.8 – Always seeking supplies: thread, buttons, egg cartons, washed milk jugs, paper, books, puzzles, games, fabric

8. School Board Report –The board member who was to attend, Mrs. West, was ill and could not attend. She expects to be present at the next PIP meeting

8A. – Bring any concern for the school board to Jenn McCrea; she will pass them along

8B. – A question was asked if parents could attend the school board meeting, though they could not speak at the meeting. Jenn McCrea will check into this. Occasionally, PIP has had the opportunity to present at the school board meeting. However, school board meeting minutes are available to be viewed

9. Principal's Report

- 9A.** Students are getting used to the new school year nicely
- 9B.** URIS training for staff has taken place for instruction in the use of inhalers and Epipens. Students prescribed these items should have plans filled out by parents and handed in. Inhalers and Epipens should be in the student's locker or on their person during school hours.
- 9C.** Scheduled vaccinations will still take place in school, but parents can choose to skip or take child to their family physician. Grades 3, 6, and 8 will occur this school year.
- 9D.** All staff have been trained in PAX. PAX is a method which uses nonsensical words instead of traditional words to remove emotions from the language. A 'spleem' would be traditionally called a bad choice. PAX games have rewards called Granny's Wacky Prizes; allowing supervised, timed activities which normally would not be allowed. Examples: running in the hallways, throwing balled-up paper, or drumming pencils
- 9E.** New programs for the entire school: Handwriting & Keyboarding Without Tears. The grade 3/4's will begin cursive handwriting. Studies have shown that cursive improves memory retention, among other things. Keyboarding will start at a very basic level in kindergarten, teaching hand position, etiquette, etc.
- 9F.** The Chapel theme this year will be a continuation from last year's 'Vine". The new theme will be the fruits/spirit of the vine, with each month having a themed fruit (peace, faithfulness, etc.) as well as activities for Christmas and Easter
- 9G.** The weekly email to parents, "This Week in Chapel" will continue
- 9H.** Reading Assessments for grades 1-3 have begun
- 9I.** Opportunities for quieter recess: while outdoor recess remains a great release for many students, there will now be an option to socialize in quieter, smaller groups for students who choose. This begins soon
- 9J.** Recommends that parents have students at the school for 8:30, rather than 8:45. This is a good social time, giving them the opportunity to talk and get ready, so they can be calm and ready to learn by 8:45
- 9K.** The school would like to host hospitality mornings on the first Friday of the month, beginning at 8:30. The hospitality room during the first few days of school was quite successful, with some parents asking for more. An attempt had been made in the past to host a fellowship time after chapel, but this was unsuccessful, possibly due to timing.
- 9L.** An offer was made to hold PIP meetings at 7am, if it were to work better for parents
- 9M.** The flooring project has been completed, along with new baseboards, paint and other items. New cleaners are working out well
- 9N.** Input was requested for a school cookbook fundraiser, for easy, go-to meals and snacks, possibly with an Instapot recipe section. Parents would be asked to submit favoured recipes; photos and kids' quotes to be added. Older students could participate in the cookbook layout. This is expected to be completed around March

9O. Mrs. McCrea thanks PIP for their efforts last year. Not all purchases have been made, but a large component is a pottery program, with 3-4 pieces per child. Expected to be completed around March

9P. LRSD Student Services staff is Rob George; speech therapist and social worker remain the same. They will contact parents if your child has been flagged to work with them, but parents can speak to their child's teacher if they think a referral is necessary. They can also work with outside professionals, though their work is school-focused. Please forward assessments done outside of school

9Q. Shed: a chance meeting with a shops teacher has given the school a new lead. Shops students may be able to build us a new shed., perhaps in the spring. Glenlawn and JH Bruns were also named as schools with shops classes looking for projects

9R. Mrs. McCrea is always available to chat; mornings work better and calling ahead is a good idea.

9S. A statement was made about a donation to a classroom through school supply shopping at retailers like Walmart. Mrs. McCrea noted that there can be donations made at any time, in any amount, and for any specific purpose/classroom stated by the donor

9T. There was a discussion regarding the school purchasing school supplies rather than the parents. Mrs. McCrea noted that the school had purchased them in the past, but there was some dissension about the recycling/reusing of the past year's school supplies (non-consumables). Some parents were for the school buying the, some were against. There didn't seem to be a solution that would satisfy everyone's wishes

10. Other Business

10A. Signing Authority -- A motion was made to make newly elected co-treasurer Barb Wierkx a PIP signing authority. The motion was seconded and carried. Darla Gauthier, as past president, will also have signing authority.

10B. MAPC Renewal – At the cost of \$80 to renew, MAPC will be renewed. Viney and Anne will do this. Motion made, seconded and carried

10C. Bank Balances – Heather put forward that as co-treasurer and a school employee, she can't have signing authority, but asked if she could have PIP bank balances sent to her. A motion was made, seconded and carried

10D. Movie Night – Sarah Wakelin and Darla Gauthier are heading this activity. It takes place on October 18. Pizza was well-received and simpler last year, so that will be repeated. Licensing is still in place

11. Adjournment – 7:51