

Parents In Partnership (PIP) Agenda for September 25th, 2019

Attendees: Heather English, Jenn McCrea, Natasha Slawik, Bryn Saunders, Nikos Kioussis, Anne Scott-Herridge, Heather Westmacott, Michelle Crisp, Jackie Culley, Marianne Lozinski, Viney San, Marla Lesko, Leanne Jones

Location: BSLS Chapel Area

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Meeting opened at 6:35pm
2. **Devotional** – Jenn McCrea
3. **Approval of the May 14th, 2019 AGM minutes** – Carried, with correction to name ‘Bryn Saunders’
4. **Executive Reports**
 - 4A. **Financial Report** -- \$72.69 earned from Mabel’s Labels. Currently approximately \$8468 in PIP account. Pending service charges will adjust this number soon
 - 4B. **Fundraising Chair**
 - 4B1. **Fall Festival ticket prices** – Ticket prices were voted and carried for \$25/adult, \$15/child; 3 and under free
 - 4B2. **Fall Festival food options** – Food options were discussed at length. A vote was taken whether we should have a sit-down meal at the Norwood Community Centre; 7 for, 7 against. Ticket prices could be further reduced, made open to more people, as well as profit made from ticket sales if a social type package of food was utilized. This was eventually voted down with the idea that the children would be running around without the focus of a meal. Olive Garden is \$13.50 per person (plus tax) and includes iced tea, napkins, plates, cutlery, meal and dessert. A motion to have alcohol at the supper was also approved. The next Fall/Christmas event will be discussed after the completion of this one
 - 4B3. **Committee formation** – The following members volunteered for the Fall Festival committee: Jackie Culley, Marianne Lozinski, Michelle Crisp, Heather Westmacott, Bryn Saunders, Anne Scott-Herridge, Viney San
5. **Other Business**
 - 5A. **PIP Meeting listed on November 5, 2019, should be November 7** – November 7 will stand as PIP meeting. Date to get gift baskets wrapped TBA
6. **Childcare Report** – New childcare director Natasha will work out of St. Mary’s and visit Birchdale. If you need to reach her, the email remains the same. The daycare at St. Mary is full, and the nursery is almost full. There is still space in the Birchdale daycare for children aged 3 & 4. The Birchdale nursery has low enrolment and will be operating Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for now. Summertime daycare is being offered at the St. Mary campus; 6 spots available and capped at grades 1/2
7. **School Board Report** – The school board thanks PIP and the executive. Policy work and governance outcomes have now been completed. A question was asked about the paving of the backlane, as sought by neighbours. The neighbours have not gone forward with their wishes, so this issue is currently a non-starter.
8. **Principal’s Report** – Jenn was away on vacation in September to make up for time worked. URIS training (inhalers, epipens, etc.) for staff is now complete. Please let the school know if your child has a need of these devices. Vaccinations will be done for grades 3/6/8. Our newest teacher will be trained in the PAX method next PD Day. Next PIP meeting will include a PAX game to teach interested parents. Our school will be demonstrating for the PAX program and training video. The school is hoping to have the police in with a discussion of cyber safety, and a talk on anxiety is possible. Handwriting and Keyboarding Without Tears continues. Handwriting has been proven to increase memory. Keyboarding will begin in kindergarten. Chapel theme is a secret mission, with messages Christ is trying to give us. Codes and code

boxes, and escape pieces will all be part. Chapel update emails will begin again soon. The grades 1/2/3 are having reading assessments to determine if support is needed, and students with IEPs will be contacted regarding outcome expectations. Another reminder that students fare best when they arrive as close to 8:30 am as possible. PD Day plans will include Tourette's Syndrome, ADHD, mental health, etc. The new 2:15 dismissals are in place; parents are assured that everything will still be covered, and the loss of 45 minutes once a month still leaves the school within their target minutes. The We Care Club will be revitalized, and leading students to help peers and community. There will be a monthly environmental focus to help children learn the ways in which they can be a help to the environment.

9. Adjournment – 8:10 pm