

## **Parents In Partnership (PIP)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 16, 2025**

**Location: BSLS Birchdale**

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#### **Opening:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Natasha Jamison at BSLS.

#### **Attendance**

##### *Members Present:*

Marianne Lozinski (President), Natasha Jamison (Vice President), Stephanie Rempel (Secretary), Jackie Culley (Co-Treasurer), Heather English (Co-Treasurer), Jenn McCrea (School Principal), Rebecca Kuik (sit-in for St. Mary's Representative), David Kuik (School Board Chair).

##### *Other parents and attendees:*

Kyle Rempel

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Introduction, devotional and opening prayer:**

The meeting commenced with a devotional by Natasha Jamison and a prayer led by Ms. Brandi Meilleur.

#### **1. Principal's Report:**

*Delivered by Jennifer McCrea*

##### **a. Dance Event:**

- First-ever dance planned for grades 6-8 on February 13.
- Grade 6 students may need sponsorship from grade 8 students.
- Invite friends from their sports teams and need prior notification for attendance.

##### **b. Annual Fundraising Dinner:**

- Scheduled for March 1 at Caboto Center.
- Goal to gather donations; seeking volunteers for phone calls and donations.

-Target of 80-120 silent auction packages and 10-15 live auction items.

**c. Open House Updates:**

-Recent open houses attracted 11-13 families.

-Next open house scheduled for February 6.

**Expansion Plans:**

-School expanding to grade 10 with new course offerings in industrial arts.

-Preliminary course offerings for next year are being finalized.

**Midterms and Exams:**

-Midterms approaching; students have two days of exams.

-Discussion on the importance of maintaining exams for skill development.

**School Board Report**

*Delivered by David Kuik*

- a. The construction plans are in the very small detail stage now with the architect.
- b. We are getting close to having all the financing lined up. The target was \$6 million total, with \$4.5 million from the bank financing and \$1.6 million to be raised. We are currently at almost \$900,000 raised.
- c. They are aiming to submit the development permit application February 1st, which takes about 2 months to get approved. Then we can move to building permits and hope to start construction in May.

**Child Care Report**

*Delivered by Rebecca Kuik*

- a. Update from Daycare:
- b. High demand continues; focus on winter activities and professional development.
- c. Upcoming in-service scheduled for January 31 with special guest.

**Fundraising Updates**

- a. Fundraising from recent events:
  - Fundscript: \$623.99
  - Mom's Pantry: \$641.59
  - St. Mary's Babysitting: \$300
  - Total funds available: \$1,565.58.
  
- b. Discussion on deposits for face painters and bounce house for upcoming events.

**Upcoming Events**

- a. Review of the Spring Concert and BBQ scheduled for June.

- b. Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week and Family Barbecue.
- c. Discussion on potential dates for the next movie night due to scheduling conflicts.

### **Vendor Market Discussion**

- a. Proposal for a Christmas market in 2025.
- b. Consideration of vendor fees and structures for the event.
- c. Discussion on advertising to Christian vendors and potential fundraising opportunities.
- d. Decision to move forward with a committee for the 2025 Christmas Market.

### **Closing Remarks**

The meeting concluded with a prayer led by David Kuik thanking God for the discussions and asking for guidance in future planning. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12th, 2025.

### **Action Items:**

1. Follow up on the face painter's fee.
2. Finalize details for the upcoming dance and fundraising dinner.
3. Check on vendor market details and potential advertising strategies.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

January 16th, 2025

February 12th, 2025

May 14th, 2025

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Marianne Lozinski at 8:04pm.

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Minutes Prepared by: Stephanie Rempel

Date of Preparation: January 30th, 2025

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