

Brookwood School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday - January 24, 2022
(Google Meet – Virtual Meeting)

In Attendance: Tyneal Johnson, Karen Stride-Goudie, Rosanne McIntyre, Donna Ainslie O'Connor, Nicole Patras, Jill Osborne, Shari Olson, Doug Lorenz, Lisa Huffman, Amanda Power and Nadine Horner

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

1. Welcome & Introductions - Thank you for all that joined us this evening. Quick introduction of all that are in attendance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Amanda motions to approve the agenda as presented. Tyneal seconds the motions
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (November 2021): Tyneal motions to approve the minutes as distributed. Lisa seconds the motion.
4. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee): Jill Osborne in attendance to give the trustee report. A brief update on Covid and the delivery of the masks and antigen tests. Administration looking at purchasing N95 or KN95 masks for staff. Trustees and Senior Admin met with our 3 MLA's. Advocacy items were draft curriculum, pressures on bussing due to inflation and the modernization of SGCHS. PSD attendance review was presented to the board. This would be for the start of the 2023/24 school year. There will be several chances for public engagement and feedback. Brief discussion on the literacy intervention and numeracy intervention that is happening.
5. Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne): December highlights: Christmas concert videos were amazing. Thank you to Mrs. Gottenbos. Maranatha Christian Program had a joint virtual chapel with Woodhaven to celebrate Christmas. Brookwood School donated \$305 to the Kinettes Christmas Hampers. We also celebrated 12 days of Christmas with themed days and carols/songs.

Safety Measures: Staff, students and parents have been doing an amazing job with the safety measures that are in place. We are continuing with our homeroom cohort for PE partner cohorts. Playground cohorts are according to grade level. Rapid test kits and masks were received on January 21 and were sent home.

The school is using the following online learning platforms. RAZ kids, Mathletics and Discovery Ed. Karen has sent a request to the BSA as a part of the school wish list to cover the costs of the online platforms which totals almost \$10000.00.

PSD is looking for stakeholder feedback regarding the 2022-2023 school calendar. This question is being asked of all school councils in the divisions:

Which calendar do you prefer?

- Version 1 places the Fall Break after Remembrance Day (Nov 14-18)
 - Students attend school until December 23.
- Version 2 places the Fall Break prior to Remembrance Day (Nov 7-10), and a few students/staff may need to attend to planned Diploma exams.
 - Students attend until December 22 prior to the Winter Break

A vote of all in attendance at this meeting resulted in Version 1 = 5 and Version 2 = 1
Discussion on the learning loss grant with the focus on literacy and numeracy. Grades 2 and 3 will be running small group interventions with literacy starting in December and

numeracy starting in January. We are currently gathering data for our Grade 1 students reading levels so small groups can be out in place.

Teachers are sharing online assessments through Powerschool with monthly updates. Early years focus on numeracy and literacy. Teachers also use SeeSaw and Google Classroom to share student learning.

Review of school communication. School messenger, school website, Facebook, Rally (P/T interviews) & Classroom sites/blogs.

6. Council Chair/President Report:

- Fundraising thoughts. Brookwood's eligibility for gaming license and proceeds of gaming. Can we host a 50/50 draw? Discussion around raising funds for a specific project. Possibly needing a gaming license. Doug to look into the behind the scenes on the 50/50 tickets.
- Thoughts on starting a gardening and composting program for students: Bins for every classroom. Use compost as plant food in the spring to plant seeds. Lisa will look into composting programs. The community garden could use our compost for their gardens
 - Something to think about would be the workload for the staff
 - Would this be division approved?
 - Would this attract unwanted animals/rodents to the school yard?Karen will check with Serge about the logistics of having a compost at the school.

7. Wishlists for teachers. What specifically are teachers in need of, and how can we get those items to them in a timely manner? Musical instruments, gym/sports equipment, pinnies, etc.

- School would like online platforms put forward as items the Association purchases off the wish list.
- Other suggestions made were purchases for the music and gym programs
- Karen reminded members that 2 Gaga pits were purchased and installed by the Association last year. These are enjoyed by all grades every recess.

8. "Paperbag Princess Day/Week" Feb 28 to March 4 for any teachers or staff that would like to participate. Annickpress.com for more information

- Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date
 - Next Meeting Date: Feb 28, 2022 @ 7:00pm
- Meeting Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.