

JT BROWN PAC

MEETING MINUTES – ADMIN MEETING

Date: September 27, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting called to order by: Dana Papais

MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Dana Papais

Treasurer: Sundeep Bath

Secretary: Ranjit Sanghera

Hot Lunch Team: Dana Papais and Kiren Gandham

Fundraising Team: Dana Papais and Kiren Gandham

Member at Large: Kelly Sidhu

Parent Volunteer: Ruby Sandhu and Ruby Sanghara

IN ATTENDANCE

Dana Papais, Sundeep Bath, Kiren Gandham, Kelly Sidhu, Ruby Sandhu, Ranjit Sanghera, Ruby Sanghara, and some members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read from the May 24th, 2023 meeting and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Voting in new executive members for the current school year:
 - **Chairperson** – Dana Papais
 - **Treasurer** – Sundeep Bath
 - **Secretary** – Ranjit Sanghera
 - **Hot Lunch Team** – Dana Papais and Kiren Gandham
 - **Fundraising Team** – Dana Papais and Kiren Gandham

BUDGET

- Gaming Grant funding has gone thru, but waiting for response. Completes this month (September), will hopefully hear back in a few weeks.
- Librarian wants money to get new books.
- Teacher funds: \$100 last year. Funds are used for crafts, games, etc. [consumables for that year's group]. Most teachers buy supplies they use a lot of.
- Funds for LST groups (field trips) / Library
- Should be able to give \$100 again this year.
 - Can include Music and Intermediate Prep
- Everyone at the meeting was ok with \$100 allocated for the teacher funds.

REPORTS

- Fundraising:
 - Spirit wear personalization hiccup
 - Hot Lunch → Kwantlen Pizza will be delivering again; Mary Browns (taters for vegetarian option in lieu of poutines.
 - Prices have gone up which means we've increased our prices too.
 - Halloween Baskets: do we want to do them again? YES. Same as last year, we will do 4 baskets → BUT we did 2, one for the primary grades and one for intermediate.
 - Ruby #2 and Ranjit volunteer to help with Halloween baskets.
 - Principal reminded us that we need someone to pick up cash at the end of days, as we are cashless.
 - Christmas raffles and Advent calendars:
 - Chairperson said that there are Godiva mugs at Costco for the raffles. Someone suggested charms in lieu of chocolates for the Advent calendars.
 - Purdy's: BIG NOPE.
 - Cookies & Pies:
 - Need to research who/what vendors to use. [Possibly Western Direct Fundraising]?
 - For cookies, we agreed to keep it simple and pick a few flavors.
 - Golden Samosa vs. Krispy Samosa (or even Samosa House):
 - A member is going to talk to Samosa House because they know the owners.
 - Golden Samosa doesn't deliver, but we have a few volunteers who offered to pick up orders.
 - Krispy Samosa packages and delivers.
 - Ultimately will decide which vendor to choose, however, everyone wants to do another Samosa Day.
 - Movie Day:
 - Is this something we want to do? It can be a fundraising opportunity for intermediates. \$5 with candy and popcorn.
 - It can be themed nights, for example, Halloween and/or Christmas.
 - It would have to be after school.
- Hot Lunch Delivery Class:
 - Start with Narwal's class (grade 6/7)
- Food Handling Certification:
 - Parents need to get food handling certification
 - Costs \$100

- Upon further discussion, PAC decided to pay ☺ Kiren unanimously voted in to take certification.
- Reptile Guy:
 - 1 hour event with each grade to introduce kids to reptiles.
 - Will happen either in the gym or classrooms.
 - Half day costs \$375
 - Full day costs \$650
 - Can pair divisions together (1 ½ days total)
 - Trying to decide what to do with the kindergartners.
- Tennis:
 - Nobody like it – trying to find alternatives.
 - Zumba/dance classes were suggested.
 - It was offered in the past and nobody liked it.
 - Some members suggested/recommended Bhangra classes.
- Christmas Backdrop:
 - New backdrop purchased for \$60. It has a tree in it, so we don't have to set up a tree this year.
- Total # of Students: as of September 27th, there are 267 students.
 - Principal said it changes daily.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- We bought 30 new iPads last year.
- Lots of new students (luckily we don't feel the overcrowding).
- There are 12 divisions this year.
- SFAF Fund (student affordability):
 - Spent almost \$50,000
 - Spent on busses, field trips, grocery cards
 - This year's budget is \$13,000. It will be used on school supplies, lunch, and clothes for kids who need it. Can't do grocery cards this year.
- Immunizations in October for Grade 6's.
- Terry Fox Run:
 - Will run around the block (need parent volunteers).
- Newsletter:
 - PAC can submit messages so that parents are aware of what's happening.
- Sundeep asked what we use funding for:
 - Originally saving up for a playground, but last year, we upgraded the iPads.
 - Now we have 22 running computers, but they will be obsolete soon and will need to look into replacing Macbooks.
- Suggestion for PAC: announce what raffles and fundraisers are going towards, so that parents will be more informed on what the PAC is doing. Additionally, they might be more inclined to participate in said fundraisers.
- Settlement Tea Time:
 - Wednesday mornings
 - An opportunity for families to connect.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 18th at 6:30 PM, in the Library.
Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 PM and was passed unanimously.

Contact Dana at JTBROWNPAC1956@gmail.com for more information.