



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Office of the Superintendent of Schools / Chief Executive Officer

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PARENT/GUARDIAN/DIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Division Office Board Room

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

Trustee Kevan Sumner welcomed the committee members to the meeting and inquired whether there were any additional items for the agenda.

- A discussion was held regarding invitations from individual Parent Council groups to Trustees attending their school based meetings. This is a good way for introductions to be held and for your parent council group to hear information about this specific committee. If your Parent Council Group wishes to have a Trustee attend a meeting, please feel free to contact them by email. [Click here to locate their contact information.](#)
- BSD On Track is a new monthly publication from the Brandon School Division to help facilitate the communication between our staff, students and families, and the community at large. If you wish to receive an electronic version of this newsletter, please send an email to info@bsd.ca with the subject line: SUBSCRIBE.
- BSD is continuously experiencing significant growth in its student population. We have increased approximately 1.9% this year, and will continue to see that growth over the next five years. BSD will continue to work with the government to make a plan to accommodate this challenge. Our Number 1 priority is a new school; we are averaging a 1.9% increase each year, currently 1/3rd of our schools are either close to capacity or over capacity, within the next 3-4 years, we will see that 2/3rds of our schools will be close to or over capacity.

“Accepting the Challenge”

2. School Reports – Discussion

Waverly Park School

- WP just completed school pictures, using Photography by Dale;
- Held our Halloween dance, finished our magazine fundraiser – hitting a new plateau, but will continue with it, holding our volleyball jamboree in December, and hosting an Artist in the School;
- Our hot lunch program is still in trial mode.

Green Acres School

- Not a lot going on for fundraising, our main fundraiser is Peak of the Market. With a student population over 200, only about half participate in fundraising. To make up for that difference, we ask our families to send in \$10 per child;
- We will host a hot lunch for students before Christmas and a dance;
- We currently have two separate parent councils – we have our regular council and a separate lunch program council. We would like to see them back as one whole group, with one bank account instead of two. We have one paid position and the remainder of the group is volunteer based;
- We will also be hosting a breakfast for everyone prior to the Christmas break.

King George School

- Forgot to mention at our last meeting that we had Fred Fox (Terry Fox's brother) visit our school recently. Our students were very happy and excited to have him there;
- We have our annual Christmas concert coming on December 20th;
- He held our annual Remembrance Day ceremony with a guest speaker;
- Our recent movie night brought good attendance;
- About 30 Youth Revolution student were recently at We Day in Winnipeg;
- Will be having a school clothing sale soon, but this is not a fundraiser;
- Fundraising: our hot lunch program runs every week; we have five people help with sorting orders and counting money; Peak of the Market (had difficulty reaching the minimum order count this year); selling Dominos Pizza gift cards and others.

Linden Lanes School

- [Munch-A-Lunch Program](http://munchalunch.com) was successful, the cost for the 12-month program is \$270 with a 4% charge using credit cards on pay pal. The program offers a 3-month trial period. (<http://munchalunch.com>)
- Fundraising focus is currently on our playground, we should have enough funds in 3 years to build; held a Mom's Pantry fundraiser, raising \$2500; and Vista Gift Cards will be done before Christmas;
- We have held discussions with school staff regarding what our new playground might look like and adjusting our goals (using the Onanole Natural Playground as a visual).

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NOTE: Playground Replacement Schedule – will be discussed at our February 1, 2017 meeting.

Meadows School

- Held our magazine sale at the start of the year, sales have gone down less and less each year, but we will continue to maintain this fundraiser; other fundraising includes; pizza days, movie night again in the spring and Farm to School;
- Our students reached out in the community recently:
 - Creating Blessing Bags to provide to the less fortunate members of the community. Every grade was responsible for an item in the bag (most items were available at the dollar stores.
 - Held a toque & mitt drive, items were collected and donated to the Samaritan House;
 - Our EY & MY students held a food drive which was a huge success
 - Our EY students also held a stuffed animal drive.

Alexander School

- We held our back to school BBQ in September with our playground unveiling;
- Fundraising consists of our fall supper – this is normally a huge sell out; and garlic sausage sale. Our students have created Christmas cards which they plan to sell as well;
- We have met with our teachers and established their “Teacher Wish List” consisting of two picnic tables and a water bottle refill station and the bus to transport our YR students to We Day in Winnipeg.

Date of Next Meeting: February 1, 2017

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