



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Parent /Guardian/ Division Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present:

Trustees Pat Bowslaugh and Kevan Sumner; Dr. Donna Michaels, Superintendent.

Monica Grift, Riverheights Parent; Colin Chapnick, Riverview Parent; Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder, St. Augustine Parent; Lori Nickel, George Fitton Parent; Wanda Brine, Earl Oxford Parent; Jill Martine, École Harrison Parent; James Murphy, École New Era School; Amy Grift, Meadows Parent; Stacey Chudley, Waverly Park Parent; Heather Dodds, Linden Lanes Parent;

Regrets: Barb Miller, Principal Representative, Alexander School; Trustee Marty Snelling; Shannon Gadbois, J.R. Reid Parent; Sandra Couling, Alexander Parent; Leah Phillips, Betty Gibson Parent; Mel Tallant-Townsend, Green Acres Parent; Jaime Stouffer, King George Parent; Christine Cantelo; Kirkcaldy Heights Parent; Marc Lavoie, O'Kelly Parent; Michelle Hood, Valleyview Parent; and Sandra Koch-Gensiorek, Crocus Plains Parent;

1. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA AND OPENING REMARKS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Trustee Kevan Sumner.

2. **REVIEW OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013 AND BUSINESS ARISING**

The Committee minutes of February 20, 2013 were reviewed. A following correction to the minutes was made:

*"Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder spoke to the Community Working Group. The Community working group **has met** to date".*

nothing further to the remainder of the minutes was changed, added or omitted.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

a) *Role of Parent Council – feedback requested from JR Reid*

Document circulated; discussion – points raised re: no “PACs” in Brandon, clarified by Trustee Bowslaugh. Some schools consider themselves as PACs; but are not in the original legislation.

Trustee Bowslaugh read the following email from Chair, Shannon Gadbois – JR Reid, outlining the role of the JR Reid Parent Council.

I want to convey the following information from JR Reid:

1. *After our Feb meeting, I confirmed with our PC secretary that we do not have a constitution for our Parent Council. We will be working on the following items for the coming school year (2013 - 2014):*

- establishment of a constitution to be reviewed before the end of this school year*
- focus on creating fundraising goal for the year (we typically fund-raise and disperse approximately \$5300. to our school each year)*
- plan for eventual replacement of school play ground equipment*
- increased engagement of parents (plan is to have our focus as both fundraising, info sharing, and advocacy)*
- we just completed an Applebee's fundraising at the beginning of March and have a flower bulb fundraising running now*
- PC will be organizing a parent info as part of our May meeting to provide a general overview of the PC responsibilities and activities and to prepare parents for the fall*

2. *Since our last meeting, JR Reid:*

- celebrated anti-bullying day*
- grades 4 - 8 are currently working on speeches for the speech competition*
- grade 8 students are working on the first graduating class yearbook (with parent volunteers)*
- PC has organized a staff appreciation week for May 6-10*

Thank you to Mr. Malazdrewicz for offering to accumulate information regarding all PC's in the division. I'll be discussing the general content of this information at our next PC meeting next week as well as any information that comes out of the minutes from the meeting tonight.

*Shannon Gadbois
JR Reid, PC Chair*

4. **SCHOOL REPORTS**

Riverview School - Colin Chapnick

- \$4,900 was made from frozen dough (Subway), sales were phenomenal;
- BBQ planned for June for students.

St. Augustine School - Jo-Ann Pasklivich-Holder

- Garlic sausage fundraiser;
- Movie night;
- Staff appreciation week; PC gave \$200 to every teacher to use in the classrooms;
- Santa's workshop committee – March meeting held.

George Fitton School - Lori Nickel

- Spices, tea & coffee fundraiser;
- Jump Rope for Heart;
- Anti-bullying;
- Movie night.

Earl Oxford - Wanda Brine

- Spring assembly today;
- Students very active in anti-bullying;
- Family fun night planned;
- Pizza Hut – hot lunch;
- \$5,000 put into classrooms (library & gym).

École Harrison - Jill Martine

- Voyageur event;
- Teacher-Run Family Fun night;
- “I Love to Read” week; book exchange and Family Read Night.

École New Era - James Murphy

- MAPC Workshops available; good response from other schools; plans made for late September/early October;
- Discussion re: possible venues for workshops;
- Discussion re: “more parents the better!”;
- Anti-Bullying Day went over very well;
- Parent fundraising – flower seeds;
- Wrap up picnic in June;
- Teacher appreciation coming up.

Meadows School - Amy Grift

- Parent Tab on school home page – in place;
- Movie Night;
- Appreciation of Teachers held;
- Anti-Bullying day was very successful!
- “Friends of Mustangs” parent fund raising group – separate from school.

Riverheights - Monica Grift

- Anti-Bullying day went very well;
- Spirit Week, April 22-26, 2013;
- Spring Concert held, very well attended;
- Trade Show with vendors (fundraising) Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 6-9 pm;
- Wing Night Fundraiser (Smitty’s), \$1,450 raised;
- Book Fair for the Library;
- Some purchases for school;
- New Playground equipment.

Waverly Park School - Stacey Chudley

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch – April 30, 2013;
- Artists in School, April 29 – May 10, 2013;
- BBQ & Walk-a-Thon, June 7, 2013;
- Grade 5 & 6, Enrichment Clusters;
- Spread the Net Campaign (prevent Malaria), raised \$4,956, Waverly 2nd in Canada.

Linden Lanes - Heather Dodds

- PC – fundraising every month to support school, retailer gift cards fundraiser (no cost) was phenomenal; last year \$3,000 was raised;
- February Fun Nite;
- Anti-Bullying Day went well; follow up by School Resource Officer re: cyber bullying issues;
- Enrichment clusters were previously Gr. 5-8, now Gr. 1-4, went very well;
- \$1,200 went to school (recess equipment);
- Walk-a-Thon to be held;
- Annually give \$11,000 to the school;

Short Discussion re: Cyber bullying – resources available from the Brandon Police Services SRO (School Resource Officer) on Social Media, a draft policy/procedure is being developed, parental input to be sought.

Very positive comments about April 4, 2013, YR Anti-Bullying Sessions; 2,000 students participated; “Very remarkable re: student awareness”. Work of the communications/technology in the Division.

Board supports Bill 18 totally.

Discussion re: May 4 & 5, 2013 “In the Shadows” (Anti Bullying) by Steppin’ Time Dance Studio, Riverview PC taking the whole school.

Linden Lanes suggested a Division-wide session for parents on Cyber Bullying.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Brandon Community Drug & Alcohol Coalition – Parental Workshops.
 - examples distributed
 - discussion re: timing; some evening sessions needed, can sessions be streamed? Great Topics!

ADJOURNMENT

- Dr. Michaels & Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work and generosity of the Parent Councils.
- “It really helps me to see what you’re doing to support our schools” *Kevan Sumner*.
- Trustee Bowslaugh reminded everyone about the ongoing Division emphasis on playgrounds.
- This appreciation was expressed by Parent participants.
- The meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Board Room, Administration Office.
Respectfully submitted,

K. Sumner

P. Bowslaugh