

Brock Middle School – PAC

Agenda – October 21, 2020

Meeting brought to order: 7:03pm

Attendance: Margo S, Deb T, Sabrina S, Sheri L & Principal Horton

Agenda Approval:

- Approved as circulated

Previous Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2020:

- Approved as circulated

Old Business:

- Bursary Update – All cheques were written and delivered to Brock School office. One recipient picked up and the remainder of the cheques will be taken to Norkam for pick up.
- Jersey Update – Jerseys have been ordered but have not arrived or been invoiced.

Financial Report

- Account Update – Full report unavailable. Only change since last month are the bursary cheques that were written (4 x &750) and cheque to Brock School for Terry Fox / Welcome Back Celebration.

Funding Requests

- No new requests received
- Legacy Grant – Principal Horton applied for grant and received approval for up to \$6,000 to be used towards 50% of total cost of project. Principal Horton will gather costs for concrete ping pong table and benches. Topic is tabled until the new year as installation can not begin until the spring.

DPAC Report

- BCCPAC Dues are now due – Sabrina will get cheque ready
- AGM – Elections took place last evening.

Principal's Report:

1. School Structure --- Current Total = 726
2. Reporting Policy & Structure
 - Transitioning to the Draft Reporting Policy from the Ministry of Education for K-9
 - Is most likely the last year that it will be draft. . . next year it will likely be fully implemented in all K-9 classes.
 - Report Cards will not have letter grades – they will be based on the Proficiency Scale – Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Extending.
 - In the old language of grades – an A does not equal Extending. Most 'A' students would be Proficient
 - Over the year, staff will be working on sorting out the Report Card comment structure, how this impacts their assessment practices in the classroom, how to meaningfully communicate with parents/guardians about the student's progress.
3. Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Still in the planning phase. Lots of challenges and want to make them meaningful.

- Will occur on November 12, format to be announced
- Any suggestions from PAC?
 - Perhaps – Zoom on phone instead of devices
 - Survey parents about how they would like to connect with teachers.
 - Spread out teachers over the week
 - Is 1-3 pm worth continuing?
 - Combination approach – Zoom or Phone or ???
- 4. Report Cards will be at the end of Trimester 1 except French 7&8 and Careers 7&8 as they are on the Semester system. For these courses, an interim communication will be made to all parents shortly after the Report Cards for Trimester 1.
 - Trimester 1 Report Cards will be completed December 14
 - Incomplete Reports for Students who are missing work and/or struggling – Week of October 26th.
- 5. Lockers – TBA – district mandate is currently no lockers. Many Health & Safety challenges to be considered.
- 6. Middle School Concept
 - https://www.amle.org/Portals/0/pdf/sms/AMLE_SMS_Summary_Color.pdf
 - At Brock Middle, we are working to align our school with the Middle School Concept and Philosophies.
 - There will be parent engagement opportunities and conversations as we continue this process

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- Locker Use – Covered in Principal’s Report. Working on usage proposal to district.
- Cold Weather Plan – Specific areas will be set up for students to use for lunch.
- Masks – grey masks can be disposed of.
- School Use for meetings – not discussed as group felt Zoom meetings were more convenient

Meeting adjourned: 7:38pm

Next Meeting – November 18, 2020 @ 7pm