

Brocklehurst Middle School PAC
Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2020

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Meeting brought to order: 7:01pm

Attendance: Principal Horton, Sabrina S, Margo S, Sheri L, Twyla M, Deb T, Faye D, Sharma B, Jane R and Natalie M.

Agenda Approval:

- Approved as circulated

Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2020

- Approved as circulated

Old Business:

- Bursary Update – Mr. Horton will contact Norkam School for list of 2019/2020 bursary winners
- Mason Daneliuk has contacted Brock PAC directly

Financial Report:

- Account Update – to May 2020. Sabrina is awaiting bank statements from PAC mailbox
- General Account approx. \$5,59.00 and Gaming Account approx. \$18,696.31
- There are some outstanding commitments to be caught up on. Chq's to be written for Light Board, Scholarships and Team Jerseys.
- Gaming Application for current school year has been submitted. Gaming summary for last year to be submitted.

Funding Requests:

- Leadership has submitted request for \$900 for Terry Fox/Welcome Back Celebration. All in attendance in agreement to pay.

Principal's Report:

- Introductions to parents
- New Staff
Andrea Baillie – English 8 and Careers • Monica Bergeron – Grade 8 Math/Science & Careers
Andrew Clare – Core 7 • Steen Karpluk – Gr. 9 English/Socials, PE & Art • Matt Leclerc – TechEd Electives
Luke Stace – Foods Sustainability & Science 9 • 2 more to be hired.
- School Structure
Grade 7 = 251 • Grade 8 = 259 • Grade 9 = 232 • Current Total = 742 • About 30 students have chosen to Homeschool or access an Online school. We anticipate some will return to school over the course of the year. Schedule is stabilizing – there have been changes happening due to issues that keep arising from building timetable in 2.5 weeks. Normally a 4 month process. • Learning Group - Gr. 7 = 60 o Learning Group - Gr. 8/9 = 90 • Elective choices have been challenging due to the Learning Group requirement. Tried to still provide a variety for students instead of only a single elective for the year.
- Newsletter
Will be sent out at least once per month. PAC is welcome to contribute each month (News from the PAC Section?). • Check your email and click on the image or link to access. • Plan to pilot this method for the year and see how it goes.

- **Course Fees**
 Would like to change our course fee structure to standardize by grade. Trial to see how it works and if we cover material costs. Revisit in the Spring.
 Rationale: students are now in 6-9 electives over the course of the year depending on grade.
 If paying per elective, costs would be quite variable/high depending on what Learning Group the student landed in.
 Some electives were not electives that students would have chosen (this happens anyway but more so this year).
 Simplifies payments and knowing costs for parents.
 Standardized the payments lower than what 80% of students would have paid in past years.
 Gr. 8/9 generally use more materials in their projects
 Last year, preCOVID, there was an \$11 000 deficit in class fees.

Proposal

Grade 7 - \$40 + \$10 School Fee = \$50 for year

this is the same as last year (\$20 per PAM/FAM + School Fee)

Grade 8 - \$50 + \$10 School Fee = \$60 for year (6 electives)

Grade 9 - \$65 + \$10 School Fee = \$75 for year (8 electives) **APPROVED by PAC**

In Gr. 8 Last Year – Course Fees for Gr. 8 between \$60 and \$150 for 4 different classes (2 blocks) + School Fee

In Gr. 9 Last Year – Course Fees for Gr. 9 between \$60 and \$150 for 6 different classes (3 blocks) + School Fee

If charged based on the cohort they are in could be significantly more.

i.e. 8.04 - \$125

i.e. 9.03 - \$140

If a cohort/student has less elective blocks (i.e. Academies or French 9 cohort) – pro-rate

i.e. Gr. 9 French – 2 elective blocks instead of 3 = \$42 + School Fee = \$52

- **Request for Funds**
 One already from our Leadership class for Terry Fox snacks (attached to Meeting Agenda)

DPAC Report

- Updated Health Check form result of PHSA having a better understanding of how virus works. Some symptoms on original list were not most predictive and have been removed.
- New COVID-19 test available for K-12 students. It's a saline solution swished in mouth and spat into tube for testing.
- BCCPAC has provided 3 free Zoom licenses for PAC's in our district to use for their meetings. Brock will continue to use the school license so as to provide more availability of free licenses to other district schools.

Correspondence

- None

New Business

- AGM – Notice will be posted on school website as well as in newsletter.
- Question raised regarding use of school lockers this year – latest information tells us they will not be used this year.

Next meeting: AGM & General Meeting October 21st @ 7pm