

École Beairsto Elementary

Parent Advisory Council General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 (6:30pm) Location: Beairsto Library

Chairperson: Mandy Pretty (President)

Call to order: 6:35pm

- 1) **Presidents Welcome & Attendance:** Attendance: Kim Williams (CPF), Natalie Ellard, Betty Weselak, Dawn Ansdell, Cassandra Blackwell, Chelsea Haines, Amanda Pretty, Kerri Thomson, Dionne Martyn, Shannon Sakakibara, Liz Larsen, Moira Manthorne (Principal), Eric Neilson (Vice Principal)
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes and Adoption of agenda:** Dawn moves to approve previous minutes and adopt agenda, Dionne Seconds. Previous Minutes are approved and today's agenda has been adopted.
- 3) **Reports:**
 - a) **Principal: Mme Manthorne - With the school Update**
 - i) Shift in recess time is working well, the grade 4/5s have 20 mins outside without the 6/7s and the 6/7s have 20 minutes outside without the 5/6s. This is giving the kids more space outside on the soccer field.
 - ii) LFIs have been interacting well with the EFIs. We are seeing them finding each other and connecting on the playground
 - iii) Kindergarteners are getting settled in. We have 3 kindergarten classes and 1 K/1 split this year.
 - iv) Daycare is growing. It's held in the Library, the space beside the Library, Mme. Henry's room and outdoors. It runs daily until 5:30 pm. An ECE worker is working full time in Mme. Henry's room and she has the K/1 care before and after school in her class.
 - v) Construction- Our first floor was renovated and is now much brighter. We've renovated 2 sets of washrooms and completed a full kitchen. We now have a new door to provide better access to the special needs washroom from the elevator. Renovations for the other 2 bathrooms are yet to come.
 - vi) Parking- Even more limitations due to more students and staff this year. We have put in a work order to get signage made for the Staff parking area. Encouraging parents to park farther away and walk whenever possible. The drop off zone is to be used for pick ups and drop offs only and not as a parking area for parents.
 - vii) First Pro D day, Learning with our family of schools (Alexis Park,

Seaton, Harwood) Learning more about Truth and Reconciliation and about Syilx culture. Presenters: Csetkwe Fortier, Syilx sisters, Rachel Marchand

- viii) Cross country - Beairsto did amazing today
 - ix) Volleyball practice has begun. No game schedule yet, currently looking for space for games. We have enough students to run 8 teams. We need a space that can accommodate our players and spectators.
 - x) Conferences are coming up Oct 23/24, Early dismissal these days. Pro-D on Friday, Oct 25. Wednesday, Oct 23 Book fair.
 - xi) In our outdoor spaces we have a white board, a little bench, a faucet, planters, and a picnic table. We will continue to work on it. The garden has had a lot of work done, Carolyn Fletcher has been working over the summer and Grandma D and the daycare group
 - xii) Food coordinator, Joan Saskis will be working with classes again this year
 - xiii) Hoping to get Beairsto school wear out again soon
 - xiv) New faces: 5 new teachers in our Gr. 6 and 7 classes, Anita Baturin is back to help to do some prep
 - xv) We are still looking for someone to do Tuesday's PE and for one more noon hour supervisor
 - xvi) Monsieur Corbett will be running Battle of the Bands in November, DND is Thursdays and there will be Origami in Mme Chow's class. If there are any kids wanting to start a club please send them to an adult in the building and they will help them find a spot
 - xvii) Class reviews are something we do at the beginning of the year and end of the year as a school based team. Admins, learning resource teachers, ISW, and councilors are included. Each teacher will talk about a strength of their class and a goal for their class. It's also an opportunity to discuss any students who they are feeling concerned about. Gives us a snapshot of the school as a whole.
 - xviii) Chorale (choir) has started for intermediate students, Mme Desmarais is the teacher leading it
 - xix) Monsieur LeBlanc is back working with kids on literacy K-5 and working with teachers on the new science of reading
- b) [President: Mandy Pretty - PAC report](#) - I'm so happy so many of you have shown up, we have a great PAC this year and we have lots of fun things coming up this year. Our welcome back BBQ is tomorrow, so bring your kids and come have a hot dog
- c) [Fundraising Report: Chelsea Haines](#)- Apples close today. Purdy's and Vaz Art are coming up in December. More to be announced in the new year.
- d) [Treasurer's Report: Dionne Martyn](#) -

- i) Out of our Operating Account we provide for our teacher allocations, our PAC run events, the hardship fund, our operating expenses, and any extra lunches. Last year we also budgeted for our outdoor space which went to the mural. Overall spending was \$15,585.57 out of our Operating Account. We opened up with \$3,404.52 in the account at the start of the year. We raised funds with our donation jar at the Welcome Back BBQ, movie nights concessions, Hot lunch fundraisers and other Fundraisers for a total of \$14,745.96. Leaving us at the end of the year in the positive. We are starting the 2024/25 year with \$2,564.91 in our operating account and project our Fundraising to add an additional \$14,000.
- ii) Gaming accounts - government allocation per student. Can be used for anything outside the classroom. Clubs, Field Trips, etc. One thing we didn't budget for was the bank fees. We spent \$13,000. Starting off the year with \$1,090 in our account. We received \$12,410 in funding for 2023/24. We are starting the 2024/25 year with \$211.90 in our Gaming account and will be receiving \$12,680 in funding.

4) **Annual Budget Proposal & Discussion (presented by Dionne Martyn):**

- a) 38 total teachers @ \$100/teacher = \$3,800 for Teacher allocations, PAC run Events - \$3500, Hardship fund - \$1000, Staff appreciation - \$1000, Operating Expenses - \$2500, Extra Lunches - \$2,300
- b) Projected Income from Fundraising - \$14,000
- c) Projected Budget for Operating 2024/2025 - \$14,100
- d) Projected Budget for 2024/25 Gaming spending - \$12,680

5) **2024/25 Budget Approval:** Mandy moves to vote for approval of our 2024/25 Budget. All in favour. Our 2024/25 Budget is approved.

6) **Open Floor:**

- a) Karen- is there anything that the Admin would like the PAC to be doing this year? Mme manthorne said parking spaces
- b) Kim Williams, President of CPF: Navi Dhaliwal is our new Vice President. New Secretary, Mary Cook and Yvonne Fiala, provincial coordinator. Membership is now Free. Currently there are only 29 members. Looking for more membership and volunteers. Had a successful movie theater night and donated \$3000 to the Regional Library for French books.
- c) Liz - Lost and Found - Where is it? Now organized in the outdoor space. Parents are encouraged to look through L&F during upcoming conference

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36