

Brookwood PAC General Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021 – 7PM

Executive Members Present: *S. Williams (P), T. Mitchell, (PP), D. Bergeron (Treasurer), K. Wood (Secretary), J-A. Jackson (MAL), A. Lind (DPAC)*

Regrets: T. Coburn (MAL), I. Rockson (Breakfast Club)

Other Attendees: *J. Keen (Admin), A. Usher (Student Council), Samantha, T. Smith, T. Poirier, N. Matsuo, L. Bickell, J. Schmalz*

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08PM by *S. Williams, President*

Motion to Approve Agenda – *S. Williams (First), D. Bergeron (Second), CARRIED*

Motion to Approve Nov. 26, 2020 Minutes – *S. Williams (First), K. Wood (Second), CARRIED*

Administration Report – *Mr. Keen*

- 3 cases of COVID in school with no spread beyond the source cases.
- Spirit Week, Zone Wars, Virtual Talent Show all well received among the students.
- Timing of Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews not ideal in terms of timing, but staff are working hard on providing quality communication to parents.
- Students are generally learning well and the gaps discovered last year at Spring Break have been addressed in order to maximize effectiveness of the quarter system.
- Quarter 3 starts February 3, 2021.
- Some concerns from grade 8 teachers regarding maturity within grade 8 cohorts. This has been noticed around the district and seems related to the early shutdown of school last Spring. Admin addressed this with the grade 8's after Christmas break ended.
- Update concerning water pooling at Entry 4 due to significant rainfall and inadequate drainage.
- School is undergoing interior painting which will continue until the end of the year. All windows have received new virtual blackout shades.
- Course planning for 2021-22 will begin mid-February, but the scheduling format for classes is in question at the District Office at this time.

Questions and general discussion re: Admin Report

Updates & Reports:

Student Council Update – *A. Usher, Student Council President*

- “Zone Wars” are continuing this quarter in order to encourage school spirit.
- Spirit Week is coming up next week, and a drive-in movie is being planned for Spring.
- School decorating for Zone Wars will occur again at quarter change.
- Mask use by students has improved in the school and in the parking lot.

Treasurer’s Report – *D. Bergeron, PAC Treasurer*

- General Account Balance: \$2,319.86
- Gaming Account Balance: \$35,245.35

- Updates on Gaming Grants approved at last General PAC meeting

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report – *S. Williams (First), K. Wood (Second), CARRIED*

DPAC Report – *A. Lind, DPAC Representative*

- Nominations for awards coming up for BCCPAC due February 28, 2021
- Nomination for BCC PAC executive positions also due February 28, 2021
- \$5,000 was allocated to help families in need during the COVID crisis.
- \$1,000 was allocated for the rainbow crosswalk between RCMP and SD35 offices.
- Glenwood Closet being organized to provide free clothing and other items from newborn to adult sizes for families in need. This is run out of Glenwood Elementary at 208 Street and 24 Avenue.
- Funding available to help 2 parents per PAC obtain FoodSafe.
- \$50/parent can be reimbursed through DPAC for parenting education training.
- Constitution and Bylaws changes forthcoming at DPAC level re: eligibility to serve, terms of office and filling vacancies on DPAC.
- Free workshops coming up for students and parents, including *Talk Sex Today, Pre-Teen Bootcamp, All Things Teenager*.

Questions and general discussion on DPAC Report

New Business:

- Question for admin re: is vaping at school still a significant concern and how is it being addressed? **Mr. Keen** briefly discussed and said that it's still a concern, but that staff are taking relevant steps to deal with it in problem areas.
- Question for admin re: how can the PAC help the school without impacting custodial jobs and union rules? **Mr. Keen** will share PAC's willingness to help with purchase of supplies/materials with Mr. Pusic.
- Question for admin re: recruitment of teachers and addressing other needs within the school relating to facilities/maintenance. **Mr. Keen** will discuss with Mr. Pusic and advise if the PAC has a role to play in helping with this.
- Discussion about the role of the PAC and Exec needs for next year as some PAC members depart.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM

****Dates to Remember****

Next PAC Executive Meeting – February 4, 2021 @ 7PM

Next General PAC Meeting – February 11, 2021 @ 7PM