

Big White Community School PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 14th, 2016

Present:

Shawn Lockhart (Principal)
Sara Liebel (Teacher)
Amanda Liebel (Teacher)
Jon Dowsell (Teacher)
Norm Sabourin (Teacher)

Kim Hutchinson (PAC President)

Danielle Smith
Dawn Lepard
Dana
Tracy Burns
Jude Brunt
Stephanie Ikeda
Marie Martin
Tracy Burns
Suzanne Grooters
Jolene Davis
Mike Figurski
Juliette Weaver

Agenda:

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Wednesday 4th May 2016

1. *Welcome to new parents and visitors*

Welcome to new parents Danielle and Dana.
Welcome to the new teachers Mr. Sabourin (Norm) in the middle class and Ms. Liebel (Amanda) our new prep teacher.

2. *Approval of Minutes from last meeting –*

Minutes were approved.

3. *Presidents Report*

- Thanks to everyone that came out, was a great turn out for our first meeting

of the year.

- Thanks to Charity for taking on the hot lunch program.
- A big thanks to Shaw and School District 51 for finishing/bringing the basement area of the school up to code.
- As well, thanks to Shawn for allowing his office space to be our new library and he will be getting bookshelves sent up for the school.
- Flags for the flag pole – are on order as they were very torn.
- Bottles – still need some people to take them down.

4. Treasurers Report

- Our Treasurer, Rick East has had to resign unexpectedly. Rick's child is no longer attending BWCS. Rick took over in May when Miranda had to unexpectedly resign. We were in the process of getting signing authority at the bank for Rick but unfortunately, our VP Sara has been away and we need a signature from her to get Rick authority. So he is not able to sign cheques and we owe a few organizations money. Kim asked if anyone would have an issue with Miranda signing cheques until we can get her off the list and the new person on. Everyone agreed that this was fine.
- Danielle Smith has offered to take over the treasurer position. We will now need to get her signing authority but won't be able to until Sara returns. Thank-you very much Danielle.
- We still owe the bus line, the camp and for school supplies.

5. Teachers/Administration

- Welcome to Norm Sabourin our new grades 4-6 teacher. Norm has been part of the BCTF but is returning to the classroom. He will be away a bit this year due to ongoing duties.
- It is very difficult to get TOC's (teachers on call) at Big White. Mr. Lockhart has hired Ms. Liebel who is returning from maternity leave and another teacher from Grand Forks that is also returning from maternity leave. Due to the length of drive for this teacher, we may need to find some accommodations/places to stay overnight for her. If anyone has an open place or extra room, please let Mr. Lockhart know.
- They are also looking for a lunch hour supervisor. Danielle also volunteered for this. Anyone willing to be a back up or know of anyone else that might like some occasional work, please let Mr. Lockhart know.

- Mr. Dowswell has been speaking with the organizer for the World Para-Snowboard Championships that will be hosted at Big White in February. They are interested in getting the school kids involved. They originally proposed having 2 kids with each team for a day, but after telling Mr. D that there would be 26 teams, we would not have enough kids so they will look at other options. It was proposed that we could get past students that are still on the hill involved (i.e. Georgia, Emilie and Lewis). There is an option of a fundraiser and it was mentioned to get the Powder-Hounds involved as well.
- The Terry Fox Run will be taking place on Thursday September 29th. It is a community event so anyone can come out and run with the kids. The school is looking for volunteers to do water stations and snacks for the movie after the run. Please let Mr. D know if you can help.

6. **District PAC**

- It would be great to have someone on the District PAC council to represent BWCS and give us voice in the district. Dawn and Tracy volunteered.

7. Email/Contact List

- Marie has agreed to help with this and maintain it. Last year we had a lot of dropped communications, parents not getting emails and missing things. Please get Marie any contacts that you know that are new to the school or may not be on our list.

8. Bottles

- last year we did a bottle drive as a fundraiser and got a shed full of bottles. However, with Miranda leaving, we no longer have someone looking after arranging their transport to town. If anyone can take some down or would like to take this on, please let Kim know.

9. Adrino Program – Mike

- Doc Mike has hired an engineering student and he would like to run a robotics program once per week for 6-8 weeks. The kids cost \$20-30 per kid. He was looking at doing it after school, however, the teachers mentioned that it would fall within the curriculum and could be run during school hours. Mike will discuss it with the teachers.

10. Halloween – Marie

- Will be organizing the trick or treating (for new parents, we go in a group with cars around Big White and finish off at a haunted house with the fire fighters). She was wondering if the school was planning a Halloween party and if we should keep it on Monday (last year we did Halloween early to fall with the school party). The teachers said they would be having a party on Monday October 31st, so the trick or treating will follow. Please let Marie

know if you want to participate or have any questions.

11. Yearbook – Suzanne

- Suzanne asked if we wanted to do a year book again, all agreed that it went over well last year. She volunteered to help the kids again. She will talk with the teachers about how it will proceed.

12. Thanksgiving

- The kids will help with some decorations for the community thanksgiving dinner.

13. Fencing

- The school is looking at options for fencing the lower field; they have to be removable for winter and the groomer.

Next meeting: October 5th at 3:45 pm