**Brian Public School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes – Thursday June 16, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

**In attendance:**

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| Venessa Kerman | Bianca O’Brien |
| Paul FarrellOlivia KinyanaMario VelocciNelle Hyde | Andrea MaksayRobert PelletierNancy SimichNora Maksay |
| Amir |  |
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| **Minutes:** |  |

1. **Call to Order**
* A regular meeting of the Brian Public School Council was held at Brian PS Library at 7:15 pm on Thursday June 16, 2016, Bianca O’Brien - Council Chair residing
1. **Welcome and Introductions**
* Bianca welcomed all attendees, introductions / round table followed
1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**
* No additions to the agenda
* Agenda approved
1. **March and April, 2016 Minutes:**
* Bianca motioned
* Mario and Andrea approved
1. **Chair’s Report:**
* September Committee: BBQ – see committee report below
* Annual Council Report – see document on council website
* Council Survey Response – polled school to see if parents were interested in having council meetings during the school day. Insufficient response to the poll to warrant changing meeting times.
* See Brian PS School Council Year End Report (2015-2016) on the council website for details of council achievements this school year.

1. **Principal’s Report:**

PARENT HANDBOOK:

* Parent handbook, thinking of changing it as the only thing that gets updated yearly is teachers / dates / events
	+ These can be put on the school website
* Make it more generic and only hand out to parents as they come to the school (kindergarten and new students)
* Saves money on doing it every year
* Have extra copies of the events / teachers in hard copy in case parents don’t have access to the website / internet
* New approach is sustainable
* School just got their gold status for eco friendly
* Kudo’s to Diana as this was her idea

SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

* See attached (below) for 2015-2016 Brian PS school accomplishments:



OTHER:

* Thank you to Mario (and his couple of helpers) for the Kiss n Ride (safety)
* Partnering with technology…..Bob partnering with the teachers
	+ They to work with him on incorporating (more) technology into the classrooms
	+ Educational things being done in the labs, white boards are getting used more…technology is becoming more ingrained into the day to day teaching at the school
* Curriculum night is Sept 27th (time to be determined)
1. **Committee Reports:**

SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE:

* September Committee (to also organize a September BBQ) – encourage parents to come out (meet & greet) as well as encourage them to come and join Parent Council
* Mario, Amir & Bennie volunteered to run it

TREASURER REPORT:

* See attached (below) for Brian School Council 2015-2016 year-end financial report:



* Discussion about allocation of remaining monies for next school year
* $6000 left over from funds raised by school council to be used for next year
* Fun Fair:
	+ A lot done this year to borrow and reduce funds for the Fun Fair– i.e. Tables/ umbrellas
	+ So since the Fun Fair actually raised money suggestion to use some of that to invest in (future) Fun Fairs
		- Umbrella’s – Bought 6 of them for $200 (approx.)
		- Thoughts to invest in 6 – 2’ by 6’ tables ($386 for six)
		- Plain tents for $129 + tax each…..have two tents (school has one and the daycare has another we can borrow)
			* Want to ensure that its heavy duty
		- Motion put forth to allocate $2000 towards buying supplies for next year and future Fun Fairs
			* Andrea motioned, Mario seconded
			* All in favour
* PROGRAMS TO BRING INTO THE SCHOOL:
	+ Robotic’s program (Logic’s academy) - they deal a lot with coding
		- Problem with this program is that it’s not offered in French (teachers are concerned with this)
		- Bianca wants to recommend that we revisit this in September for consideration
	+ Jungle sports:
		- Bring in special equipment for 4 to 5 days in gym)
		- This is Phys Ed focused
		- If booked for September would get $200 - $300 discount
		- $5000 cost (from JK right up to GR 6) – configurable for each age group
		- Need each child to sign a waiver
		- This would be better in winter or spring
		- Need to discuss with gym teacher and ensure it does not interfere with any practises
		- Lunches will not be a problem (there are ways to get around this)
	+ Inner City Angels:
		- The cost is about $5000 - $300 / class (has all the arts / is an arts based organization)
		- Be able to deliver in French and English
		- Partially funded by Ontario council
* Heritage and tradition, social justice and well-being:
	+ There are different ways of delivery
	+ Paul looking into this and looking to council to help support it (school would cost share it)
	+ To be done in the fall
* Amir on a committee with the Mayors office that promotes aboriginal art / contributions to the city
	+ Amir to provide the name of the program to Principle Farrell to be something else that can be considered for the next school year

NEXT STEPS:

* Council can vote to make the Inner City Angels & Jungle Sports a priority
* Motion put forth that we move forward with the above two and that the funds remaining go towards these events
	+ Brad motioned, Andrea seconded
	+ All in favour
* Investigate booking this year (2016) instead of next year

MISC:

* Five cases of coffee remaining to be sold at $30 / case - cheque needs to be dropped at office by Friday Jun 17
* There will be monies left over from what the Grade 6 graduation event this year which the Grade 6 committee wants donated to the Graduating students (5 & 6) of next year
1. **Other:**

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

* Thoughts about having the council meetings during the day, however responses to it were minimal so will keep the evening meetings for the existing time of 7:00 – 8:30pm

CONSTITUTION:

* Putting forth the proposed amendments for next school year (2016/2017 school year)
* To be voted on to amend constitution
* Motion who is in favour of recommending these changes to the constitution to the new 2016/2017 school council where they will vote on whether these actually become changes
* Nelle motioned / seconded by Andrea
* All in favour

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS / SCHIEVEMENTS:

* School Council Highlights / Achievements; Highlights / great ideas; Housekeeping; (get it from Bianca)

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm**

***Next meeting: Monday September 26th, 2016***

*See past meeting minutes and other school updates:* [*http://brianpsparentcouncil.webs.com*](http://brianpsparentcouncil.webs.com/)

*Minutes taken by Venessa Kerman*