**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 Farrell  Olivia Kinyana  Mario Velocci  Nelle Hyde | Andrea Maksay  Robert Pelletier  Nancy Simich  Nora 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*