**Brian Public School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes – Tuesday April 26, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

**In attendance:**

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| Venessa Kerman | Bianca O’Brien |
| Paul Farrell  Svetlana Vladusic | Nora Satmaran  Tom Cutz |
| Nelle Hyde | Brad Fonseca |
| Stephanie Farrell | Andrea Maksay |
| Aretha Phillip | Robert Pelletier |
| **Minutes:** |  |

1. **Call to Order**

* A regular meeting of the Brian Public School Council was held at Brian PS Library at 7:05 pm on TuesdayApril 26, 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 31, 2016 Minutes:**

* Deferred until next meeting. Do not meet quorum.

1. **Chair’s Report:**

* Proposed changes to Constitution proposed. See attachment.

1. **Principal’s Report:**

MOVIE NIGHT

* Reminder that this Friday is movie night
* $2 entrance per person and there is popcorn and treats ($1)
* Start time is: 6:00pm

SPRING CONCERT

* Spring concert…..tried having no aisle and it worked really well – no parents standing in the aisle blocking view…they were off to the side
* Will continue to use that set up

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT

* In error, school lent out stage for the time when concert is
* Thought about renting…very expensive, thought about moving it to Pleasantview but hard to get them there
* So, best that we move the date of concert…..new proposed date May 19th….to be held here at Brian PS
* Bob cannot leave or retire as we need his technical abilities
* Much appreciation for his ability in setting up the concert technical stuff

SCHOLASTIC UPDATE

* Credits…..$1200-$1300 left
* Looking for stuff related to math resources
* Will use up most of that by end of the school year

DAY OF PINK

* Celebrating through seminar’s, posters, this year, the kids left their classrooms and created different groups, went throughout the school doing different activities
* Great day of learning, very age appropriate and got to spend time with kids they normally wouldn’t
* Kids very much engaged, got great ideas for next year

L’ECHO D’VILLE

* Got 10 poems selected for publishing….all French language
* Will put them up on the website and on the bulletin boards in the school
* Share some of poems in the morning announcement / assembly’s

1. **Committee Reports:**

Finance

* No changes since last meeting

French Bingo Night

* May 12 @ 6:45pm to 8pm
* CPF for taking care of refreshments, music, prizes, permits etc…..
* Looking for volunteers
* Do we want to see refreshments at this? Do a bake sale??
* Sell popcorn? If so, who wants to do that? Would need a couple of volunteers on popcorn…
  + Venessa to see if Ryan would be announcer
* Respond to Kristina LaPerle or Pauline if can volunteer

TDSB Gifted Program:

* Changes being made to how students are put forth for Gifted screening
* It will no longer be done by recommendations of teachers / parents
* There will be some sort of screening process to identify who is potentially gifted
* If child passes that, only then will they be tested by a phycologist
* Even if child is gifted, program is not necessarily for everyone

CYCLING PROGRAM

* Planning running safety check and helmet check at the Fun Fair
* Bike week…..Friday is off….Mon – Thursday (Jun 6-9), Rodeo day is June 9th
* Run during school time, different activities during the day
* Need volunteers…one set to help plan and the other to help out during the week event

OT Fitness

* Booked for May 16th

Asian Heritage

* Little Pear Garden Collective: Chinese opera & dance company – May 9th (morning)

Internet Safety – Brian PS Library

* May 12thsafety course during the day for kids (during school)
* May 17th companion piece for the parents – 7-8pm, 30 minutes question period after
* Send something home with the kids so the parents know the kids have had presentation
* Babysitting to be available at the event

First Aid for Families – Brian PS Library

* June 9th @ 6:30-9pm (St.John’s ambulance)

Parent Appreciation

* Right after Open House on May 5th
* In the Brian PS Library
* Refreshments / treats

Dance

* Neon Lights – Friday May 6th at 6-9pm
* Pleasantview JHS
* Pre-sold 44 tickets in advance
* Hoverboard for a raffle
* Lip Sync battle…English vs. French
* Whoever wins, will get pizza for their classroom

Freezie Friday

* Will be on the Pizza Lunch Fridays
* April 29th, May 20th and May 27th
* Sold out Mme. Turners window (Rm 104)
* Grad 6 will sell them and cut them open
* This is aid of the Grad 6 graduation

Coffee Sate

* Grades 4 & 5 (who will be in Grade 5 & 6 next year and will be graduating)
* Getting sent home with coffee – 6 cans (doing this like the chocolate sales)
* Encourage kids to bring back $$ and not the coffee
* $20 for 6 cans

STEM Parent Conference

* Science technology engineering and math

Webinar

* May 3rd – 4 learning centres (8-9pm)
* Each will have 7 superintendents and one exec superintendent’s
* Each super will have 7 trustee
* Look to improve student outcomes
* De-centralized single source of contact
* Less schools per trustees
* Implemented in the 2016 / 2017 school year

TDSB

* Policy as it relates to consultations
* Experience as part of the PART program
* Parents provided input and many of those are being implemented

1. **Other:**

CONSTITUTION:

* Review, Amend, Present for approval in the fall (get details from the Agenda)
* Incumbent upon executive council to try and bring others to the meeting so that quorum can be met

Changes:

* Adjust to 60% and round down and 3 non exec parents
* Scheduled meetings to be reduced to a minimum of 7
  + Suggestion to move a couple of meetings to morning meetings
  + Suggestion to add this to the survey
  + Add a Starbucks gift card draw to meeting
  + Have at least one morning meeting to see what happens
  + Suggestion to discuss more in depth in the May meeting
  + Try and get some feedback – Bob to do it on line
  + Can you get Benny to have it translated in Mandarin
  + Bring that feedback to the May meeting
* Standing committee – add two ones
  + Grad committee – to ensure full inclusion of parents and students
  + Social events committee – to plan social / community events that are around fund raising (i.e. skating party), parties that are around spirit
* Section 12 – amendments to the constitution as part A and part B contradict each other
  + Proposal is to remove part B
  + To make amendments to the constitution you need to have 80% in agreement
* News in the News change to Brian Buzz
* Chair and Vice Chair - NOT Co-Chairs leaving rules as is

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm**

***Next meeting: May 25, 2016***

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

*Minutes taken by Venessa Kerman*