**Brian Public School Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes – Thursday March 31, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

**In attendance:**

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| Venessa Kerman | Michelle Annis |
| Paul Farrell  Bob Pelletier | Nora Satmaran  Pauline Palmer |
| Nelle Hyde | Nancy Simich |
| Bianca O’Brien | Christina Huang |
| Mario Velocci  Andrea Maksay | Tom Cutz  Jessica Vasquez |
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1. **Call to Order**

* A regular meeting of the Brian Public School Council was held at Brian PS Library at 7:05 pm on Thursday March 31, 2016, Nelle,arie Hyde - Council Chair residing

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

* Nelle welcomed all attendees, introductions / round table followed

1. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

* Agenda approved

1. **February 2016 Minutes:**

* Mario motioned for approval
* All in favour

**January 2016 Minutes:**

* Nancy motioned for approval
* Aretha seconded
* All in favour

1. **Chair’s Report:**

PIAC Meeting

* + Chairs from parent councils go
  + Sponsored by PIAC
  + Dinner and net- working, getting to know each other
  + Beneficial – learn about sources of information

Internet Safety Course

* Motion (Nelle) - to re-Allocate up to $400 from the academic enrichment to Internet Safety
  + All in favour

Upcoming: First Aid Course

* $399 st johns
* $100 snacks

Fun Fair:

* Food $300 (lot of donations) – ice cream, hamburgers and hot dogs being donated
* Climbing wall and bouncy obstacle course - $2200
* North already booked for our date, if go ahead with OT, will have $3500 can use for activities from the FunFair
* In case of rain, substitute another bouncy or get our money back
  + **Action Item: Nelle to look into**
* Consider slide instead of climbing wall….same price as obstacle course
* Climbing wall, hard wall, can be done three at a time….would be of interest to the older kids - slide / obstacle course quicker than climbing wall
* Skateboard display - $850
* Petting Zoo with pony ride – together $850
* BBQ – two options:
  + 1. people bringing their own
  + 2. rent a BBQ for $150 and it can be delivered for $100 (delivery / pick up)
* $4500 total for cost of entertainment….these are some of the things discussed at FunFair meetings
* Last year we spent $2100….did not include climbing wall (cancelled and got money back)
* $4800 revenue for a rainy day
* Face painting planned and some vendors who will come too, other activities too
* Suggest approve a certain amount for the committee and then finalize things
  + Look into policy on deposit
* Look into TDSB approved vendors – feel that $5 million insurance policy required by TDSB will inflate cost
* Motion (Nelle) for $4000 FunFair Upfront costs
  + All in favour
  + $4000 on hand between on hand and float
* Haven’t allocated anything to prizes…but can get a lot donated (mini prizes)

Signs:

* Parking lot safety and courtesy signs
* Have a bunch of signs made to promote safety
* 18 x 24, sheet metal, individually silk screened, based on children’s drawings….message and children’s illustration
* Same concept as the T-shirts with messages such as:
  + Slow down / no idling
  + Drop off zone
  + Watch for kids….etc…..
* Within the $1000 include as many illustrations as possible
* Save some $$ by using existing posts (getting creative)
* Talking about getting the media involved…..
* Decisions being made at staff meeting on Monday (April 4)
* Vendor will not take long to make it.
* Longest part is getting the metal workers to come in and set the metal posts
* Similar process by short listing and having the children pick out of those
* Having the line people paint bright orange hash lines in the parking lot to discourage folks from stopping / parking area….great idea
* Paul and Tom to connect so that Paul can understand Tom’s idea
* Motion (Nelle) to use $1000 of school wide enrichment budget towards signs for parking lot school safety
  + All in favour

School dance on May 6th

* Costs for the dance…..its a fund raiser
* There are up-front costs involved
* Still have April School Council meeting (April 26th) to discuss / decide
* Nothing to vote on at this time

1. **Principal’s Report:**

Next year’s classroom model

* + Unusual for it to be submitted this early
  + When model approved will be sent out (medium to be determined)
  + The model holds true till mid September then changes are made as necessary at which point it firms up

**Special Teacher’s Report:**

* 3 in 1 presentation
  + In the kindergarten class
  + Slide shows, kindergartens love it – was able to show the parents
  + Takes lots of pic’s of kids doing things
  + Extends learning possible
  + Learning curve high….but has lots of potential
* Staff get together to talk , share ideas, share approaches for assessments (how this need to be varied and tailored so that each child can be accurately and fairly assessed)
  + Teachers value this type of gathering

1. **Other:**

* Due to concerns about meeting quorum will be looking at making changes to the Brian School Council Constitution
* Grade 6 graduation update being deferred till next meeting as no one on committee present

1. **Committee Reports:**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm**

***Next meeting: April 26th, 2016***

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

*Minutes taken by Venessa Kerman*