

Brackendale Elementary School
2018-2019 PAC MINUTES

Wednesday October 17, 2018 – 7:00pm

Attendance

Shawna Lang, Vice-President	Heather Buck
Heather Teasell, Treasurer	Laura Laziridis
Tricia Duncan, Secretary	Karen Saenger (Acting Principal)
Krista Breu	

WELCOME and call to order 7:05 pm by Vice-President, Shawna Lang

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda – Krista B. and Heather T.
- 2) Acceptance of June minutes- Heather B. and Laura L.

1. Parent University – S.T.E.A.M. Natalie Mah and students Mrs. Mah and several of her students gave a presentation on their S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Projects. This form of learning is based on the integration of subjects in order to make connections and to better help understand our world. It is based on inquiry, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Their project focused on “yarn”, and they created magical yarn art using popsicle sticks. They read books on yarn, fiction and non-fiction. They learned the history of yarn, have begun to create their own books on the i-pads and will in the future learn the process of spinning yarn on a spinning wheel. The students were excited to share their learning with the parents at the meeting.

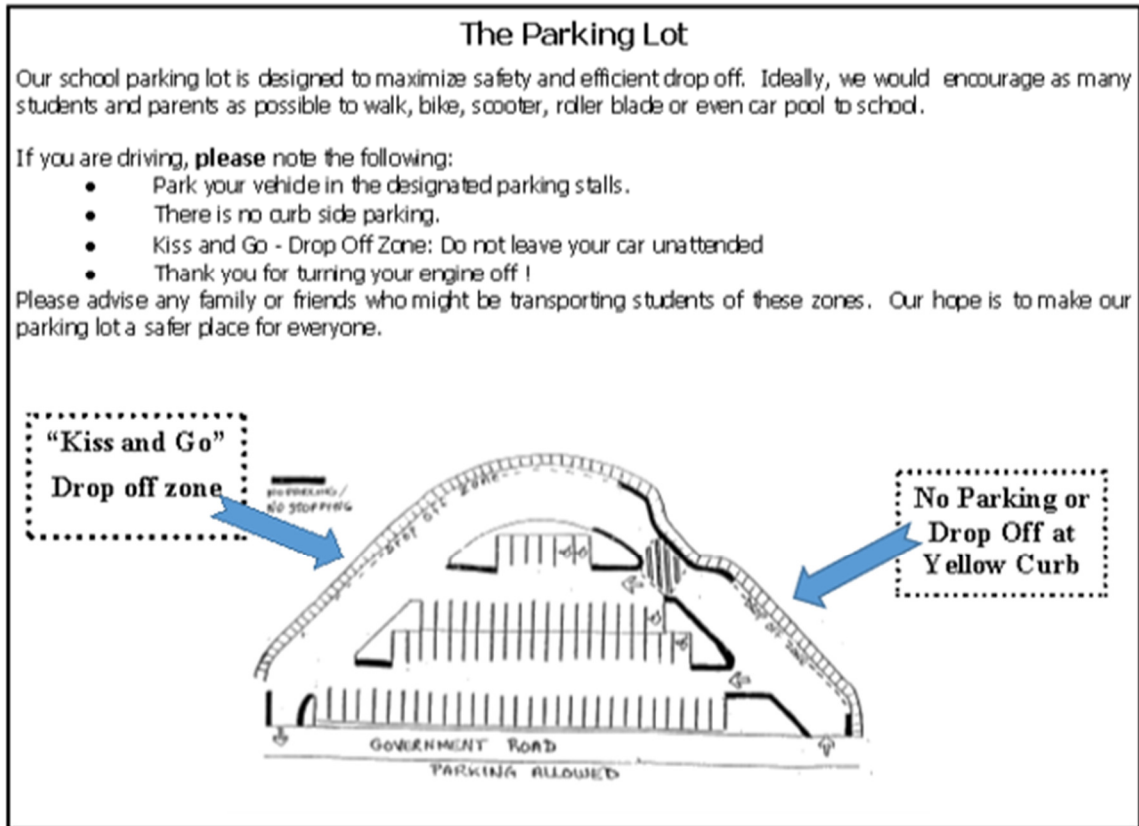
2. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT Karen Saenger

Principal’s Report October 17, 2018

1. “Kiss and Go” Drop off zone – the information below went out to all families in the monthly newsletter. A flyer will be provided to the day care programs. Stephen is working on signs.

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2. Teacher Survey on Home school communication: A Google survey has been created to determine the forms and frequency of communication that teachers use. Results to be provided to PAC at November meeting.

3. Orange Shirt Day: Our students have been learning about residential schools in age appropriate ways. Please take a moment to read the student work posted on the walls. You will be moved by the empathy and understanding that our children demonstrate.

4. School Learning Plan: Thank you to Heather and Stephen for attending. The response from our trustees and Senior Management was outstanding. The afternoon comprised of:

a. Gallery walk – We examined the data and information provided to document our journey towards Critical thinking as a school goal.

b. Classroom visits – Student ambassadors greeted our guests and spoke about their learning

c. Feedback – Trustees suggested that developing a school wide definition of critical thinking and criteria to assess learning tasks would be next steps.

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3. TREASURER'S REPORT – Heather Teasell

Pac Account: \$ 20,433.07
Money held \$ 10,000.00 (held for playground)
Money promised \$ 3,810.00
Total: \$ 6,623.07

Gaming Account: \$ 7,586.95

The signing privileges for cheques has been switched over and Heather Teasell, Stephen Fryer and Shawna Lang are able to co-sign on cheques.

Please see detail of accounts and spending at end of minutes.

4. **BREAKFAST CLUB** (added to agenda) has been run by our coordinator volunteer Cheryl for the past 9 years. It is funded by the Rotary and organized through Lori Broker's office. It is a very successful program with approximately 30-57 students taking part every morning. It is an inclusive program that has become like a social club at our school. The students are given cold or hot cereal and smoothies, for those with lactose intolerance we provide soya or almond milk. Cheryl has taken this endeavour on for many years and would like to step down as coordinator and was asking if the PAC would consider taking it on. It requires finding volunteers (which can be challenging), purchasing the food at Save-On with a special card provided by the Rotary, and keeping inventory. There is one volunteer each morning and it takes about 45 minutes to prep and serve the food, starting at 8:15am. There was a thought that perhaps a retired person in Brackendale might be interested to volunteer, also that the shopping could be done online and then the order need only be picked up. Cheryl is willing to stay on and train a new coordinator.

5. PAC UPDATES:

Hot Lunch Heather T

Kumi and Loreena are leading our hot lunches and the first will be held on October 26th. They will still be needing volunteers to help deliver the lunch on this day. They are looking at doing a computer system for the ordering sometime in the future. This first hot lunch was very successful and approximately \$2100.00 was collected.

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OPT for Sexual Health Shawna L.

The parent education meeting will be on November 1st, this will be advertised in the communicator and other PAC's in the District are invited.

Grant proposals – Laura L.

The next grant submission for the Whistler/Blackcomb foundation is on April 1st. We will wait for this one, as nothing can be done between now and then as we do not have half the money. Also we may hear in regards to the District school playground grant by this time.

Art Cards Shawna Lang

The cards will be shipped back soon. Shawna will need some help with counting money when orders come in as well as following up on payments. There was some money lost last year on orders made but no payment received despite several attempts to collect.

Online Auction Trish D.

The date of the auction still needs to be confirmed with Stephen F. and our PAC calendar. Trish will send a write up to Mrs. White for the newsletter, as well as create a donation letter. The Excel spreadsheet will be updated for signing up for which businesses to approach. A template will be created on how to post each item to the Facebook Auction site, which can be done by the PAC before the site goes live. Heather T. is willing to coordinate payment for auction items and pick up times at the school.

6. Question Review:

Parent/Teacher communication- Mrs. Saenger has created a google survey for the teachers to have a better understanding of how teachers are communicating with parents. She will get back to the PAC with the results. Some parents have felt there is not much consistency between classes on the amount of communication.

School Parking signage for Drop Off Zone

The blurb and diagram in the newsletter was very good to show proper drop off zones. This should probably be kept in the next few newsletters. Signage will need to go up to enforce the “No Parking, Kiss & Go” .

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming DPAC meeting Shawna L.

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There is a DPAC meeting on Monday Oct. 22 at Don Ross. Shawna and Trish will attend. We have been asked to share one success and one challenge. We will share the success of our interesting and informative “Parent University” sessions at PAC meetings, and our challenge is to get more parents out to meetings and being a part of these great learning opportunities.

School "Wish List"

Mrs. Saenger provided PAC with a School wish list.

One teacher was looking for a painting easel and another a CD player, both will be donated by parents. Another teacher is in search of board games for noon hour club and for math, it was felt that perhaps some parents could donate any games they are no longer using that are in good condition.

Some of the larger wish list items were awarded.

Motion: To fund the Candy Bones Theatre Art Starts program at a cost of \$1200.00. Shawna L, seconded by Krista B. All in favour.

Motion: To fund the “pipe and curtain” for stage productions at a cost of \$500.00. Shawna L., seconded by Heather B. All in favour.

Motion: To approve \$100.00 for an LED light panel for growing plants as long as they can be enjoyed by all the students. Shawna L. and seconded by Krista B. All in favour.

There was also a wish to put a few of the Library book shelves on wheels so that they could be moved and more space created. Heather B. will contact the Squamish Men’s Shed to see if they might be interested in helping us with this project.

Halloween at Hilltop Trish D.

Brackendale school families are invited to trick or treat at Hilltop House on Friday October 26th between 3 and 5pm. Mrs. Saenger will put this invited into the communicator.

Pancake Breakfast and Aikido

Tabled to October

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

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PAC ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Treasurer Report

As of Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

PAC Account:	20,433.07	
Less: Money Promised:	10,000.00	Hold for Playground Construction
Money Promised:	350.00	Budgeted for Grade 6 Events
Cheque #1806	20.00	Sept PAC meeting babysitter fee
Cheque #1806	20.00	Oct PAC meeting babysitter fee
Cheque #1807	<u>3,440.00</u>	estimate US Funds (\$2650) - Missoula Children's Theatre
PAC Account	\$ 6,623.07	
Gaming Account	\$ 7,586.95	Gaming Funds of \$7344.00 Arrived October 11th!
Voted to delay to October:	\$ 2,700.00	Classroom Funds \$150/per division plus: library, music and learning support (14 Div, Music, Library, 2 Support)
	<u>2,700.00</u>	
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