



BISON RUN SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MINUTES



Monday November 20, 2023 - 7:00pm

Location: Bison Run School Library

AGENDA

In attendance:	Admin - Caterina Romeo-Mzakar (Principal), Kendra Gowler (Vice-Principal); BR parents - Kristin Hildahl-Shawn (Chair), Macara McGregor (Vice-Chair), Abdulfattah Bello (Treasurer), Teassa MacMartin (Secretary), Christine Kun, Shelley Andrews, Heather Utko, Ibikunle Adeakin, Adetutu Adeye, Stephanie Wheatley, Abdul Mujeeb Mohammad, Lilia Rojas
7:00 - 7:05 p.m.	1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm) a. Agenda: approved Macara, second by Adetutu
7:05 - 7:10 p.m.	2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES a. Edits i. Misspelling of name: "Kristin Holdahl-Shawn" corrected to Kristin Hildahl-Shawn ii. Stephanie withdrawing the total amount for Stonewall PAC play structure cost – total unknown iii. Approved Heather, second Stephanie
7:10 – 7:25 p.m.	3. REPORTS FROM PAC EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES a. Chair report i. Information gathered from other PAC's – Developing a network, i.e. St. Avila – Additional steps needed to obtain a tax number (for donations), status: on hold ii. Meeting with Playgrounds R Us – Contractor met with director and assistant director (Pembina Trails School Division) of facilities, principal, vice-principal, chair, and vice-chair – Plans/blueprints to be made by contractors for distribution back to BR/PAC – Optimal areas to build have been selected iii. David Pankratz will be attending the December meeting iv. Macara: Both provincial and federal grants identified (partial and full), application likely to open in January 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Macara: “hot lunches”, the following suggestions are online forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Healthy Hunger used by Bonnycastle (develop the menu, order, and deliver, but parents/staff need to be present to receive and distribute, multiple languages available for online ordering) – Hotlunches.net: used by at least one other PAC within the division – Munch-a-lunch: used by several other parent councils within division – Heather: inquiry on other fundraising opportunities/plans (e.g. Kernels) – Chair: two large fundraised per year, currently “on hold”, and then fun lunches monthly/every other month, fundraising committee (see October minutes for additional information) – ACTION: Kristin will follow up with Kerensa (Bonnycastle PAC) for additional information on Healthy Hunger – Tentatively, hot lunches are to be scheduled on Mondays (so as not to coincide with Friday Canteen) and begin in January b. Treasurer’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bank account open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Treasurer: \$375.00 from Pembina School Division (see October minutes) deposited into the newly opened account
7:25 - 7:40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Principal: pumpkin carving, theme: “inclusion & belonging”, three winning classrooms announced and given extra phys. ed. periods b. Remembrance Day ceremony, theme: “peace”, wishing trees created in each wing of the school (led by Ms. Fraser) c. Phone-free Fridays continue d. Building culture, inclusion, diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Encouraging parents to also be a part of this conversation with age-appropriate discussions at home e. Gym staff would like to fundraise for a climbing wall for the gym (\$13-14k) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Movie nights: Friday/Sat nights, tentatively to begin in December, small entry fee, snacks/drinks ii. Seeking approval from PAC, PAC supportive f. Kendra: traffic improving, No U-turn still having some issues (signs still to be introduced by the city, roundabout should be used to improve flow and keep students safe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ACTION: Stephanie/Kristin to coordinate on related social media posts
7:40 – 8:08 p.m.	a. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Janice Lukes, Councillor Waverley West Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Transportation/development: during design of the neighbourhood/area, JL participated in safe development in regard to pick-up/drop-off and flow of traffic around the schools ii. Managing a unique situation in which the school is being developed prior to housing iii. Cadboro will stay closed iv. Current project: extending Bison Dr. to Waverly v. Recreation Centre will have a 200-spot childcare centre vi. Strip mall to go up across from PTC (foodstuffs, possible additional childcare) c. JL help to raise \$800k for St. Avila natural play areas and play structures during her time in PAC – suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can provide information for three companies for play structure and the city will likely help with landscaping ii. City of Winnipeg has grants available iii. Building Sustainable Communities provincial grant (should open before March) iv. Have quote (“shovel-ready” in mind prior to meeting with David Pankratz) v. Southpoint (newer play structure models): developed in two phases vi. Consult Terry Duguid (MP) vii. Swings, seating, additional bike parking ideal viii. Macara: inquiry into approaching business, suggestions: Qualico and other developers in the area
8:08 p.m. – 8:13 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACTION: Kristin to get additional information from other PACs on developing budget (possibly for review at AGM) b. ACTION: Caterina to update PAC information on the BR website c. ACTION: Caterina to look into establishing a BR PAC group on Edsby
8:13 – 8:15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT (8:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ACTION: Teassa to send reminders out morning prior to meetings going forward b. Next meeting date: Monday, December 18th (Macara to chair) c. Adjournment: approved by Christine, second by Ibikunle