

Beaumont Parent Advisory Council AGM

Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 18, 2024

Location: Beaumont School Library

In Attendance: Terina Irwin, Brenda Hanna, Jen Chorney, Jen Moorby, Lisa Smorang, Breanne Lal, Alareen Buydens, Kiera Kaltcher, Trish Musana

Regrets: Marsha Cleave

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Jen Chorney at 6:32pm

- Welcome
- MOTION: (Jen Moorby/Lisa Smorang) to approve Agenda. *8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained*

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

- MOTION: (Lisa Smorang/Jen Moorby) approve minutes from June 16, 2024, as written.
8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained

3. School Report – Brenda Hanna, new principal of Beaumont (*see attached report for details*)

- Lots of new staff including teachers in Kindergarten, grade 1/2, 3/4, 4/5, Music, and teaching assistants.
- Busy first weeks of school - Had a kick-off assembly; Terry Fox Run on Monday at 1pm; Truth & Reconciliation activities on Friday.
- School Calendar is on website – will be keeping up to date, parents can subscribe so events are automatically entered into their personal calendars. Calendar shows timetable days (Day 1-6).
- Beaumont is one of the schools piloting the new science curriculum this year.
- Focus will remain on balanced learning; new programs on the horizon; professional learning team.
- Continue building sense of community.

4. Chairperson's Report – Jen Chorney

- Beaumont PAC was revived after pandemic years; before the pandemic PAC had low participation and was at risk of collapse. Last year we had regular participation by members, and hoping to see membership grow this year.
- We had many successful events last year, some old and some new, including:
 - Movie night,
 - canteen @ sporting events,
 - spring BBQ,
 - also advocated for repair of holes in the school field for safety of students.
- Money leftover from last year's fundraising has been held over to assist in purchasing loft boards for school classrooms.
- This will be Jen's last year as Chair, would like to give thanks to teachers for accommodating meetings, and sponsors of the BBQ.
- Last year teachers hosted PAC meetings in their classrooms gave a tour made a small presentation about their teaching approach and what they do in the classroom each day. This year, share this with parents by filming "teacher spotlight" videos of each teacher and share with parents by posting it with PAC minutes on website.

Action: Brenda Hanna will ask teachers if they are interested/willing in being filmed for this.

5. Treasurer's Report – Jen Moorby

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- Last year we brought in \$15,066.17, spent \$13,644.59, and had \$1921.58 surplus in June.
- Roblin Park never cashed our cheque (approximately \$50) for popcorn for the June BBQ.
- We usually get an operating grant from the division around Oct-Nov., anticipate receiving it again.

6. Election and Appointment of New Board Members

MOTION: (Lisa Smorang/Jen Moorby) to elect Jen Chorney as Chair, and Lisa Smorang as Vice Chair.
8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained

Note:

Lisa Smorang will continue organizing fundraisers and will learn role of Chair for next year.
Jen Moorby will continue organizing hot lunches.
Terina Irwin will continue as secretary.

AGM finalized.

7. Standing Business

- Financials – Jen Moorby
 - One outstanding cheque for popcorn (from the Spring BBQ) that has not been cashed by Roblin Park Community Club; Jen Chorney reached out to them.
 - Discussed security/transparency of PAC money.
MOTION: (Jen Chorney/Terina Irwin) All PAC money should be kept at Beaumont in the school's safe this year. *8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained*
- Fundraisers – Lisa Smorang
 - Mabel's Labels will be first. Advantage is there is no closing date, open indefinitely. Once we have over \$50, they send us a cheque (monthly). Orders ship straight to parents; council doesn't need to do anything. Info sheet was sent to parents yesterday and we have received 3 orders already.
Action: Brenda will send email reminder to parents (with link) in December and again in April, also put a link on website. Will notify parents if Mabel's has any deals/promotions.
Action: Brenda will ask Katherine Ollson (school admin) to put a standing link in Edsby.
 - Peak of the Market had no delivery dates available so we cannot do it this year. Need to sign up in May for next year. Brought in about \$1000, so will try to make up for this loss with other fundraisers.
 - Mom's Pantry - do this before Christmas.
 - Old Dutch Halloween packs – could do this year. Lisa will enquire tomorrow if they can deliver before Halloween.
 - Kernels Popcorn for movie night (should limit to 3 or 4 flavours for simplicity).
 - Dominoes Pizza – they provide a code that expires after 1 week; anyone can order (friends/family etc.), and \$5 per pizza goes to PAC. Could use it when ordering pizza for movie night.

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- Dance Party – tentative plan for January. Service provided by the DJ we used for last year's BBQ.

Action: Jen M. will contact DJ.

- Hot lunches (Fun Lunch) – Jen Moorby

- Hotlunches.net – discussed if we should continue using this platform or switch to another. Jen had to email parents last year who had not paid for orders. They give us 25% off because we are a small school (currently 171 students enrolled). Used Hotlunches.net for other fundraisers too.
- Munch-a-Lunch considered. They accept credit and debit cards; HL does not. Reminders emails showing what parents ordered. Also ordering process is simpler. Parents might not like learning a new system.

MOTION: (Jen Moorby/Lisa Smorang) to continue using Hotlunches.net.

8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained

- Pizza Hotline does not have personal size gluten free, but we can order this from Boston.
- Decided not to do Subway lunch this year; a lot of kids were not happy with their orders.
- Brenda will give list to Jen M. (confidential) of families who need subsidy for hot lunch.
- Lunch dates: October 18 Salsbury House, November 22 Pizza Hotline, January 17 Boston Pizza, Feb. 28 Chick Chef, March 28 Salsbury House, April 4 Pizza Hotline, May 23 TBD.

8. New Business

- Review of dates for this year's board meetings

- 3rd Wednesday of each month, except January & April.
- Meeting dates: Oct. 16, November 20, no meeting in Dec., January 22, February 26, March 19, April 23, May 21, June 18 (usually an extra meeting in June before BBQ; date TBD).

- Determined allocation for fundraising efforts this year.

- Fundraising this year will be used for Classroom Technology, School Equipment, and the Spring BBQ.
- The school is moving to Loft Boards for each classroom instead of the old smart boards. This is advanced technology with better functionality for teachers and students. School can only afford to buy 1 or two per year, Brenda would like to get one as soon as possible, but they do not have enough in budget; cost is \$4500.

MOTION: (Lisa Smorang, Jen Moorby) that PAC will transfer last year's surplus money to the school right away toward purchase of a loft board.

8 in favour/0 opposed/0 abstained

- Brenda will inform us of other needs the school would like us to fundraise for.

- Life Touch photos October 8th, individual and class pics on same day.

- Last year Life Touch was unsatisfactory, they promise it will be better this year. We discussed last year giving another chance, if quality not acceptable again, will switch companies.

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- Winter Concert
 - New music teacher is very excited about the winter and spring concerts; deciding how to divide grades into two different concerts because gym is too small to hold families of entire school. Considering k-2/3, and 3/4-5, or by grade number. Will encourage parents to attend afternoon performance.

- Split Class issues - Discussed concerns about split classes affecting friendships and transitions.
 - Prep for students moving to middle school (Grade 6) is not as good because they leave half of their friends behind. When Grade 5's move to middle school, they leave behind their Grade 4 friends (from their 4/5 classes). Grade 4's moving to Grade 5 are then in a class with many students in their grade that they never met before.
 - Currently, there is no integration of children in the same grade (activities and learning are all with their split classes only).
 - Suggested occasionally combining children of same grade to build friendships with kids their age (i.e. All the Grade 4's have activities together occasionally throughout the year). Could do this with the younger grades as well, to foster friendships of same-age children.
 - Brenda explained the reason for split classes is there are too many Grade 4 students for one class, but she will consider possible solutions.

- PAC Bulletin Board - asked Brenda Hanna if we can use a bulletin board in school for reminders, information etc.
 - We will use it to advertise upcoming events, highlight how PAC uses fundraising money each month, and announce accomplishments at end of year (Brenda will also post these on school website).

Meeting adjourned: 8:18pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Oct. 16

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School Report
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Welcome to New Staff Members

Kindergarten: Ms. Jannine Buors
Grade 1/2: Mrs. Cora Hoepfner
Grade 4/5: Ms. Cynthia Black
Music: Ms. Helen Lagace
Educational Assistant Team: Mrs. Shannon Essau and Ms. Jaime Davey

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the very warm welcome that I have received in my first few weeks at Beaumont. I am learning so many wonderful things about this community everyday. I look forward to working with everyone this year.

Events and Important Dates

We have had a great start to the year building community and getting to know each other. Staffing has stayed very consistent so the transition to a new year has gone very well. We started the year with Meet the Teacher a little earlier than normal to help to ease the transition. We also had a kick off assembly to welcome everyone on our first Monday so that all of our kindergarten students could join us. We are planning two more assemblies in September. Terry Fox will be held at 1:00 on September 23. We are working on the details for a Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) assembly that will be on September 27th. Families are welcome to join the assemblies.

The online calendar is kept up to date with important dates. It is updated as soon as we have current details on events.

School Plan Focus

We have started some preliminary conversations around our school plan for this year. Using data, trends and new initiatives we are looking at focusing on the following 3 areas:

1. We will continue to focus on inquiry and engagement through the lens of Science. Beaumont was lucky to be chosen to pilot an updated provincial science curriculum this year. It incorporates so much of what has already been investigated on our journey of inquiry and engagement.
2. We will also continue to look at how we can continue to engage students with a balanced literacy approach. Teachers will take part in investigating resources and practices that will engage students and support them in their literacy skills in all areas. We will study together as well as take part in Professional Development sessions to enhance our learning.
3. Belonging and building a sense of community will also continue to be a focus. We will continue on our journey of reconciliation as well as our journey of building a sense of belonging and kindness at Beaumont. This includes continuing our implementation of Zones of Regulation.

More details will be shared as the formal school plan is created in the coming months.

Brenda Hanna, Principal

