

BICS PAC Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024
Teams Online Meeting



1. Welcome, Introductions, Land Acknowledgment **Tara (Laura)**

2. Motion to adopt Meeting agenda

Put forward by Angie, supported by Giorgio.

3. Motion to Approve November minutes **Tara**

Motion by Angie, supported by Giorgio.

4. Chairs' report **Angie**

Santa Photos in December were a great success, huge thank you to Morgan Darcy for being our photographer.

Hot lunch has taken feedback given, alternative meal options are being offered, and we are working with the school to make it as seamless as possible for food to arrive in classrooms. Investments have been made in new equipment to be able to keep food warm, volunteers will be trained starting this week.

Upcoming:

Jan 29 – Family Movie matinee at 12:30 in the gym

Feb 16 – FamJam Dinner and Dance, tickets on sale this Friday

April - BIRD Tuesdays, parents wanted for shifts, signup information to be sent out shortly

5. Treasurer's report **Tammy**
(Tammy not present.)

6. Community School Coordinator's report **Sarah**

Deb Blenkhorn taking over as chair of the CSA. CSA has reformed itself. Reported having a very successful Christmas craft fair.

Garden programs in the work, helped by PAC funding.

Will be sharing more in next newspaper.

MOTION: (Henry) To cover the overages for the playground repair/replacement of the monkey bars up to \$400. Second: Angie.

Motion carried 6 votes of 8 potential voters.

7. Principal's report

Laura

Teachers speaking: Samantha Adkins, and Jenn Ohlhauser

Learning updates have been sent out. If any parents are struggling to access the reports, please reach out. Do download and save that report card as they will be refreshed and are only available until the next learning report is issued.

Basketball, Garage Sale (exceeded fundraising goal by \$150).

Lockdown drill is tomorrow. Danger is not what we might think it is based on the media. Could be a cougar or a gas leak, etc.

May need to “shelter in place.”

A “lockdown” means that there is a threat inside the building. We tell the students engage in a game of “emergency hide and seek.” Might be a threat of violence, could be other reasons.

VIDEO to kids.

Drill is set for 9:30am.

Framework for enhancing student learning (FESL). Want our approach to be data informed. 2022-2025 FESL. There's a lot of emphasis in trying new things and seeing what sticks.

Reading and Numeracy scores are divergent from what we were anticipating. Could have parent involvement in reading in classes. Could have a PARENT NIGHT FOR LITERACY.

Some staff are offering feedback around home reading.

BICS Science Fair, many ways to get involved. Ex: Egg challenge. Which family can use the parameters given to protect an egg while it is dropped.

Feb 22 is last day to sign up. Science Fair is in March.

Looking for ways to help?



- Reading in classrooms
- FESL committee
- Lunchtime sports star?
- Scientist in School
- Science Fair Mobilizer
- Community Science Coach/Feedback (before fair and/or providing feedback to students)
- World Café Facilitators: Where have we been? Where are we going? How will we get there?



HOME READING Discussion

Samantha Adkins:

Make reading time comfortable, cozy and fun. Can make a note of the date read and books read, include this every ten days. Kids may respond to this and be proud to show it to their teacher. Swap books for devices whenever possible. Knick Knack Nook is a great resource for books. May even want to read what their parents are reading, even if above their level. Can discuss pictures in books, etc. Audiobooks can be a great resource.

Jen Ohlhauser:

Daily reading really matters. Reading throughout the day is significant. There is a book series that was very helpful: PLAYAWAY SERIES can be great for the ferry.

Can use the “LIBBY” app on an old phone.

Excited to have parents back in the schools.

8. DPAC report

Laura

Had parents come in to discuss on various topics. A lot of the feedback was around technology use, sometimes device use pervasive in homes. Should we be using these in schools or not? District screening for apps and websites to use. Should we permit AI use

by students? How can we be aware of the technology but not be afraid of the technology as well.

As a district, we want to be at the forefront of its use.

Jen O: There is an AI website that is child-friendly, has been used in the classroom.

9. New Business

MOTION: (Henry) That BOBBI PARKER be appointed as PAC Treasurer in light of TAMMY BROCKMEYER stepping down from the position. Second: Angie.

- Motion is carried seven votes in favour.

MOTION: (Henry) To remove all existing signatories on all PAC Accounts at First Credit Union and to replacement them with ANGIE VYNER, TARA FORSHAW and BOBBI PARKER. Second: Giorgio.

- Motion is carried with seven votes in favour.

Sarah: Bowen Island Literary Task Group, still had funds to support a full island parent literacy. There could be a partnership w/ the PAC or CSA.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.

“[Parents] never sleep, because sleep is the cousin of death.”

-Nasir (Naz) Jones