

Banting PAC AGM meeting – May 19, 2021

Participants: Principal Bill Trask, Acting vice-principal Anthony Veltri, Ms Bain (starting vice principal September 2021), Noelene Ahern, Lucky Saini, Stan Wylie, Marit Heideman, Christina Debruyn, Jennifer Sing, Regina Gatina, Catherine Knaus, Yvette Easter, Sheila Robertson, Mimi Yue

- AGM meeting started with a welcome and online introduction of new vice –principal Ms. Bain.
- Agenda for AGM, April Meeting minutes, and 2020 AGM minutes approved by Jennifer Sing and seconded Mimi Yue

Principal's report:

- Ms McMahon will not return as vice-principal to Banting Middle, Ms Bain will start in the position in September 2021.
- School Act requires schools to teach 180 days per year, and next year will only have 179 teaching days, and to make up for this the school is adding 2 minutes to each day (10 minutes each week) next school year.
- School's Professional development days have been added to the school calendar for 2021/22.
- Schedules for next school year are being developed for different Covid scenarios.
- Action Plan for Learning (APL) – school goals for next year:
 - Enhancing and restoring inclusive classrooms; will include a lot of social-emotional learning.
 - Indigenous learning will be expanded and weaved into the curriculum.
 - Numeracy: more hands-on technology – want to figure out where students need more help.
- Code of conduct – Mr Trask will email it out and is looking for feedback from parents.
- Organization for next year:
 - Expected to have 540 students next school year; there will be 14 English divisions (up from 12 in the current school year) and 8 French divisions.
 - FRIM– one team with 6/7 grade (4 classes) and one team with grade 7/8 (4 classes).
 - English: two 6/7 teams (5 classes and 4 classes) and one team of 7/8 and 8's (5 classes)
 - Explorations will be adjusted according to (final) student numbers – cycle of 5 explorations and a cycle of 4 explorations.
- Jujitsu instructor will be coming in June – 4 cycles/ days for all students – Expected expense = \$1000
- Whitehatter will be presenting for 7/8 classes on May 20, 2021 – topics will be more advanced (e.g. sexting) - Expected expense = \$300
- Magician – verbal agreement to present online. As a gift for departing Grade 8's, but will be for all students - Expected expense = \$500
- Class photo update: photographer will attempt a small keepsake for all students based on headshots taken in Fall and compile these together in a 'class photo'. Photographer will do this at no cost. Hoping to receive this by the middle of June.

PAC treasurer's report

- Summary of accounts presented by the Treasurer.
- \$1,300 from Gaming account spent on Athletic Equipment and a presentation from author Kevin Sylvester
- School based account spent \$355 on student incentives.
- Gaming grant for next year has been submitted.

PAC Activities

- Grade 8 leaving ceremony – PAC budget is \$750
 - Email re: leaving ceremony went out today.
 - PAC will be contributing to Ice Cream Truck from Rocky Point Ice Cream – Grade 8's will be getting ice cream for almost free; small contribution will be needed from PAC.
 - Grade 8 leaving pictures will require some decorations (i.e. planters and other decorations). Photos will be forwarded to the parents.
 - Some fun shots will be taken at school tomorrow to mix in with the official Grade 8 graduation photos in a (to be developed) PowerPoint presentation
- Staff appreciation – PAC budget is \$400
 - Staff is appreciative of anything.
 - ~45 staff; school will confirm numbers.
 - Weeks of June 7-11 or June 14-18 would be best weeks for an appreciation lunch.
 - PAC proposes to increase the budget to \$1,000 (~50 staff * \$20 per person)
 - Principal suggests to ask parents for donations through school cash online.
 - PAC will put out the call for donations.
- Suggestion for a food truck was brought up, the PAC will look into that option.
- Parents interested in helping to organize the staff appreciation lunch can connect with Noelene Ahern through bantinpac@gmail.com.
- Question: how does the school comply with the School District Covid rules with regard to bringing in the ice cream truck or food truck?
 - School has already had the 'crepe' truck at the school.
 - Food truck will have to abide by Covid and health regulations.
 - Students will go out in cohorts and will maintain physically distancing rules.

PAC Executive – continuation

- Executive terms for PAC are on a 2-year basis, all current PAC members have agreed to continue next year. There is thus no election or voting needed in this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7.20pm.