

BBK PTA meeting minutes | February 23

Attendees	Roles	Info
Kelly Clarke	Staff	Principal
Heather Day	Staff	Vice Principal
Brittany Coughlan	Co-president	Jaxon and Brody, Grades 1 and 3
Kate Gillis	Co-president	Daughter in Grade 1
Angie Woodfine	Past president	Jack and Luke, grades 5 and 3
Lindsey Bunin	Secretary	Isaac in Grade 4
Jennifer Cox	Possible treasurer	Child in primary
Marsha White		Lexi, Grade 3
Eileen Brown		Morgan in Grade 4
Devon Voerman		Kyle, Grade 3, works at HTB
Melissa Joudrey (MJ)		Des, Primary
Suzanne MacLellan		3 kids, Grade 4 and Grade 2
Clara McLaughlin		Primary, Grade 2 and 5
Allysha Leaman		

SAC vs PTA

- SAC is about policy, discuss school success plan, curriculum
- SAC notes are posted on school website
- SAC notes should be included in the newsletter, information about SAC and PTA so parents understand the differences
- PTA isn't a required organization, it depends on the school community
- **ACTION ITEM:** Kelly to include information about SAC (where to find minutes) and PTA (the difference between the two groups) in the next school newsletter.

Past PTA

- Insight from Angie - there are a lot of rules, constraints. We need to work together to be aware of what we can and can't do.
- There's currently \$95 in the bank account.
- Past funds have gone toward alternative seating options for kids with ADHD, class sets of Chromebooks and classroom libraries.

COVID

- **ACTION ITEM:** Kelly to better understand restrictions and impact on the go forward, share with the group re: what we can do this year.

Priorities on the school side

- Goals - improve student achievement in reading, math and student wellness
- We want to build classroom libraries and books in the library
 - Can we do a book donation drive? Board games as well.
 - To come after restrictions change officially - volunteers will be required to do sorting

- Donations of LEGO, building materials to create a maker space in the library
- **ACTION ITEMS:** Brittany to email Ms. Gaudet to better understand her needs/wants for books in the school, get recommended authors, titles.

Hot lunch options

- **ACTION ITEM:** Lunch Lady can be set up fairly quickly. Kelly to get Lunch Lady up and running ASAP.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Explore Healthy Hunger program at HTB. Devon to get contact info from HTB for Kelly. Kelly to get info and share with group.

Swings in the back field?

- HRM jurisdiction
- Kelly doesn't know why they were removed
- Brittany called 311, a ticket was created, expecting response tomorrow
- Everyone to call 311 and voice concern

Outdoor equipment

- Pre-primaries aren't covered under insurance for playground equipment
- Painted 4 square and hopscotch
 - Purchase paint, Kelly borrow stencils
- Lots of equipment has been purchased over the years, balls etc. - needs to be replenished every year
- This is an area where we could fundraise
- **ACTION ITEM:** Brittany to connect with Mr. MacLellan for feedback on what he feels would be most important to buy/supply.

Initial fundraising

- We need to decide what our fundraising goal is and what we're raising money for.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Angie to get info on paint nite from Jill - explore options in April
- **ACTION ITEM:** Lindsey to contact Faders to get account set up. To be shared in March school newsletter.

Misc.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Kelly to email letter for volunteers for criminal record checks and vulnerable sector checks. Everyone to get paperwork up to date to be able to volunteer in the school.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Lindsey to set up bottle drive and send info to Kelly
- **ACTION ITEM:** Angie to get PTA email/password from Jill and re-assign to Brittany and Kate
- **ACTION ITEM:** Lindsey to email PTA contribution for newsletter to Kelly and Tammy by Feb. 28.

Next meeting - March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

