



Brookside Junior High

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SAC Minutes for November 2, 2023

In Attendance

Jennifer Helm, Evelyn Lamplugh, Lisa Mansfield, Laura Slaunwhite, Amanda Feetham, Angela Feetham, Tammy Richards, Hannah Kay, Sawyer Prescott, Cameron DeBaie, Tracy Vandewater, Hannah Ubsdell, Michelle Smith,

Regrets

Marjorie Conrad

Meeting Minutes Approval

Tammy moves to approve October 2023 minutes, Patricia seconds.

Business Arising from previous minutes:

- Update on sports bins – equipment was cleared from the roof of the school, so the bins are somewhat replenished. Current system isn't working well, equipment isn't being returned and organized as expected. Volleyballs seem to be in short supply. The group agrees to purchase some more. Lisa will ask Marjorie to place an order.
- Brookside Swag – will be on sale until November 12. The company has committed to getting everything the orders back before Christmas.
- Book Club – students brought forward a suggestion to start a book club. Mrs. Pottie said she wouldn't mind doing it in her room. The library has budget for books. They will organize a book club. Mrs Pottie is free to start this on Mondays.
- Update: Jerseys – one set for boys volleyball & soccer, and one set for girls volleyball & soccer isn't enough. Mr Norris and Mrs McGee-Kelsie however do not see that this is a priority for our budget. Jerseys are expensive and we can make do with what we have today. The fees for sports are used for refs, field fees and insurance. We can explore the option for an additional set of jerseys and maybe some pinnies.

New Business (open)

- School Lunches – still a work in progress.
- Question from students re: the Student Leadership program. Cameron DeBaie will be back to the school weekly in the near term and the full Leadership program will live in January



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Student Success Plan (SSP) and Goals - Standing agenda item & Principals report:

Literacy Goal - To improve student achievement in writing in the areas of organization and language use.

Math Goal - To improve student achievement in mathematical problem solving with a focus on number sense.

Well-being Goal – Making sure students feel welcome at the school.

SSP

- **Literacy Goal:** Building routines and relationships through conferencing with students, individually.
- **Mathematics Goal:** We will improve student engagement in math by providing a safe and inclusive classroom environment, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
- **Well-Being Goal:** We will improve our understanding of students' lives outside of school, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

Take your kids to work day was reported to be a positive experience

SAC Spending

- \$2,496.17 available
- Still waiting on annual \$5,000 budget
- 11 requests currently from staff. 1 outstanding as of today.
- Staff request form will remain live to utilize as needed.

Sports

- Soccer – season has ended – the students did great
- Cross Country – coached by Rachel Watts/Colin Boutilier – one student even made it to provincials and placed 17th.
- Volleyball – coached by Heather Magee-Kelsie (female/female-identifying) and Jen Clarke (male/male-identifying)
- Wrestling – coached by Ken Nicholson. 16 participants
- Basketball starts soon.

Equity

- Increase in incidents involving racist behaviour and discriminatory behaviour.
- Equity team (Sally Moshett) first full week of school about Human Rights and Code of Conduct. Second session was focussed on Bias.
- Admin has asked that Otis Daye – Consultant of Student Equity come to BJHS to train staff.
- Craig Upshaw Anti-hate / racism presentation BJHS – students Wed., October 25 and Parents/Guardians Thurs., October 26. Parents were sent feedback on the presentation.
- November 13 – World Kindness day will be celebrated



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- YMCA presenter will be working with grade 7s to discuss the impact of racism in the media.
- SchoolsPlus also coming in to work with grade 7s and Grade 8 boys.
- A group of 10 students will be going to the Headstrong Summit – *Building Capacity in Youth* to discuss mental health in a positive way and provide support to peers.

Principal's Report – full details to follow

Bus evacuations were successful in late October.

Students are not allowed to get on any bus but their assigned bus. This is an HRCE rule for emergency headcounts. Drivers should not be put in the position of breaking this rule as there can be consequences for them individually.

First school dance of the year during the last week of October. Nearly 200 students attended. Many staff volunteered. No negative incidents. Canteen was a success. Suggestion – get kids' music recommendations before the dance. Next dance on Dec 14.

Local law-enforcement presence. Constable will be regularly visiting the school. Messaging about sharing personal images, sharing texts, bullying, etc. She wants to start participating in intramurals.

Other/New Business

N/A

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: 4-Jan-2024 virtually via Google Meet. Link will be sent closer to meeting.

Meeting Dates & Times 2023-2024
Meeting 1 - October 5 - 6:00pm @ BJHS
Meeting 2 - November 2 - 6:00pm @ Virtual
Meeting 3 - January 4 - 6:00pm @ BJHS
Meeting 4 - February 1 - 6:00pm @ Virtual
Meeting 5 - April 4 - 6:00pm @ BJHS
Meeting 6 - May 9 - 6:00pm @ Virtual