

Brook Park Council Meeting: 2/6/2020, 7:00 PM, Brook Park Multipurpose Room

Facilitator: Phyllis Kastle

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Board & Attendees: Phyllis Kastle, Jess Korzyniewski, Jen MacLennan, Nicole Deutsch, Ann Heinl, Alicia Olesiak, Mike Sorensen, Kelly King, Chrissy Tuscher, Kim D'Albenzio, Lisa Adamson, Leah Picek, Kristine Alexander, Emily Provost, Megan Wojo, Michelle Scheffers, Kimberly Unger, Dawn Musial-Radtke, Amy Boyle

1. Introductions were made.

2. Minutes from January 2020 BPC Meeting were approved.

3. Administrative Reports

- a. Ms. Kelly King
 - i. Kindergarten enrollment is now live on school website. Previous issues with the link have been fixed.
(1) Friday, March 6th is the on-site Kindergarten registration day
 - ii. District 95 will be getting a new website soon. They are in the process of choosing a vendor. No official roll-out date just yet. Hoping for summer 2020.
 - iii. Spring club sign-up is now live. There were some concerns about lack of clubs for K and 1st grade. One additional club added for K-1. This is the first year K has been included in clubs. Expect options to grow over time.
- b. Mr. Mike Sorensen
 - i. Bus tracking app is now working. There was an issue where the student's bus stop was defaulting to the closest stop – instead of actual stop. This has been fixed.
 - ii. Sound system for the stage has been purchased. Cost was less than expected so P.O. was sent today.
 - iii. The school has decided on a fun new way to use the over-sized Connect 4 game purchased by the BPC. Students are being challenged to exit the lunchroom quietly. Daily points are awarded to the classroom with the quietest and most orderly lunch room exit. At the end of the week, classroom with the most points will get the Connect 4 in their classroom!
 - iv. Brook Park School has been approved for a garden grant. Still many unknowns but it will focus on educating students about growing vegetables, cooking vegetables, etc. A spring club was developed related to this in order to gauge interest. Garden will be in the school courtyard.
 - v. Barnes & Noble gift cards were received. Total amount was about \$1000. \$400 for Gross and \$600 for Brook Park. These gift cards are used to help fill the school libraries.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Alicia reviewed January statement of activity. Many successful fundraisers.

5. Technology Presentation

- a. Ms Kelly King gave a presentation on technology. How it's used in the classrooms and how to effectively use it at home. Slides are available on BPC website.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Third grade family night is coming up on Friday, 2/21. Committee plans to offer pizza, games and free ice cream.
- b. Golf Outing – June 28th, 2020 at Ruffled Feathers
 - i. Price last year was \$135. Committee is considering lowering price. Wondering if that may attract more golfers. Price could only be lowered \$5-\$10. All at meeting weighed in with opinion. Overall consensus was that \$5-\$10 would not change someone's mind. Those that golf will pay \$135 to play at nice course.
(1) It was noted that our cost is \$112/golfer. We do not make a lot of money on the golfing. We make money from raffle.
 - ii. Megan Wojo asked that everyone spread the word about the golf outing. Gather a foursome!
- c. Beer & Bingo – Successful event raised \$3369. Tippy Housewife was a well-received celebrity caller.
- d. Business Benefits & Concessions
 - i. Little Owl – numbers aren't in yet but seemed to be a successful fundraiser
 - ii. Family Reading Night will have themed concessions.

- iii. Amy & Jill are working with SE Gross PTO to organize a joint 5th and 6th grade event.
- iv. Amy & Jill are working on a potential fundraiser for 5th graders – an escape room
- v. Business Benefits is always looking for new ideas. Reach out to Amy Boyle or Jill McQueeney with ideas
- e. Book Fair
 - i. We still need a lot of volunteers for Family Reading Night. Jen will re-send eBlast with push for volunteers.
 - ii. We have more teacher activities than ever before. 3 sessions available.
 - iii. Tuesday, 2/11 is the big assembly to celebrate the end of One School One Book. There will be banjo sing-alongs with Mr. Diesing.
 - iv. OSOB trivia grand prize winner will be announced at assembly. Prize is \$15 to spend at the book fair.
 - v. Anderson's is delivering books on Tuesday. Book fair set-up will begin on Tuesday at 12:30p.
- f. Cultural Week & Night
 - i. We had about 120 people attend cultural night. Good time had by all.
 - ii. Cultural Week lessons learned: simplify lunches, need more volunteers, volunteers asked to receive lesson plans ahead of time.
- g. Room Parents
 - i. Spring celebration party times and lunch times have been shared with grade leads
- h. K-Kids
 - i. K-Kids will be sponsoring a 'Pennies for Patients' fundraiser beginning on 2/28. This will run for 3 weeks and end right before spring break. The classroom that raises the most money will be awarded with a special lunch from Olive Garden.
- i. Open Gym – Walk-a-Thon Incentive from 2017/18 School Year
 - i. Date has been set for 2/28. All attendees have been contacted. Kim plans to ask for an RSVP next week. The plan is for 2 hours of open gym time and pizza.
- j. Art Show – planning is underway. Stay tuned for more information.
- k. Volunteer Needs
 - i. BPC is looking into organizing an 'End 68 Hours of Hunger' event. Planning for March/April. More details to come.
 - ii. We have many volunteer openings as we look ahead to next year. Contact Nicole Deutsch to learn more.
- l. K-Cup Recycling
 - i. BPC is working with Mrs. Nadkarni to support a K-Cup recycling initiative.
- m. Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.