

BRUDERHEIM PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 5, 2024

Location: Bruderheim Elementary Library

1. Call to Order

- Amber-Lynn O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

2. In Attendance

- Amber-Lynn O'Brien
- Tracy Innes
- Melanie Buckley
- Miranda Braun
- Andy Pearson-Styles
- Elizabeth Hummel
- Victoria McDonald
- Lindsey Mercer

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the October 1, 2024 approved by Miranda Braun seconded by Cierra Menzies.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved by Miranda Braun seconded by Cierra Menzies.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- **Stove Purchase**
 - The new stove has been purchased, and staff are pleased with it. Once additional cheques have been ordered, we will reimburse the school for the cost of \$1,055.
- **New Student T-Shirts**
 - All T-shirts for new students have been distributed. Additionally, the school now offers an online store for families to purchase spirit wear at their convenience, with a 5% fundraising benefit going to the school.
- **Friends of Bruderheim Society**
 - We confirmed that the Friends of Bruderheim Society was closed as of November 2, 2024. Amber-Lynn will contact the relevant office to explore options for reinstatement.
- **Backup Options if Reinstatement is Unavailable**
 - If reinstating the society isn't possible, Melanie Buckley suggested consulting with the Council of School Councils to discuss alternative options and resources for parent councils.
- **Swimming Lesson Subsidies**
 - The total bus cost for swimming lessons was \$1,890. The Town Council is generously donating approximately \$1,400 toward this expense, which Andy will collect and transfer to the treasurers.

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- **Pancake Breakfast**

- The Pancake Breakfast on November 4, 2024, was a hit! The Fire Department expressed interest in making this an annual event, and Parent Council is enthusiastic about this idea. Students are creating thank-you cards for both the Fire Department and the Lions Club. Parent Council will also send a thank-you card. Total expenses for forks, spoons, and plates were \$61.38, while all other supplies and food were donated by the Fire Department and Lions Club.

6. Principal's Report – Melanie Buckley

- **Population- has stayed steady at 111 students**

- **Learning highlights from our classes include:**

- K- Continue to work on letters and sounds recognition and counting numbers
- 1-Working on Consonant vowel Consonant sounds/words (CVC) and numbers 1-20 in numeracy, changes in matter, and Roots of Empathy Program
- 2-Growth in literacy especially in their blend recognition and sounds
- 3-Water Cycle, decomposition using a pumpkin as an example, place values and just started money
- 4-5 Reading for information; exploring regions and doing some research for an upcoming project
- 5-6- Completed integers and divisibility rules participating in No Stone Left alone for **Remembrance Day on Friday**

- **School Highlights:**

- October Tiger Team Traits- Teamwork- students participated in a variety of games with their groups that required them to work together
- Read In Week- Mayor Karl and Trustee Holowaychuk were both guest readers and we had a lot of fun with various reading activities
- Buddies- Read in Week and for Take it outside fall walk on Oct 23rd
- Swimming- Grades 4-6 went swimming 3 times (double lessons)
- Halloween Carnival on October 31st- students rotated through a variety of games in their costumes

- **Upcoming:**

- This week is Metis week- Students grades 4-6 did Metis finger weaving. Rock your Mocs day

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- Remembrance Day Assembly- 10:30 am Friday Nov 8th. Two guest presenters Mayor Karl and a legion member will be in attendance to speak.
- Anti-Bullying Awareness Week is Nov 18-23
- Grades 1-3 will finish their swimming lessons
- Bruderheim School will host the Assurance Review meeting on Nov 25th where the Superintendent, Executive Director, Trustees, and school teams from Lamont Elementary, A.L. Horton, and Uncas will join us to review previous school year results and plans.
- Other: Bruderheim School was the lucky recipient to win classroom field trips for all of our classes including entrance and bussing fees by Inter-Pipeline to the Telus World of Science. Classes will go in mid February.
- Ski trip- planned for late January for 4-6 students
- Seniors Centre- students in grades 4-6 will begin monthly visits after the break

7. Trustee's Report

- No report at this time

8. Town of Bruderheim Report – Ashley Carter

- Reminder - Snow Clearing Preparation: Please ensure all Curb ramps and obstacles are removed from the road edges to help our snow clearing team do a safe, effective job this winter.
- Remembrance Day Service on November 11th, 2024, at 10a.m. in the Community Hall followed by a short walk to the Bruderheim Moravian Cenotaph for the Last Post Service at 11a.m. followed by light refreshments.
- Public Skating- Nov 9 4:45-5:45
- Shinny- Nov 10 6:45-7:45
- Council Budget Nov 5 and 6-6pm

9. Fundraiser Report

- **FundScrip Update**
 - The team discussed that FundScrip may no longer be a feasible option for our fundraising efforts. They now require us to either purchase gift cards in bulk without knowing the exact demand or take preorders, which would then require distributing all the cards individually. We may need to explore alternative fundraising options.
- **Parent-Teacher Interview Concessions**
 - We're considering organizing a bake sale during parent-teacher interviews. Discussion points included: Whether teachers could bake with students for this event and asking for baked good donations from families.

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- **Movie Night Recap**
 - Movie night started with a float of \$169 and ended with \$326, plus a \$16 donation, resulting in a profit of \$157. Some supplies are left over, which we can use for the next movie night, potentially scheduled for December or January.
- **Christmas raffle baskets.**
 - This will depend on support from the Friends of Bruderheim Society, and we will check the parent council funds to see if they can cover costs.
- **Thiel's Fundraiser Possibilities**
 - We are exploring options for a seasonal fundraiser with Thiel's. Some ideas include selling poinsettias, wreaths, Grinch trees, or Charlie Brown trees.

10. Financial Report

- No change as we need new cheques and cheques for the food account and one for friends of Bruderheim.

11. New Business

- **New Documents:** Introduction of updated documents to assist with council operations and record-keeping.
- **Parent Council Checklist:** A proposed checklist to support new board members with clear deadlines and guidance, aimed at ensuring a smooth transition for incoming council members.
- **Grant Request from Town of Bruderheim:** Reminder to submit a grant request to the Town of Bruderheim each September, supporting funding opportunities for council initiatives.

12. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on **December 3, 2024, at 5:30 PM.**

13. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7.04pm