

# École Beairsto Elementary

## Parent Advisory Council General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30pm at Beairsto Elementary Library

**Chairperson:** Mandy Pretty (PAC President)

**Attendees:** Moira Manthorne (School Principal), Erik Neilson (School Vice Principal), Dionne (PAC Treasurer), Adrienne (PAC communication), Chelsea H (Fundraising), Ches (Parent), Dawn (Parent)

### Call to order: 6:31

- 1) **Welcome** - Mandy (President) leads with an acknowledgement of what an honour and privilege it is to live and meet on the beautiful unceded traditional territory of the Syilx nation
- 2) **Attendance & Adoption of Agenda** - Mandy moves to adopt today's agenda, Dawn seconds, motion is approved.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from General Meeting on Nov 29, 2023** Mandy moves to adopt today's agenda, Chelsea seconds, motion is approved.
- 4) **Reports** -
  - i) **Principal - Moira Manthorne:**  
Principal's Update and what's happening around the school:
    - 1) Mar 15 will be learning updates
    - 2) Mar 12, Seed Swap at Beairsto
    - 3) SD22 Trustees will be doing their tour on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The foyer will be decorated with students' canvas projects
    - 4) ONIVA! filmed with a Gr. 6 class which will be aired on CBC soon – very positive feedback about school/students/faculty etc.
    - 5) Kindergarten Enrollment for 2024: 65 students, looking for ways to promote French Immersion enrollment in the district
    - 6) ECE before/after school care program has = seamless transition to K for students
    - 7) EC French Specialist was funded Federally – looking to continue funding for a bilingual position. Teachers found it to be invaluable in promoting good early literacy & support
    - 8) Garden/Beautification projects under way;

- a) N/E corner mural will be by OKIB artist w/student contributions
- b) New picnic tables have been sourced
- c) Garden beds planned – hope to have Indigenous Day on Jun 21 include a blessing of new area
- 9) XC & Track & Field starts soon. April/May
- 10) Battle of the Books on April 1th
- 11) Grade 7 transition days at Seaton are coming up
- 12) Anti-racism Assembly for Intermediates was excellent & though provoking
- 13) Glee Club is touring w/Seaton Band – performed @ Vipers Game
- 14) CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Vernon hosted Intermediates for a French movie at the Towne Theatre and Bonhomme visited the school. They are looking for new members, please consider joining!

ii) **President – Mandy Pretty:**

We have an amazing group on the exec this year

- 1) XC Ski waxing: In December, Dionne spearheaded the waxing of 80 pairs of school xc skis to prepare for the grade 4/5 ski program. Many parents, teachers and students came to help including a skilled contingent of parents from the Sovereign Lake Ski club. A big thanks to all who helped!
- 2) Movie Night: We had our first school movie night with “Trolls: World Tour”. It was a success and lots of fun. Special thanks to Natalia Bossini-Smith who jumped in and helped organize it.
- 3) Hot Lunch Program: Beirsto has 4 PAC organized hot lunch days in thanks to the efforts of Samantha Nagel, coordinator. She is stepping down after this year and we are on the search for another Excel savvy parent to fill the position.
- 4) Upcoming Events: We have some great events planned for the remainder of the year, including another Movie night, Teacher Appreciation week and our Spring Fair ‘Springtime in Paris’.

iii) **Treasurer - Dionne Martyn:**

- 1) General Accounts: cashed teacher allocations which left \$533 unspent -> approved to use this to add to hardship fund for the remainder of the school year

Account currently has approximately \$8000, not including upcoming Flower basket/Pie, hot lunch and Misc fundraisers projecting approx. \$1500 +

- 2) Purdy's Fundraiser was very successful. Over \$2000 plus a \$500 bonus for excellent volume considering whether an Easter Purdy's campaign would be viable
- 3) Vaz Art and Misc passive fundraising = \$567 + \$720 (incl Butcher Boys receipts)
- 4) Events Budget sits around \$4000
- 5) Hot Lunch:
  - a) Vendors: Boston Pizza has been a popular vendor but very difficult to deal with – makes an average of \$155 per day of orders. Samosa Joes-\$70 per day/Ricebox \$70/Raku \$40. Raku will not be available next year, looking for new roll vendor.
  - b) Website rolled out new hot lunch order format for a better U/X.
  - c) Rice Box is unavailable occasionally. Will look into alt. vendors for these Fridays
- 6) Gaming Fund: Saw good use of allocations for clubs etc.
- 7) Note that all financial records are available on request for full transparency.

iv) Fundraising - Chelsea:

- 1) Shuswap Pies: New fundraiser- 60 orders on the first day. PAC receives \$5 per pie ordered.
- 2) Hanging Baskets had 40 orders as of March 6, closes Mar 12
- 3) Spring Pressed Juice fundraiser with a local Mobile Juicing company. Will offer Apple/Cherry/ Blend flavors
- 4) Concessions – spring fair/track meet? For addition funds

5) Open Floor -

Dawn asked about the schedule for Saleema Noon (Body Science), Moira noted that it was at the teacher's convenience

6) Next Meeting Dates -

AGM Wednesday, June 12th - 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned - 7:10pm