

Brock PAC Meeting #2

Nov 30, 2023
6:30pm
Brock Library



Agenda Nov 30, 2023

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Introductions, Mission Statement, and Goals
 - Motion to accept minutes of Sept 27, 2023 PAC Meeting
3. Reports
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair (upcoming events)
 - Secretary (correspondence)
 - Principal
 - Treasurer (finance)
 - Class Parents
 - Hot Lunch
4. Discussion
 - Brainstorm: Broadening the volunteer pool
 - Upcoming volunteer opportunities
5. Meet the counsellor Nelum Sihota
 - Brock's Social Emotional Learning Goal
 - School code of conduct



INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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(Squamish Nation)



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Brock PAC Mission



1. Support staff and students at the school with funding and community support; and
2. Build connections within the school community through effective communications, and by hosting community events linked to the school.

Every parent of a Brock student is a member of the PAC.

Your 2023/24 PAC Leadership Team

Chair	Scott Walker
Vice-Chair	Chantelle Poon
Treasurer	Kam Aleem
Secretary	Angelyn Reiman
Past Chair	Sarah Dumont
Class Parent Liaison	Leah DeBella
Hot Lunch Coordinators	Krista Sung & Pamela Hall
Website	Alex Thomas
Recording Secretary	
Volunteer Coordinator	
Member at Large	

2023/24 PAC Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, Sept 27, 2023 Library
- Thursday, Oct 12, 2023 (Zoom)
 (Budget Approval)
- Thursday Nov 30, 2023 Library
- Wednesday, Feb 28, 2024
- Thursday, May 30, 2024

Reports

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Fri, Dec 22** – Last Day of classes before Winter Break
- Mon, Jan 8** – School reopens
- Wed, Jan 17** – Pro D day
- Wed/Thurs, Feb 7/8** – Parent Teacher Conferences/early dismissal
- Fri, Feb 16** – Pro D Day (district wide)
- Wed, Feb 28** – Next PAC meeting

Chair -fundraising updates

Direct Drive Goal: \$30,000

Direct Drive donations to date \$28,335*

To Go: \$1665

Number of donations: 86

*\$12,200 already transferred from VSB to Brock PAC Donations account

Vice Chair

Return it Depot

PAC has set up an account using
the school's phone number:

(604) 713-5245



Menu 

Return your empties in 4 easy steps:

- 1** Bring your unsorted containers in sealed, clear or transparent bags of under 90-litre capacity to an Express site. Tip: put only a maximum of 12 glass bottles in each bag to prevent breakage. Find an Express site near you.
- 2** Use the phone number you registered with to log in at an Express Kiosk.
- 3** Print your tags, tag your bags, and leave them with us.
- 4** We'll sort and count the containers and your Express Account will be credited with your deposit refund. You can redeem your account balance by Interac e-Transfer or a mailed cheque.

Correspondence

Recent letters received by the PAC:

- Last year's Brock Alumni scholarship recipient at Sir Charles Tupper secondary school

Dear General Brock Parent Advisory Committee:

I am deeply grateful to have received the General Brock Parent Advisory Committee Scholarship. I am incredibly thankful for the time I spent at General Brock Elementary. I was able to build a strong community of friends and build a foundation of knowledge that carried me into my secondary school education at Sir Charles Tupper. Through my years of schooling and various extracurricular activities, I have been praised for my dedication and detail-oriented

- A thank you letter from a Brock teacher

My name is Katie, I'm the Grade 6 IF Teacher. I wanted to say thank you for the dinner that our staff received yesterday. We really appreciate it, and we are so grateful for our wonderful PAC.

Sincerely,



Principal's Report

November Updates

1) Staffing

Congratulations to Ms. Angela Ubial as she was the successful candidate for our Grade 2/3 position. This means she will continue as the teacher for Division 6 for the entire year and then continue as a permanent Brock teacher!

We also want to thank Ms. Jennifer Willoughby (Teacher of Division 5) and Ms. Catriona Legge (Teacher of Division 4) for covering two of our teacher leaves. In January, we are excited to welcome back Ms. Gabriella Dionne (Teacher of Division 4) and Ms. Mary Surilla (Teacher of Division 5).

November Updates

2) **Wishlist**

Thank you again for your generosity! Here is an update.

Library – Purchased just under \$1000. (Gwen will continue.) 40 district Indigenous books

Primary Books – Done

K Decodable Books – Done

Gr 4 Social Texts – Done

Performances – Done Mixolydian and Science and Juggling – Greg Kennedy

Fieldtrips – Started

Projectors – Done

PA – Mostly Done (Mixing board outstanding)

November Updates

3) Musical

Writers Club is almost done the script.

Choir is starting to gel.

Musician working on learning 2 of the songs.

4) Sports

Volleyball season is just about done and basketball season for Grade 5 to 7 starts in January.

Communicating Student Learning

Main Changes

- 3 Terms: Dec 1, March 12 & June 14
- Only 4 choices for Proficiency Scale (Em, Dev, Pr, Ex)
- “IE” (Insufficient Evidence) replaces “I” (Incomplete)
- Core Competencies Self Reflection and Goal Setting Sheet will be included with each term report
- Gender Neutral Terms “Them, They and Their”

Four Days of Celebration

When: Tuesday, December 19th to Friday, December 22nd
from 9am till about 9:55am

Where: Gym

Who: Chat with your child to see when they are performing. I have also attached a performance schedule to the newsletter.
(No names, just division numbers.)

Upcoming Dates

Friday, December 1	Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Friday, December 1	PAC White Spot Hot Lunch
Wednesday, December 13	PAC Pizza Day
Friday, December 15	Entrepreneur Day (Div. 1 & 11F)
December 19 to 22	Four Days of Celebration
Friday, December 22	Last Day for Students before Winter Break
Monday, January 8	First Day Back to School after Winter Break

Ask Me Anything

with *Hope Sterling*

Finance -cash

Brock PAC Cash on hand	
Nov 30 2023	
Vancity Account	\$ 29,835
Gaming Grant Account	\$ 10,665
Brock PAC Donation Account	\$ 13,142
Direct Drive (to be transferred from VSB)	\$ 16,135
Sub-total	\$ 69,777
contingency	-\$30,000
Available Cash	\$ 39,777

Finance -spending to budget

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BWocNqmDneDlx3ziBOMdU90i_jSiUwzY/edit#gid\2092957478

Class Parents

All classes have a Class Parent!

Thank you very much for volunteering

Class parents are

- Creating and distributing class contact lists
- Collecting money, which will be used to purchase group gifts for teachers and support staff in December

Teacher	Grade(s)	Division	Class Parent(s)
K. Dignum	6/7	1	Sjanie McInnis and Chelsea Joelle
J. Mitchell	4/5	2	Erin Boniferro
S. Thorn	4/5	3	Chris Rendell
C. Legge, G. Dionne	3/4	4	Joanna Cook
J. Willoughby	3	5	Mia Thomsett
A. Ubial	2/3	6	Jess Quan
G. King, L. Matelich	1/2	7	Matt Kroeker
K. Ansley	1/2	8	Jamie Smulders
M. Jung	K	9	Desirae Salmas
K. Pankratz	IF6	10	Melissa Leifer
J. Orange	IF7	11	Cher Quigley
E. Cruz	4-7	12	Donna Rayner

Hot Lunch

REMINDERS:

- Upcoming Fun Lunch Dates:
 - Friday Dec 1 - White Spot Day (Ordering Closed)
 - Wednesday Dec 13 - Pizza Day (Ordering Closing Dec 8 11:59PM)
- New Menu Items from Bittersweet for January 2024
 - Korean Rice Bowl!
 - Southwestern Rice Bowl!
- Ordering for January-March 2024 will be available starting Monday Dec 4
- Save our email address to your contacts brockhotlunch@gmail.com so our emails don't end up in your mail!
- <https://brockschool.hotlunches.net> Registration and ordering is simple and easy.
- We are looking for more parents to take on regular volunteer roles with the Hot Lunch program.
 - Volunteer Coordinator



PIZZA DAY \$\$\$

- The Pizza Day on Nov 15 made approximately \$550 and we expect our next Pizza Day to make a similar amount
- Can we use some of the profits to give the Brock Staff a LUNCHTIME PIZZA PARTY on Wednesday Dec 13? The cost of a staff pizza party last year was around \$150

Hot Lunch

Volunteers of the Month(s)

Sarah Dwolinsky
and
Vivian Hu



Discussion

How do we engage/reach more
people to broaden our
volunteer pool?

Volunteer Opportunities

Gala Chair and Gala committee members

Silent Auction

PAC Volunteer Coordinator

Hot Lunch Volunteers

Recording Secretary (PAC meetings)

Please email BrockPACsecretary@gmail.com to volunteer!

Volunteer Opportunities - Gala

- PAC Gala Chair
- Committee members (eg food and drink, decor, sponsorship, logistics)

Discussion

- More accessible gala to focus on building community
- Two (or more) smaller events instead?

Volunteer Opportunities: Silent Auction

- Chair to organize/delegate responsibilities
- Sponsorship letter (can use last year's for reference)
- Online silent auction setup
- Class ceramics

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Volunteer Opportunities:

PAC Volunteer coordinator

- Set up signup genius for all PAC events
- Monitor and work with PAC Exec to ensure that each event has the required number of volunteers signed up
- Help guide volunteers in finding duties suitable to them

Volunteer Opportunities:

Hot Lunch

- Volunteer Coordinator (ensure we have enough volunteers each hot lunch day and track incentive credits)
- Lunch Leaders on Hot Lunch Days (45 mins/shift)
- Hot lunch volunteers (30 mins/shift)
- Lead/Organizer for Fun Lunch Days (Pizza Days, White Spot Day)

Please email brockhotlunch@gmail.com to volunteer!

Meet the Counsellor

Nelum Sihota

Recorded Minutes

Discussion

1. How do we engage/reach more people to broaden the volunteer pool?
 - Incentives to participants like hot lunch?
 - Send out form at beginning of the school year (or now)?
 - Be clear on how much time/ how much responsibility is required for an opportunity?
 - Especially daytime or evening
 - Provide info early on/well in advance (potentially June for following year)
 - Possibly assign events to classes/divisions for the year?
2. Gala specific discussion:
 - Grade 7's received a donation from the PAC for the graduation last year without doing anything for it. Possibly something they can do? E.g. make the "gala" a grade 7 event?
 - We are separating out the Silent Auction from the Gala this year to make it more accessible and spread out the effort over more time.
 - Plates instead of bowls for the class creations so it's easier to paint on.
 1. No cap on the possible price for class creations
 - Incorporate a 50/50?
 - Balloons with prizes inside (done in the past)?
 - With no chair/committee set up, potentially a simpler event this year for the Gala
 - Make the Gala more accessible to the broader Brock community - e.g. lower price point, etc.

Discussion

3. Is it possible for more online safety discussion/education for students?
 - Sarah suggested a Telus program that she would share the information with Principal Sterling.
 - Principal Sterling said she would investigate opportunities for this.
4. As part of the SEL presentation there was some discussion about trends on the Brock playground addressed by Principal Sterling and School Counsellor Sihota:
 - Addressing things that develop during unstructured time/ on the playground
 - Soccer - students needed to pause for two days recently, bringing in red/yellow cards and refs, events develop very quickly on the soccer pitch
 - Peer helpers on the school grounds make a difference - wear yellow vests to easily identify on the playground; these leaders support younger students in using their “WITS”. Also “LEADS” (see photos next slide)
5. Mr. Cruz (Div 12 teacher) attended the meeting and spoke at the end to comment on the Brock parents generosity and support for the school making the community at Brock a great one to be a part of.

No motions required in this meeting.

Parents in attendance: 21 (+Principal Sterling, School Counsellor Sihota, and Mr. Cruz)



What do you do if someone
is **BOTHERING** you?



WALK AWAY

IGNORE

TALK IT OUT

SEEK HELP

Use Your WITS!



www.witsprogram.ca



How do you solve a
PROBLEM?



LOOK AND LISTEN

EXPLORE POINTS OF VIEW

ACT

DID IT WORK?

SEEK HELP

Be a WITS Leader!



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School Code of Conduct Resource: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/general-brock/page/1698/code-of-conduct>