

Brock PAC Meeting #1

Sept 27, 2023
6:30pm
Brock Library



Agenda Sept 27, 2023

1. Introductions, Mission Statement, and Goals
 - Motion to accept minutes of June 20, 2022 PAC Meeting
2. Reports
 - Chair
 - Principal
 - How Report Cards Work
 - Questions for the Principal
 - Finance
 - Class Parents
 - Hot Lunch
 - Secretary -survey results
3. Business
 - Approval of 2023/24 budget goals
4. New Business
 - Meet the teacher: Sarah Miller, Music

Reports

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	Krista Sung & Pamela Hall
Website	Alex Thomas
Recording Secretary	
Volunteer Coordinator	
Member at Large	

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, Oct 2 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Friday, Oct 6 – Terry Fox run

Monday, Oct 9 – School Closed for Thanksgiving

Thurs, Oct 12 – Individual Photo Day (Retakes Wed, Nov 16)

Thurs, Oct 12 – PAC Meeting Budget Approval

Fri, Oct 20 – Pro D Day

Your 2023/24 PAC Meeting Schedule!

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

Volunteer Opportunities -immediate

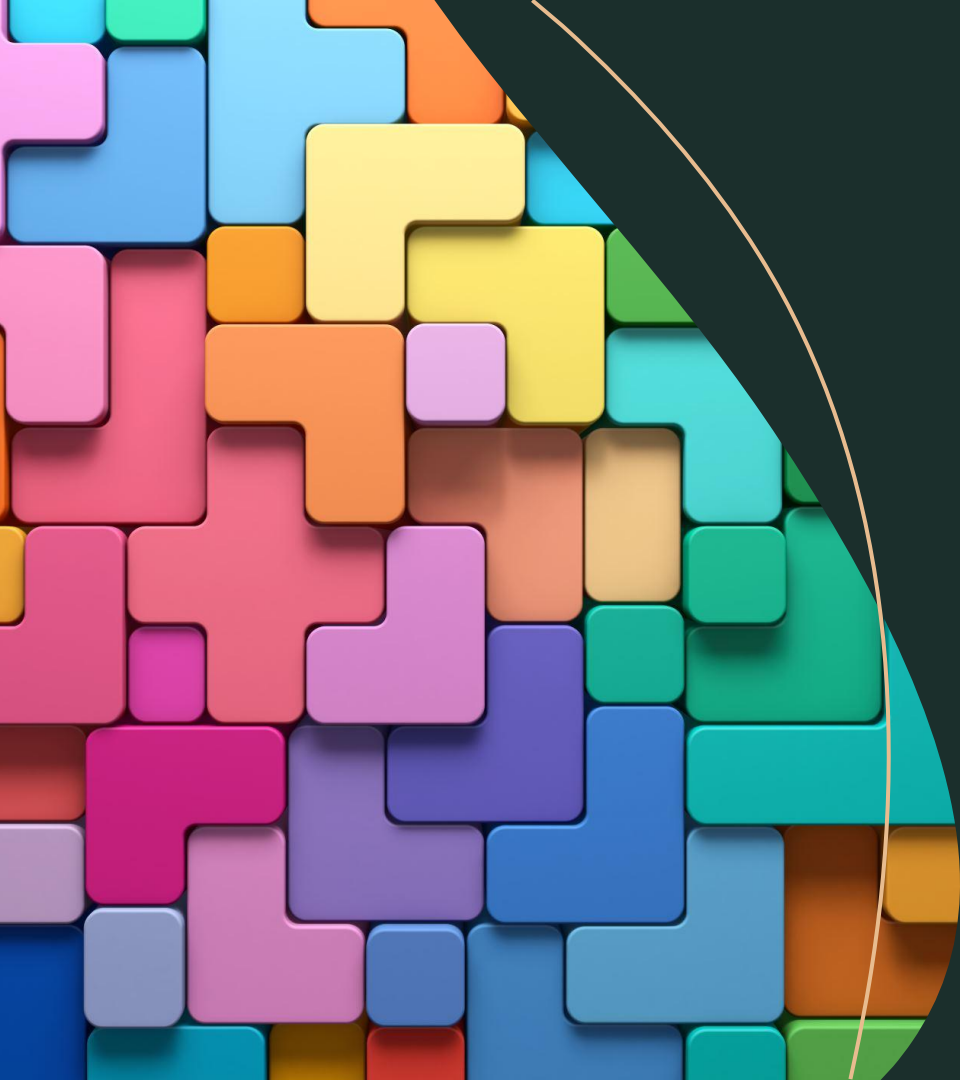
- Hot Lunch Volunteers
 - a. Lunch Leaders on Hot Lunch Days
 - b. Volunteer Coordinator (ensure we have enough volunteers each hot lunch day and track incentive credits)
 - c. Lead/Organizer for Fun Lunch Days (Pizza Days, White Spot Day)
- Terry Fox Run -Coordinate snacks and volunteers for this event on Oct 6
- Recording Secretary
- PAC Member At Large
- PAC Volunteer Coordinator
- PAC Class Parent

Please email PACbrock@gmail.com to volunteer!

Volunteer Opportunities -upcoming

- Halloween Dance
- Pumpkin Patch
- Parent/Teacher Interview night dinner and coffee for teachers
- PAC Gala Chair
 - we are looking for a Gala Chair and Committee to run this very important event

Please email PACbrock@gmail.com to volunteer!



Principal's Report

September 2023

September Brock Happenings

- 1) **Literacy Focus** – Student Portfolios, Assessments, Primary Literacy Program
- 2) **SEL Teacher and Counsellor**
- 3) **Musical** – Choir starting, Writer Team
- 4) **A/B Year** – Socials Science

Upcoming May Dates

Friday, Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day

Monday, Oct 2 – National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Monday, Oct 9 – Thanksgiving

Month of October – FSA (Tool to measure our literacy)

Communicating Student Learning

(Report Cards)

What does it look like this year?

Ask Me Anything

with *Hope Sterling*

Finance -current cash*

Opening cash September 1 2023	\$ 29,771
Brock PAC Donation Account Sept 1/23	\$ 10,176
Gaming Grants Account	\$ 10,665
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 50,612

*we have previously decided to maintain a contingency fund of \$30,000

Class Parent

8 of 12 Class Parent volunteers have been confirmed

We still need a Class Parent for

- Division 2 - J. Mitchell
- Division 3 - S. Thorn
- Division 4 - C. Legge, G. Dionne
- Division 7 - G. King, L. Matelich

Some key responsibilities of a class parent include:

- Encouraging parental involvement in school events and activities.
- Attending bimonthly PAC meetings.
- Organizing an informal social gathering this fall, such as a pub night, to help parents connect and build relationships.
- Coordinating group gifts from the entire class for teachers in December and June.

Teacher	Grade	Division	Class Parent	Email
K. Dignum	6/7	1	Sjanie McInnis and Chelsea Joelle	einajs@gmail.com, chelsea.kiley@gmail.com
J. Mitchell	4/5	2		
S. Thorn	4/5	3		
C. Legge, G. Dionne	3/4	4		
J. Willoughby	3	5	Mia Thomsett	miathomsett@gmail.com
A. Ubial	2/3	6	Jess Quan	jess.khakiquan@gmail.com
G. King, L. Matelich	1/2	7		
K. Ansley	1/2	8	Jamie Smulders	jamieandkam@gmail.com
M. Jung	K	9	Desirae Salmas	Desirae.Salmas@summitfinewines.com
K. Pankratz	IF6	10	Melissa Leifer	westcoastdancefit@gmail.com
J. Orange	IF7	11	Cher Quigley	quigley.cher@gmail.com
E. Cruz	4-7	12	Donna Rayner	donnarayner@shaw.ca

Hot Lunch



The hot lunch site is live! Get your orders in for October, November and December!

- <https://brockschool.hotlunches.net> Registration is simple and easy.
- Hot lunch available every Tuesday and Thursday. Our first lunch date was on Tuesday Sept 26, 2023
- ***Many Thanks to everyone who signed up for volunteer for October***
 - ***Volunteers still needed for Oct 5 and 19th.***
- Save our email address to your contacts brockhotlunch@gmail.com so our emails don't end up in your junk mail!

Fun Facts:

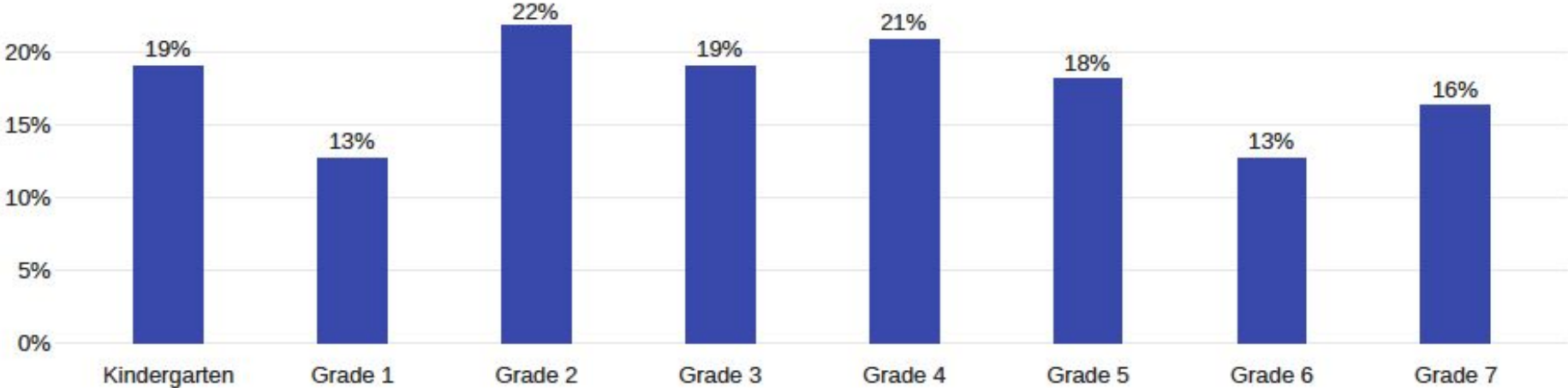
- Last year served over 7000 lunches across 75 lunch services 😊

Feedback Survey

Distribution of Grades

Q6 - In which grades are your children at Brock for this school year?

110 Responses



The Brock PAC raises funds from parents and family which it distributes based upon the needs and priorities identified by Brock teachers and parents. Six categories of funding are described below:

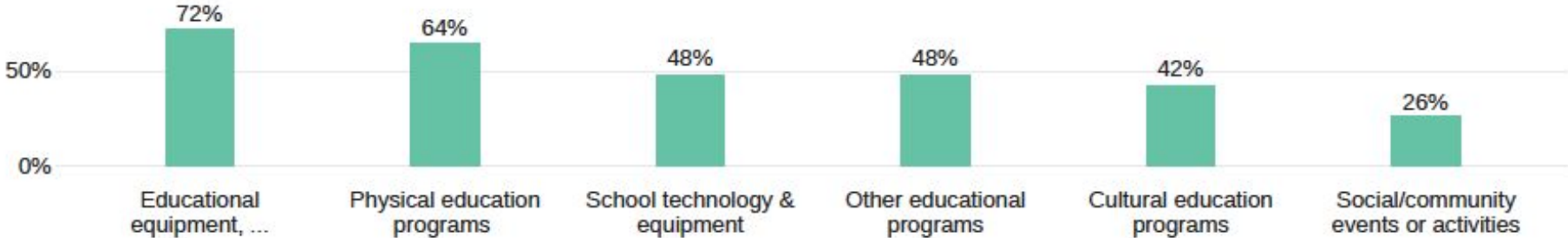
- **Cultural education programs:** Ex. Whole school Indigenous weaving or drumming, theatrical or musical performances, etc.
- **Physical education programs:** Ex. Whole school gymnastics or parkour, dance, etc.
- **Other educational programs:** Ex. Class field trips, babysitting training, in-school guest speakers, etc.
- **School technology & equipment:** Ex. Loud speaker for events, projectors, staffroom dishwasher, etc.
- **Educational equipment, materials & supplies:** Ex. home reading books, supplemental school supplies (pencils, glue, etc.), athletic equipment, musical instruments, sensory room development, iPad apps, etc.
- **Social/community events or activities:** Ex. Snacks for Terry Fox Run and Sports Day, special events like the Kerrisdale Bouncy Castle event, Welcome Picnic, ice cream, etc.

Thinking of the 2023-24 school year specifically, how do you prefer to distribute the dollars raised by the Brock PAC?

Overview of Parent's Budget Priorities

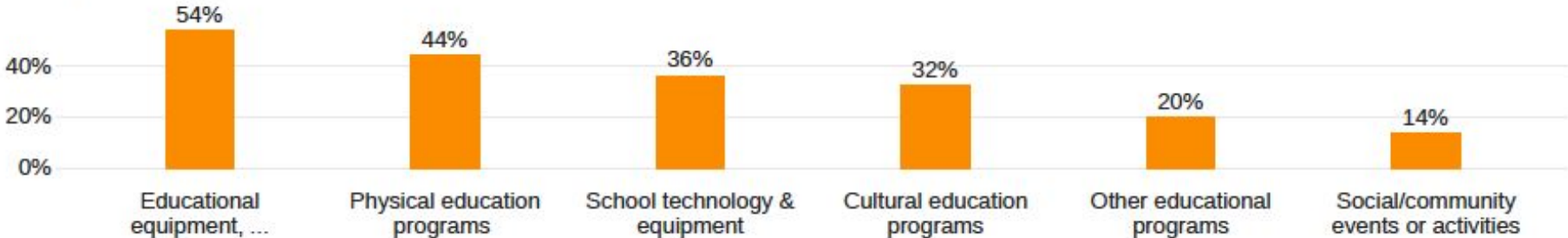
Q1 - TOP 3 RANKINGS

111 Responses



Q1 - TOP 2 RANKINGS

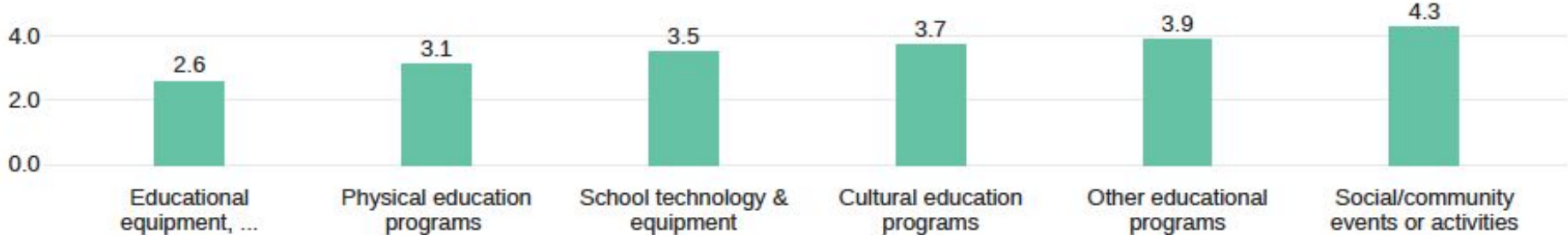
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Overview of Parent's Budget Priorities (cont.)

Q1 - Mean Ranking out of 6

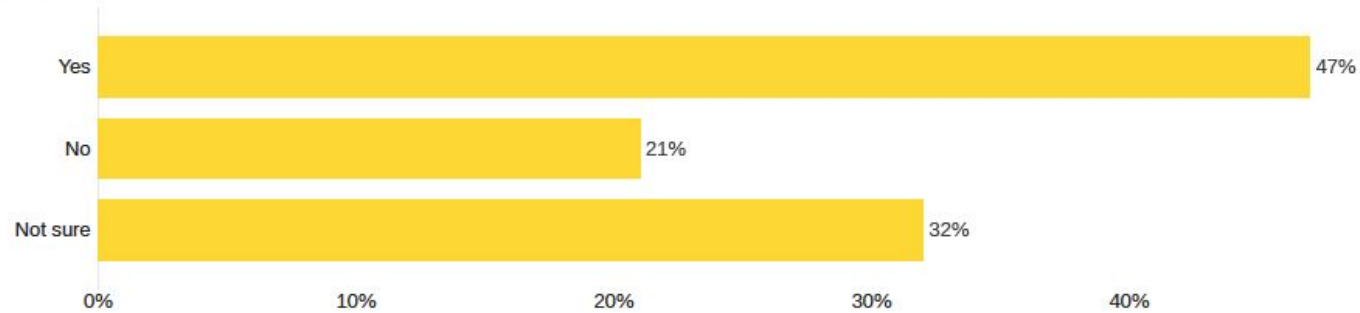
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Interest in a Potential Halloween Dance

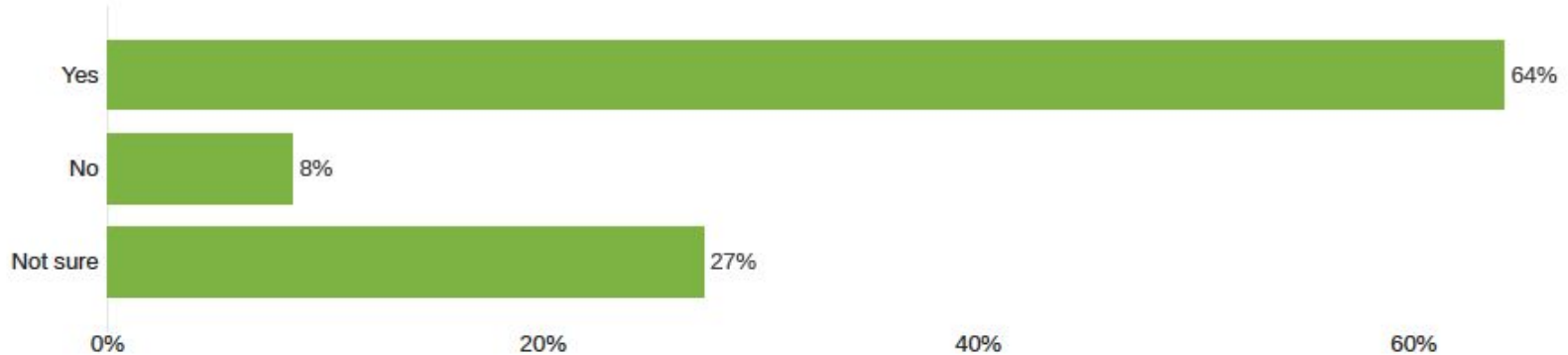
Q5_1 - HALLOWEEN DANCE For grades K to 3

100 Responses



Q5_2 - HALLOWEEN DANCE For grades 4 to 7

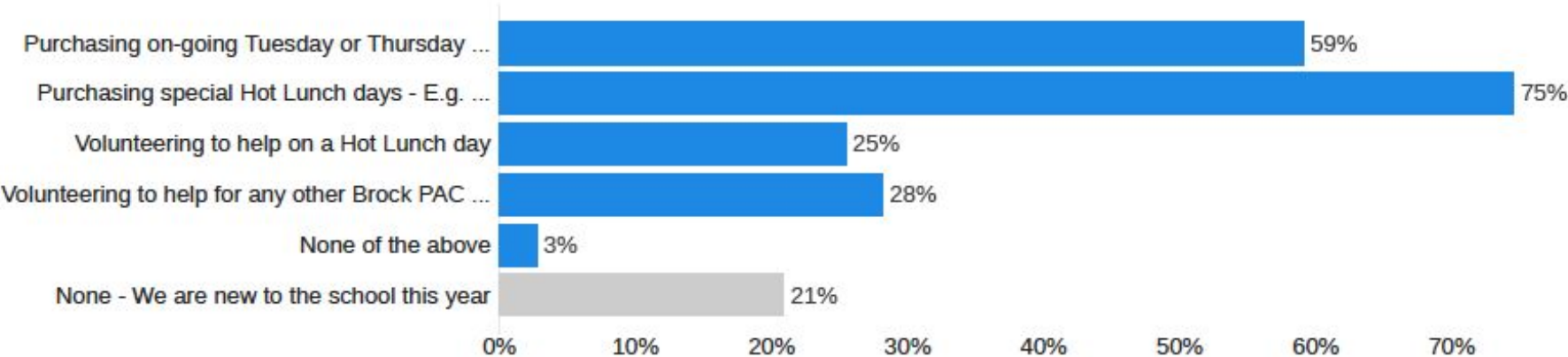
106 Responses



Hot Lunch & Volunteering Participation

Q3 - Last school year, did you take part in any of the following activities?

110 Responses



Business

Brock PAC Goals 2023/24



1. Raise \$40,000 for general operations
2. Spend \$60,000 on student, PAC, and teacher-led initiatives

Motion:

- Move to set the spending budget for 2023/24 at \$60,000, contingent on raising no less than \$30,000 of new revenue (contingency spending not to exceed \$10,000)

New Business

Discussion

Spending Initiatives

Brock PAC Draft Budget 23/24

SPENDING

Outstanding Expenses from Prior Years	\$1,130.00
Resources	\$9,050.00
Programs	\$18,000.00
Technology	\$21,700.00
General Expenses	\$9,360.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$59,240.00

Brock PAC Draft Budget 23/24

Revenue	
Available Cash On Hand	\$20,612
Direct Drive	\$30,000
Gala	\$10,000
SUB-TOTAL REVENUE	\$60,612
Expenses	
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Resources	\$9,050.00
Programs	\$18,000.00
Technology	\$21,700.00
General Expenses	\$9,360.00
SUB-TOTAL EXPENSES	\$59,240.00
TOTAL	\$1,372

Brock PAC Proposed Budget 23/24

Outstanding Expenses from Prior Years	
Water Filter (Approved Last Year)	\$1,108
Fans for classrooms	
Garden Program	\$22
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,130

Brock PAC Proposed Budget 23/24

Resources	
Library Annual Contribution	\$2,500
Primary Guided Reading Books	\$1,000
K Decodable Readers	\$250
Music Equipment	\$500
Sports Equipment	\$2,500
Sensory Room	\$500
Gr 4 Social Studies Textbooks	\$1800
SUB-TOTAL	\$9,050

Brock PAC Proposed Budget 23/24

Programs	
Gymnastics/Parkour	\$4,000
School-wide Indigenous Program	\$4,000
School wide performances	\$3,000
School Musical	\$1,000
Field Trips	\$5,000
Parent talks/counsellors	\$1,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$18,000

Brock PAC Proposed Budget 23/24

Technology	
Projectors (6)	\$19,200
PA	\$1,500
Bluetooth Speaker (2)	\$500
i-pad Apps	\$500
SUB-TOTAL	\$21,700

Brock PAC Proposed Budget 23/24

General Expenses	
PAC events and other	\$500
Staff Gifts	\$1,000
PAC Meeting Babysitting (4)	\$160
Tupper/Oliver Scholarship	\$1,000
Grade 7 Grad	\$500
Teachers lunches	\$700
Classroom Funds (\$400/Class)	\$5,000
Dishwasher	\$500
SUB-TOTAL	\$9,360

Recorded Minutes

Discussion:

FSA (standardized testing Grades 4&7)

-Principal Hope is in favor

- it is run by the province to assess across the province. Designed by teachers similar to typical assessment by teachers in class.

-Teachers union sent letter home opposing

-mixed messaging and lack of clarity

-An independent organization, the Fraser Institute, regularly takes the publicly available information about the school's performance to publish a ranking of all schools across the province. To confirm, no personally identifiable information is connected to any assessment. Brock will be "ranked" on the list no matter if 10 or 50 students complete the test.

-Parents are able to decide if their child will participate or not. They can also ask for accommodations in completing the assessment if needed based on learning needs (e.g. extra time, quiet space, etc.)

-One parent gave feedback that it was very interesting and useful to them to see their child's progress in past

Class parents:

New volunteers

Gosia Sudol - Div 3 Mr. Thorne

Erin Bonifero - Div 2 Mr. Mitchell

Still missing

Div 4 (Legge/Dionne)

Div 7 (King/Matelich)

Hot lunch volunteers still needed for Oct 5, 19

Last year served over 7000 lunches across 75 lunch services

Volunteer run by parents so need volunteers to keep it running

Discussion:

Increase in Hot Lunch prices this year

-driven by increases from the vendor. Review of additional costs requiring mark-up of pricing to cover such as credit card fees for payment transactions and taxes.

Discussion:

Parent raised topic of the high number of split grade classes this school year. One parent of an older student expressed appreciation for the model over the years for enhancing the class dynamic. Principal Hope expressed that the split classes were primarily driven by teachers this year, such as to separate behaviours between classrooms. She noted she has a pamphlet available in her office on the topic if interested.

Survey results

-Most support for educational equipment, materials and supplies and physical education programs

-interest in Halloween Dances

Intermediate more than Primary

(possibly next year due to timing)

Motions:

1. “Move to set the spending budget for 2023/24 at \$60,000, contingent on raising no less than \$30,000 of new revenue (contingency spending not to exceed \$10,000)”

Move: Mike Hall

Second: Sarah Dumont

All were in favor

2. “Move to approve purchase of primary books, K decodable readers, Gr. 4 text books, totalling \$3,050 from proposed budget”

Move: Angelyn Reiman

Second: Chantelle Poon

All were in favor

Parents in attendance: 23