

Brooks PAC Agenda

23 September 2026

Attendance: 12 total: Tai Uhlmann, Kate Boyd, Carla Street, Katya Gufstafson, Danielle Quinney, Christina Parsons, Ruchelle Mangaoang, Andrea Rogers, Lisa Gunn, Laura Wilson, Jasmin Marshman

Minutes: None

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Gaming Balance: \$374.46

General Balance: \$12,902.44

DPAC Report: None

Old Business:

- Sensory room-Danielle gave history and update on the sensory room she has spearheaded and is completed. \$10k grant secured. In March there will be a tour with folks from Variety as this is the first high school they've done...Plan is to build out room for all students to use.
- Grad Gift-thanks to Patricia theatre, well received
- Staff appreciation-appreciated

New Business:

- Elections:
 - o President-chairs 7 meetings
 - o Vice-President-haven't had due to low attendance at PAC
 - o Secretary-takes minutes-sends to VP
 - o Treasurer-fields intakes for funding, track down teachers to complete the funding requests (sept/feb) write checks, report at end of year
 - o ELECTIONS: President: Kate Boyd, Vice President: Katya Gustafson, Secretary: Laura Wilson, Treasurer: Tai Uhlmann, DPAC rep: Danielle
- Meetings-4th Wednesday of the month (Not Dec. Mar. or June) Next meetings: October 28, November 25, January 27, February 24, April 28, May 26
- Funding requests due October 22nd at 3pm -as these come in, the PAC will go through together on oct. 28th

- Textbooks-and workbooks-some need to be purchased, school helps reduce financial barriers for those who want to purchase
- All candidates meeting /event October 5th at 7pm at Max Cameron at Brooks. Parents are encouraged to come to event as well as submit questions...use QR code (see district website) and learn more about school trustees

Principal's Report:

-Staff meeting today-smooth start up

-Grade 8 startup began early spring to address needs of new students-working hard on that as year begins

-3 new blocks/classes due to increase in number of kids

-Currently there are 951 students (not all full time) and these include:

81 International students: 15 Brazilian, 47 Germans, 19 others

-OFFSITE LEARNING (at Oceanview) includes

20 kids at Westview Learning Center ... program is helpful as there is currently a younger demographic of kids who need extra help and aren't equipped to learn in a school with such a large student body.

17 Gidgette program-indigenous

16 Hair program students

-REITERATION OF GRADES: 8 is linear, 9 begins semester type, 10/11/12 continue with semesters and this is when the credits are required and count toward diploma

-Assemblies happened per grade. Big issue across all grades are:

PARENTS NEED TO STOP TEXTING OR CALLING KIDS AT SCHOOL!!!! PARENTS RELAY THIS TO ANY EMPLOYERS OF STUDENTS AS WELL!!! Phone use is an ongoing issue and discussion. There are ideas being considered to control phone use IE: a bell to bell ban like other places of learning already have

LOCKERS-there are more available-don't panic

-Reminder the 100 YEAR anniversary of BROOKS!!! Next month...spread the word

-GO BY BIKE week happening now...tents are set up for students

-COLLABORATION DAY happening again this year: first Tuesday of every month for all staff to connect with goal of student success. School starts at 10AM these days! Increasing grad rate ultimate goal and its working-last year's rate was higher than previous year

-SCHOOL PICTURES happened today-these are important as they are used within district to identify students. If they haven't had a picture since 4th grade-that's the photo that appears in their files.

-PRO-D DAY this Friday the 25th, day off again WED Sept. 30

-as the school year starts, people and students start talking and sometimes misinformation is spread...PARENTS please come to admin (Jasmin) with any concerns or questions about the school/kids/etc.

-GYM class concerns? The classes depend on how kids sign up and sometimes can be lopsided with number boys vs. girls. Some girls use dance to fulfil dance credits. Again-contact school with concerns.

-BC GRAD program is important to understand. Diploma Verification Reports (DVR's) are available and posted and should follow students report cards so parents/kids know where they are at (80 is the minimum but Brooks require 88). 3 Provincial exams are required as part of grad requirements: Literary Assessment 10 and 12 and Numeracy Assessment 10

-Cafeteria lunches are up and running. A "credit card" can be purchase for students to use. It can be loaded up throughout the year. Best to come right before lunch when the register is open (just after 12 noon). Food is made on site. Affordable, fresh, wide variety.