

School Council
Bells Corners Public School

DATE: Tuesday, December 3 2019

Meeting called to order by Chair, Royce Robbins, at 6:35pm.

Present: Dave Petrie, Sadhana Lan, Royce Robbins, Jen Jarabek, Dee Campbell, Amy Cameron, Trish Charboneau, Janice Lizotte, Kish Kille

Absent: Ali Frantz, Jodi Rosekat, Christy Stanhope

Minutes from last meeting haven't been sent out (Dee was absent), so Council couldn't approve them. Royce to send his summary for approval.

Chair: Royce

OCASA Meeting: Royce attended the last meeting. He summarized the meeting and explained how schools partner. We would like to do this.

Reading A-Z: It was purchased by teachers but Council has not been invoiced.

Educate Outside: we would like an update from Ali.

Treasurer: Jen Jarabek

\$500 PIP Night. Money was received and used for Meet the Teacher.

We bought lanyards for School Council. This way parents can identify us, and talk to us. They are \$60.

MOTION: Jen moves that Council cover the cost, not the members of School Council. 1st Kish/2nd Trish

Rainy Days: The Juniors' classes are stocked up with rainy day games. We need Ali to tell us the total amount spent.

Atlases: \$140 left from the amount allotted. Dave reminds us that it's the responsibility of Council to spend everything we raise or assign it to a fund.

MOTION: Kish moves that we put it into the Arts Supplies fund, from which we allot \$40/class (\$320) 1st Trish/2nd Amy

Gym Equipment: There is \$205.35 left in the fund from when we bought supplies last school year. Dave will ask Richard what he would like to purchase with the money.

General Fund: We need books for grade 6s in particular. Students are saying they're aren't enough books that they enjoy. The Indigo grant is soon,. Carol has the draft from last year

Bookfair: Amy asked about hosting a Scholastic book fair.

ACTION: Invite Librarian to attend January meeting, so we can get an idea of what she/the school needs. Or get a list from her.

There is money left in the General Fund. It will stay there until after winter for yard improvement.

Principal: Dave

- FAMSAC drive runs Dec 2-13. Ten students will get to deliver the bags to 10 doors.
- Dave is making efforts to have parts of the assemblies translated into Urdu/Arabic, to help students feel welcome and seen. We would like to explore having School Council communications translated too.

- Dave presented the results from the [Fountas and Pinnell](#) benchmark levelling system. Reviewed importance of decoding and comprehension. More information available [on the BCPS website](#). Testing will happen again two more times before the end of the school year.
- December 20: awards ceremony, choir, students talk about delivering FAMSAC hampers, staff sing
- Hat Day will be changed to Character Day
- To note: there are 5 different Indigenous groups at BCPS. Check out the histogram in the hallway by the staff room that shows 60 different cultures represented.
- EQAO: Guided Math begins, much like Guided Reading. Teachers have administered diagnostics for primary & Junior. They are starting with Gr3 & Gr6 right now because that's where the funding is.
- At the next meeting (Jan 14, 2020), Dave will talk about 'math phobia'

Fundraising Committee: Royce

Yard Improvement: Erin Coffin has expressed her wish to help us raise the necessary funds. Jen (the school's linguistic pathologist) is helping. Once we raise \$7500, we can write the Capital Grant. Royce's goal is to have shovels in the ground June 30, 2020. Stage 1 - show the community that we're doing something.

ACTION: Jen Jarabek and Royce to draft a doc for Dave summarizing fundraising initiatives to date with subtotals and totals, after the online auction. He will pass this on to Design & Construction to determine next steps and timeline.

Dave showed Council a proposal for the Kinder Yard:

City grant: \$7500

Board grant: \$25 000 vs \$42 000

Costs:

\$23K Structure

\$20K Structure Site + paving

+3%

45K

Cost to enlarge pit = 2 000

Sand & logs between pit & school 12 000

Dino dig sandbox 18 000

Asphalt work

**Naturalized Playground is very expensive*

ACTION: Royce to discuss next steps with Dave.

ACTION: Invite BIA to the next meeting, if we feel ready to present to them.

Next meeting: Tuesday January 14, 2020, then February 4.

At the next meeting we will discuss adding Taco Tuesdays.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm