

DATE: Tuesday, November 3 2020

Meeting called to order by Chair, Royce Robbins, at 6:45pm

Attendance: Royce Robbins, David Petrie, Dee Campbell, Jen Jarabek, Marc Reside, Trisha Charbonneau

Principal's Report

Remembrance Day ceremony will be virtual this year. For future virtual endeavours, the school will only employ students for whom we have permission to share their images online. This is a good opportunity to share what BCPS is doing with the community - in particular the seniors' homes in Bells Corners.

Monthly Assembly is virtual, shared throughout the school.

Last Friday the fence was taken down and the students were permitted on the new grass. Soccer isn't permitted (covid19), and kids are finding new ways to play.

Reminder: *no snow pants, no snow*. Otherwise kids return to class with wet jeans/pants = chafing and discomfort.

Today was Sadhana's last day. She will be missed. Also, we are now the only [BIP](#) school in Ottawa that doesn't have a VP, which is concerning. Royce to talk to the Trustee, Rob Campbell.

Treasurer's Report - Jen

Account Balance \$23,767.69

Funds Promised \$22,225.70

Funds Available \$1,541.99

To determine what items we want/can fund this year Jen suggested that we redistribute the ~\$5000 in the Scientists in School "bucket" as follows:

- leave \$2000 in the Scientists in Schools (this will cover the 6 sessions requested at the September meeting plus a couple extra)
- transfer \$1500 (\$50 per staff) to Classroom Supplies (Ali mentioned in August that staff were requesting this)
- transfer \$1000 for Learning A-Z (will depend on # of licenses required at ~\$150/license)
- Jen put \$200 into Overhead to cover banking and operating expenses

Dee moves to accept the proposal. Jen 2nd. *Motion passes.*

Dave to find out how many A-Z licences have been purchased so Council can vote to reimburse.

UPDATE: \$1104.04 was spent on licences

Outdoors

A parent donated a bin full of good quality skipping ropes, so we don't need to buy any for now. **We will revisit in December.** The school grounds and city-owned green space have been divided into 10 areas through which cohorts rotate. It's working well.

Books

Teachers are requesting more read-aloud books, especially for grades 5 and 6 who need more pleasure-reading books. Dave to speak to Librarian about buying books using ~\$900 that Council had previously agreed to use for this purpose. Dee to ask Christy how much money we have to spend from Scholastic. UPDATE: \$700.

Chalkboards

The chalkboards in the OLP haven't been fixed yet. Royce to talk to Kish.

Dave says three chalkboards would be appreciated in the back, as teachers are using the outdoor spaces to teach and are holding up papers to show kids, when a chalkboard would be better. Dave will confirm that they will be used, and Royce to build three chalkboards. *Dee will assist.*

Events

Discussion on what we can do in a year when in-person events are prohibited. Council agreed that we don't have time to add virtual events to our schedules, and that we will pick up again when the pandemic status is lifted.

Dee asked if coding is happening this year, and offered to send info on Wize Academy who says they are working with other schools in the Board. UPDATE: Sent.

Trish asked if she is permitted to vote, given that she doesn't have children in the bricks-and-mortar school. We will find that answer asap.

IMPORTANT: We need a new Treasurer. The annual budget is \$20-\$30k. This is a good year to start as we don't have any events, so the new Treasurer would be learning the ropes in a slow year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm