



**School Council
Bells Corners Public School**

DATE: Tuesday, June 1 2021

Meeting called to order by Royce Robbins at 6:34pm

Attendance: Royce Robbins, Sadhana Lad, Dee Campbell, Jen Jarabek, Marianne Tilton

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have officially completed a full month of virtual teaching. Visiting classrooms and viewing student participation has been insightful. Student engagement, voice and small group interaction ensures student engagement. Staff are using whiteboards, google slides, jam boards screencastify etc. These enhance lessons but create interactive lessons for our students.

Opportunities to talk to peers was offered last week: 20 mins for Junior and Primary. Students were able to talk about anything from pets/animals, holidays, sports - list was endless. They were placed into breakout rooms based on interest and I would jump into meetings. I observed students just enjoying company and talking about their topics and sharing screens as well. Definitely served the purpose of sharing ideas but also addressed the wellbeing component.

Graduation:

Grade 6 parents have been sent a Google form to receive a t-shirt from BCPS. Students learning virtually are also included in the distribution. Our grade 6 team is putting together an end of year celebration/website. There will be a compilation of messages, certificates and AWARDS

Celebrating Pride Month

To celebrate Pride Month, all OCDSB schools will be flying our Pride Flag from June 1-30. We are introducing the Progress Pride Flag which has been redesigned to include the rainbow + black & brown stripes to represent people of colour + baby blue, pink and white to include the trans flag. By flying this flag, we reaffirm our values and commitment to creating and sustaining a culture of caring where 2SLGBTQ+ students, families and staff know that they matter and are welcome, seen and represented at the OCDSB. Educators have been provided with resources to support discussions on 2SLGBTQ+ identities and importance of representation.

Webinar for parents: Join us on June 1st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for an information session for parents to discuss gender identity and support available at the OCDSB.

For BCPS, we want to ensure that students, staff and parents understand and recognize that we are inclusive and honour student identity. We will be providing spaces for our 2SLGBTQ identities and we will be sharing the information on the use of pronouns.

June is National Indigenous History Month

Flags are lowered for 215 hours to honour the 215 children found in a shallow grave at a residential school

Each June, the OCDSB recognizes National Indigenous History Month. It is time to reflect upon the history, contributions, culture and strength of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, and to learn about, celebrate and honour Indigenous knowledge, role models, and ways of knowing. Throughout June, BCPS will be learning and engaging in activities with their class and members of the Indigenous community. We will have information in our daily announcements as well. Staff will be working on activities that embed Indigenous learning into their lesson planning.

Elementary PA Day - Friday, June 4, 2021

Report Cards will be sent to parents. Parents should have OEN , which will then be sent to parents. More information will be provided throughout the month.

A few updates from our May 2021 Meeting:

The board has come out with a memo discussing lawn signs and they have said that due to equity, we should not be purchasing these as it excludes students.

For the chalkboards, I have requested that carpenters come out from the board to examine our chalkboards. I will let you know when this occurs and reach out to Royce.
Secretary's notes: School Board originally approved it because they assumed the last ones were made by Board-approved vendors, and want this one made by a Board-approved vendor. Since the last ones have been used safely for 5 years, they are going to come look at them. Royce says the frames are built and will be painted by week's end. He will drop them off at the school this week, in time for their visit.

The cost of awards is \$168.00 and the t-shirts will cost about \$700.00. Is there money for half?

For September 2021 - I would like to invite and encourage a community representative on our council and I'd like to invite a rep from Parents with Diversity. Organization that is inclusive and considers voices that are missing or provides a lens of what is needed for our students and families. Another voice that can also provide insight and workshops.

Marianne, on behalf of the teachers, expressed thanks to the parents for helping us to help them teach our children.

Meeting adjourned.

