

**School Council
Bells Corners Public School**

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Meeting called to order by ERIN at 6:32pm

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Dee Campbell, Erin Carter, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron

Minutes were not received. Apologies from Dee who will speak to Troy about how to ensure this is done more smoothly in the future. Erin moves to pass the minutes from February. Motion seconded. Passed.

Principal's Report:

February is centered on numerous celebrations: Black History month, Toonie Tuesday, Pink Shirt Day and the Olympics. Daily announcements continue to highlight daily situations that students encounter to be able to problem solve in social situations. BCPS highlights key ideas such as our monthly character focus on integrity and how that develops a sense of well being.

For March, we will be working on the character trait of responsibility. Our *school spirit day with a cause* is **world wildlife day** on **March 3**. Students are learning about conservation and how to protect our environment. Students are encouraged to wear black and white on this day.

Toonie Tuesday was a great success. Staff and students collectively raised \$250. We created a Toonie Train in our hallway so Bulldogs can see their fundraising efforts.

SIPSA & SIPSAW - Third Path: Belonging - staff meeting next week

As a staff we had completed a Belonging Audit to look at how well our school creates a sense of belonging for staff and students. We have collectively decided on strengthening making meaningful and regular connections with students, staff, families, and the community. Next week we will be exploring and discussing strategies and creating a SMART goal to focus our efforts.

BCPS Sweatshirts and t-shirt sales

If you are interested in purchasing clothing with Bells Corners PS logo, order forms have been sent home with your student. You can either send in your order with your student with cash or cheque or order directly through this [link](#) with school cash online.

March 8th is picture day. Students will take pictures individually to follow OPH guidelines. Students receive a code for their pictures. Parents can select photos online.

Teachers' Rep: Marianne

Report cards went out in February. Asked if school council will be sponsoring scientists in the schools, which will be in person this year.

Treasurer: Erin

- Funds in: \$800
- Funds out: \$1,170.72
- Total balance: \$18,533.07
- Most of the cheques written to teachers have been cashed. The parent involvement committee (PIC) cheque for \$500 has been transferred from the school to council
- Have kindergarten teachers been asked about the impact of not having a play structure. Sadhana will get that to Erin. We should hear back about other grant in May

Sandra picked up the snow suits from the Snowsuit Fund. They have a lot and offered to help individual families. We will mention it for Sadhana's Weekly Newsletter in November 2022.

Fundraising: Amy. Pizza kits are planned for pickup on a Friday in April when people are picking up their children. Our goal is 200 kits. There are a few different options. Breadsticks, cookies, flatbread pizza, pizzas. They can be frozen and rethawed. After some discussion we decided that we can take cash.

Fundraising: Sandra

The online auction will start mid-April, ending the beginning of May.

The sponsorship letter was shared with us to review.

Sandra will take it to the BIA to help us get more businesses on board.

The list of businesses to approach will be equally divided among the board members.

Troy's son will handle the website for volunteer hours.

Marianne suggested that people buy experiences for students through the auction, such as extra recess or a movie (since they can't donate cash). That idea was well-received!

Sadhana invites School Council to add information to the [School Council page](#) on the school website. Suggestions include bullying and information on local sports teams.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm