



Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, Sept 12, 2022

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Troy Baker, Erin Carter, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron, Dina Elsayad, Christy Stanhope, Katie Dumont, Tracy Dannell, Jennifer Ferente

Meeting called to order by Troy at 6:45pm

Troy: Review Council roles and Elections: invite people from community (Silvia Barker, Trish, Anne (Gardening))

Sadhana to post a link to a Google doc on Family Bulletin for interested parties to sign up for a position or to sit on the council. People to fill out a form

Approval of Agenda: Sandra 1st, Amy 2nd

Chair Report: Discussed roles again and overall activities, booking rooms with the board if we host events, voted on next meeting - IN PERSON FOR OCT!

Principal's Report:

1. Welcome back to school/council
2. Introductions from Sadhana, Elysa and Marianne Tilton
3. Recap of our first week! It is great to see all the students return to school and the many new students joining BCPS. Educators worked on routines and immediately started building relationships, which is a key component of the Third Path, which is a relationship based approach to student well-being and achievement. Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Lad welcomed students with a first day of school assembly where we shared everything from our mission statement, upcoming activities such as are WITS leaders and how to get involved in becoming a contributing, caring and kind member of our BCPS school community.

BCPS had a great deal of renovations this summer. There are still renovations that are ongoing such as our window project, paving/fencing was completed and our renovations to our Kindergarten yard. The Kindergarten structure was put in on September 12th and now we need to wait until the structure is inspected and meets code.

September 22nd- format for BBQ, discussion in the gym by Admin and then meeting educators in classrooms

4. Agenda items for Council - if you would like in person meetings then you need to ensure that you book the event with community use of school.
5. Elections need to take place for each role that can be scheduled for October.
 - Minimum of 5 members of council
 - Chair/Co-chair
 - Parent members
 - Community member
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Connect with www.ocasc.ca - great deal of information to fun council and information, there should be a member that attends these meetings as well

Marianne - Teacher Liaison:

- Staff have been happy to welcome back returning students and meet new students. The school year started very smoothly.
- Educators invite parents/guardians to please reach out at any time with questions or concerns about what is happening in their child's classroom.
- Educators would like to know what plans Council has (even tentative) for funding initiatives such as \$50 per educator in start-up materials or Scientist in Schools/Virtual Ventures workshops.

Erin - Treasurer:

Balance September 13, 2022: \$ 22,766.44

Funds Promised: **\$ 20,131.64**

Funds available: 2134.80

- Includes the below motion to replenish \$3886.54 used from previous year plus additional monies remaining in funding categories
- Includes \$12,775.54 is for outdoor learning and kinder yard improvement - mid-year discussion following use of the new kinder yard
- Includes \$1000 set aside to start off the 2022/2023 year

Funds Available \$2,134.80

To determine what items we want/can fund this year:

- How many session of Scientists in Schools will be requested?
- How many staff for Classroom Supplies?
- Will Learning A-Z license be requested? Cost per license?
- Upfront costs for BBQ
- Upfront costs for Halloween Dance (if allowed)
- Start Jojo's pizza days - need volunteers
- Indigo fundraiser has migrated to FlipGive: 5K9XL4 - Can we push this out to the community? I can create an email/poster

Discuss additional fundraisers via Slack (add new members)

Motions to Council:

Replenishing previously spent funds into their respective funding pots (\$3,886.54) (\$121.54 overhead, \$1000 classroom supplies, \$1435 scientist in the school, \$800 leaving ceremony 2023, \$30 lice treatment, \$500 Raz Kids) - amounts could be increased in funds available if 2022/2023 requests from staff change from previous year - TBD - passed

Set aside \$650 for upfront costs for Meet the Teacher BBQ - based on estimate from end of the year BBQ of previous council - passed

Purchase branded "thank you cards" at cost of \$30 - passed

I don't have to amend the funds promised/available after the amendment to our thank you card purchase because the remaining will stay in the funding pot for overhead.

\$0 spent in Sept to date. Monies used for the BBQ will be reflected in October meeting

- MOTION: Replenish Pot: Sandra 1st, Amy 2nd
- BBQ: Amy 1st, Sandra 2nd
- Cards: Christy 1st, Sandra 2nd

EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

Pizza:

- Amy will volunteer to organize but not available for in person to accept pizza's (Jennifer can help onsite)
- Use Jojo's
- Set up in front of the library as opposed to the gym
- Have older student help with distribution to classes AND to students
- Need to decide on pizza options (same as last year vs adding pepperoni)

Milk and Popcorn to be handled by school

- Popcorn 1x/month
- Kinders to choose flavor by form
- Other kids get to choose (like in a store)
- Will have more flavors available since the sales are planned now

Little Ceasers:

- Amy to run program
- Before holidays and March break - Council to decide timing

Marianne - reminder to consider multi-faith calendars when planning our fundraisers.

Sadhana to send calendar once posted by board

Welcome BBQ:

- Event meant to break even - allocated \$650
- Hold under the canopy and use charcoal BBQ
- Sell food and drinks and treats only - break even (No ticket sales or games, etc)
- Jen Jarabek for float info - **do we have a cash box**
- Volunteers -
 - Create a shift schedule on Google docs to sign up
 - 1st shift: Sandra, Dina
 - Need shoppers to pick up items leading up to event
 - Sandra to send Sadhana a blurb about recruiting volunteers and a BBQ master
 - **Christy has a contact she will ask**
 - BBQ with coals needs to start early
 - Need to bring extra BBQ's to keep halal and reg meat separate
 - **Marianne or Christy had one we can borrow**
 - Sandra to reach out to Todd (Freshco) to ask for donations

Council to discuss calendar of events throughout year to properly plan.

Adjournment: 8:06PM