



## **Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Troy Baker, Erin Carter, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron, Dina Elsayad, Christy Stanhope, Katie Dumont, Jennifer Ferente, Destinee Quick, Paisley Fleming, Mark Reside

Meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:35pm

2. Agenda approval -- add the item "Halloween Event" to the agenda.

3. Council positions approved (none were contested)

Secretary: Jennifer Ferrante

Treasurer: Erin Carter Green

Co-Chair: Troy Baker

Chair: Sandra Pedersen

4. Minutes of the June and September meetings approved as circulated.

NOTE: please add Marc Reside to the email list to receive minutes.

### **Principal's Report:**

September has been a great start to the year. Students have easily resumed routines and learning practices with enthusiasm. We have resumed our monthly Bulldog assemblies where we are celebrating student voice and classroom achievements.

BCPS staff have organized extra curricular activities such as :

- AV Club
- WIT Leaders
- Rainbow Leaves Club
- Cross Country Club
- Student announcers

BCPS has resumed field trips as well.

### **Fire Drills/Lockdowns:**

We have resumed practicing fire drills and we will resume physical lockdowns (2 per year). We will be practicing 3 fire drills per year. In terms of the lockdowns, classes will

go through a presentation with their educators and then go through a practice. We want to ensure that all students are prepared and also by practicing alleviating any anxieties for students, staff and families.

### **Meet the Educator Night:**

Meet the Educator Night was a huge success as we observed many families being welcomed into the school and many families visited classrooms and met educators. Elysa and Sadhana had an opportunity to share a slide deck that went through our school goals for the year and we have posted it on our website with notes. It was definitely a night of creating partnerships and connections with educators and other families was a welcoming theme of the night. Elysa and Sadhana would like to thank the School Council for putting together the BBQ. It was truly wonderful to see our BCPS community out and meeting.

### **Marianne - Teacher Liaison:**

- Terry Fox and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) were key themes in classrooms in September, along with establishing routines and relationships.
- First Popcorn day will take place in October. (There was a delay in getting popcorn delivered). JK/SK students will get order forms to indicate the flavours they want and it will be delivered to the classroom. Grade 1-6 students will purchase their choice of popcorn themselves at the popcorn booth.
- Dance curriculum: educators throughout the school indicated they want to have a experts in dance come into the school and provide dance workshops for students to support the arts curriculum. Teacher Julie Cairns looked into the options and Sadhana can speak to that topic.

### **Erin - Treasurer:**

- no update regarding the welcome BBQ due to covid.
- The required annual balance sheet was submitted to the Board as required.

Notes from Sadhana talking about Love 2 Groove:

Love 2 Groove:

- 4 days of dance costs \$1800 plus HST
- We would charge students \$2 per student to cover some of the cost.
- Would council have funds available to support this initiative?

Discussion included that there was \$864.73 or 869.73?

Motion: to fund \$1800 plus HST for Love to Groove. Motion approved.

Raz-Kids: 6 Raz-Kids licenses and 1 Reading A-Z licenses requested for this year. Council has \$500 set aside for Raz-Kids already this year. Sadhana to notify council re: amounts if additional funds to be requested.

Request for council to fund sports equipment for recess:

- Foam footballs (12)
- Hula Hoops
- Pinneys (30 -- would be enough for 2 teams of 15)

First will look at whether donations are available from the community. Cost for items to be looked up.

Request for 4 sets of magnetic letter tiles from Winter Green. \$90 per set = \$360. To support literacy in K-2 classes.

Motion approved.

\$50/teacher for educational/classroom expenses Approved. Receipts to be turned in to the November or December Council Meeting.

NOTE: this was later updated through e-mail discussion to be \$50 per EDUCATOR (teachers, ECEs, EAs.)

Teachers would like new cutlery for staff room - Marketplace?

BBQ at Meet the Teacher

- Very well attended
- estimate \$500-\$700 made after costs are accounted for, but a full accounting has not yet taken place.
- Need more halal hot dogs, and to make Halal burgers available next year. Dina says she knows where to source yummy Halal burgers at a good price (Costco business).
- Next year add a second table for paying. (Maybe have drinks/snacks separate from the burgers and hot dogs?)
- There were discussions about the start time. What would work to make it easier for staff to have their classrooms ready and also be able to circulate outdoors at the BBQ to meet with families? Possibilities mentioned were to start a little bit later, to deliver hot dogs/burgers to educators in the staff room, or to provide free

burger/hotdog and drink to staff (who could go to the head of the line without waiting).