

Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 2023 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Erin Carter Green, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron, Destinee Quick, Paisley Fleming, Marc Reside, Heather Mary

Meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Amy

Seconded: Sandra

Passed with all in favour.

Approval of previous Minutes

Moved: Amy

Seconded: Sandra

Passed with all in favour.

Elect new Secretary and Treasurer helper

Erin is closing out the year as Treasurer, but has a conflict for Tuesday meetings. Looking to elect a helper that can learn from Erin and possibly prepare to transition to become Treasurer for the next year.

Amy reminds the council that without a Treasurer we cannot have a Parent Council.

Paisley could possibly fill the role as a last resort, but is stretched thin and does not want to take up the role except as a last resort.

Marc has agreed to take on the Secretary role for the rest of the year (Thank you!), but will be moving on from BCPS after this year. We will need to consider who can take on this role in the next school year.

Principal's Report - Sadhana Lad

BCPS students and staff ended the year on a great note. We saw students participate in Luv to Groove and this was accompanied with our first ever presentation for parents. We also welcomed parents to celebrate and share a story with classes where students had a snack while enjoying a story. Finally, our choir led by Mr. Richmond performed at our monthly assembly where students shared their achievements. We look forward to hosting events where families can take part in their child's learning and successes.

It is great to see the students return back to school! At this point in the year, students are familiar with routines and ready to resume achieving their learning goals. We have continued with our daily announcements with a focus on character goals. Situations

and scenarios are given to students on daily announcements where students are encouraged to use the strategies in the situations that may arise throughout their day. Our spirit days with a cause continues with Black Excellence Day, which will take place on the 19th and Bells Let's Talk Day is taking place on Jan.25th

Our educators are currently working on assessment and evaluation. The January 20th PD will be a day for report card writing and Principals and Vice Principals will also develop their professional learning and development focused on identifying and addressing antisemitism.

There are some items to be requested by the school that would benefit from some support from Parent Council finances. This will be brought forward later in the meeting.

Teacher Report - Marianne Tilton

- After the 2 week break, educators are now busy preparing report cards -- collecting data, collaborating with each other, etc. Educators will reach out to parents about progress or concerns as reports approach.
- Support schedules for reading groups and math are being updated as students needs change and as we received quite a few new students to the school in December / January. Our early literacy interventions are starting to show that they are helping students improve reading skills.
- Educators are grateful for the ongoing support of council.

Questions for Principal/Teacher

Destinee asks about field trips and whether there are upcoming events for the students.

Sadhana responds: there are some field trips that are in motion and some that have occurred, but there is a serious challenge with scheduling buses for travel. Due to shortages of drivers and limited bus availability, the school is limited for field trip activities.

Elysa expands on the above and adds that certain activities are also struggling with available resources. She gives the example of trying to schedule "Swim to Survive", but running into limited time slots due to the City having limited life guards available for such activities. As such, there aren't any slots at a time that makes sense for BCPS to book.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance as of 17 Jan 2023: \$25,219.57
Per statement dated 20 Dec 2022:
Closing Balance as of 20 Dec 2022: 25,501.70
Outstanding cheques as of 20 Dec 2022: \$ 2,878.29
Cash on hand: Nil

Notes:

- The McMillians fundraiser amount has not been deposited as I haven't received it yet, so it is not included in this month's report - I believe the amount was \$847.95
- Updated projected amount to be raised from fall pizza days will be approx \$1200
- \$30 outstanding cheque for BCPS for notecards is ready for the school
- \$2,034.00 for Luv2Groove has been paid to school
- \$1,091.76 was provided to staff for classroom supplies to date, leaving \$408.24 available in the allotted funds if any additional staff wishes to submit receipts
- \$2,300.00 remains allotted for Scientist in School/Virtual Ventures, but there is room to increase the amount
- \$200.00 is also allotted for lice treatment in case that's needed

Items for future planning:

- 2023 Auction?
 - Virtual or In Person at BBQ?
 - Virtual usually perform better
 - In Person is more akin to a cake walk / raffle
 - We may be able to do both
 - For Virtual Auction, go back to 32 Auctions service
- 6ers leaving ceremony
- End of year BBQ?

Food for thought:

- There is \$10,869.46 set aside for the kinder yard improvement and \$1,906.08 for the outdoor learning centre.
- Not necessarily for this year, but it might be valuable to survey the educators to see if there is anything lacking from the improvements that we could help support.
- I recall something about outdoor chalkboards, is this already sorted or is something that is still in progress and what is council's role?
 - Sadhana - The boards were created by Royce, but were not up to the code required by the board, and so can not be used.

Teacher Wishlist Update

- Pinneys
 - Looking for an update on where any stores may be willing to donate pinneys
 - Right now, there has been no response from any stores concerning donations
 - \$9 a pinney for reversible pinneys
 - Looking for 40
- Hockey Net Frames
 - Looking at a set of two for \$600
- Magnetic Tiles
 - These are \$90 per set

- Looking for two more kits
- Footballs
 - Mini Foam
 - \$45 for pack of 6
 - Rubber
 - \$55 for pack of 6

Motion for \$1240 to cover all the above made by Erin.
Seconded by Marc
All in favour, motion passed.

Matters for Discussion

- Pizza Days
 - New flyer has been sent to the office for distribution
 - Flyers will go out this week or next
 - Money is due back by Feb 3rd
 - Pizza Days every 2 weeks
 - Following flyer will go out in April to cover Pizza Days until the end of the year
 - Still offer Dairy-free option, but there are currently no orders
 - Still booking to see if the Teachers would like a Pizza order for themselves
 - Paisley isn't able to help on Pizza Days for this section
 - Marc will help with Friday Pizza Days until April
- Macmillans
 - Fundraiser went well
 - See Treasurer's Report above for amount raised
- Cake Walk
 - Do we still want to move forward?
 - Yes, on Feb 14th
 - Will start moving forward next week with requests for baked goods donations
 - Who will lead this fundraiser?
 - Paisley can help on the day of
 - Sandra and Paisley will work out details
 - We will try to ensure there is an ingredient list for baked items
 - We will try to have some non-food options as well
- Little Ceasar's
 - Amy planning for March
 - Would like to try and run it so it gets delivered by March 9th (before March Break)
 - To do so, we would need to send out flyers next week and receive all forms back by February 16th
 - School is also putting out clothing orders during this time, so it may be better to move this fundraiser later
 - Agreed to delay for a few weeks
 - Flyers can go out on March 20th, just after March Break

- Orders due April 6th
- Delivery is April 27th/28th

- Movie Night
 - Table discussion until next meeting
- School Council Professional Development Session - Wed, Feb 8th, 6-8PM
 - A recording will be available after the session

Other Items

Sadhana applied for the "Love to Read" grant. Got testimonials from students, and noted that the library has recently removed a number of books that were no longer wanted in the collection. Hoping to hear back soon.

Announcements (next meeting)

February Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th (Virtual Meeting)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm