

Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Troy Baker, Marc Reside, Destinee Quick, Erin Carter Green, Sandra Pedersen, Amy Cameron, Tracey Dannell

Meeting called to order by Troy at 6:33pm

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Amy

Seconded: Erin

Passed with all in favour.

Approval of previous Minutes

Moved: Sandra

Seconded: Amy

Passed with all in favour.

Principal's Report - Sadhana Lad

Here we are in June and it is hard to believe that we are beginning our final month of the 2022/2023 school year.

The month of May has been quite busy with EQAO for Primary and Junior grades that were completed online for many students. EQAO results will be shared in October of 2023 school year. Swim to Survive is also taking place for our grade 3 classes and it was enjoyed by all students.

Anti-Hate resources have been shared with our school by the District. The protocol that has been developed by the District's equity team provides resources to give students a voice and take action. Similarly, the resources provide guidelines and strategies to address the harm and provides a supportive lens of teaching to our students and staff. (bring examples)

Reading - big focus this year was on early literacy - not just in early grades but looking at the building blocks of literacy for students beginning their learning journey at any age. We have spent time as a staff reviewing a great deal of resources and professional development (District PD, Top Ten Tools, UFLI, Heggerty, decodable readers, etc.). Teams are working on collecting data to measure student growth by using a number of screening and assessment tools (DIBELS, Benchmarking, reading inventory) and so far we are pleased with the growth we are seeing in our students. This has truly been a school-wide approach (homeroom teachers, prep teachers, spec ed and esl teachers, even our music teacher incorporated rhyming and phonological awareness in their activities). This summer we are excited to "attack" our literacy

resource room in the library to align it more with our pedagogy so staff can access resources more readily and in a more meaningful way that will enhance student learning.

For the month of June our staff has organized a in school track and field tournament where students in grades 3 to 6 will compete in ball throw, long jump and 100m. It will be a day outside, so we ask students to wear sunscreen and have a water bottle as we will have water filling stations set up around the school. We are also monitoring the air quality to ensure that students are not impacted by the after effects of the fires in Quebec.

YOCISO boys and girls club every Tuesday - students in grades 4-6 whose families are new to Canada or who come from outside of Canada and are learning the English language. This program was put forward to us by our multilingual officer (MLO) who works closely with our students and staff. This program allows students to build confidence in English, work on sportsmanship and teamwork, talk about current issues and challenges they face in a safe and inclusive space, promoting leadership, self-esteem, and healthy choices through recreation, art, and discussions. Our junior ELLs are truly enjoying this time and look forward to this every week. We are pleased so far with how the program is running and something we will consider for next year.

Girls and Boys Soccer is taking place this month for grade 6 students and Evan Richmond will be coaching these teams. We did not have enough girls so we have joined our school approach to combining Lakeview and Bells Corners teams together.

We have a few summer projects taking place. Revamp sci and math resources, literacy resource room, add shelving and equipment to storage shed, maybe another mural in the front of entrance based on our school initiatives and school improvement plan.

This is our final meeting with our School Council for the 2022/2023 school year and on behalf of our BCPS staff, we would like to thank you all. Your continuous efforts to support our students and create experiences and opportunities is endless. Similarly, the caring component of donating or your time to provide clothing to students in need such as our winter snowsuits were appreciated. You have created partnerships with community businesses and they have become our BCPS partner. I could certainly discuss all the many things that council archives throughout the year and we would be here a very long time, so Elysa, Marianne and I would truly like you all to know that we are grateful for the collaboration and look forward to working with some of you in the new school year.

Teacher Report - Marianne Tilton

- Educators are working to wrap up the year and support students through transitions. Whether changing grades within the school, moving on to intermediate, or moving to a different school for other reasons. Both supporting students and their emotions through the changes as well as making sure information about student strengths and weaknesses are communicated to new teachers/schools.

- Popcorn Days have come to a close. Thank you for the support all year. Feedback from the school council is welcome so we can make adjustments for next year.

Treasurer's Report

Statement May 2023 - Closing balance \$24,667.78
Account Balance as of 06 Jun 2023: \$23,599.13
Outstanding cheques as of 20 May 2023: \$ 1,491.64
Cash on hand: Nil

Notes:

- Little Caesars cheque has been deposited: \$491 raised (any word on cookies?)
- Butterfly garden sold out, but funds have been set aside for this month or the 2023-2024 school year if unable to purchase before the end of school - \$180

Funds provided to school:

Scientist in the School - \$2115.00

- Magician - \$281.94
- Grade 6 Plaque - \$276.99 (cheque is ready for Sandra/Troy signature)
- Funds remaining for Grade 6 grad from amount set aside: \$523.01
- Approximate \$1500 for teacher "wish-list" – no requests submitted yet
- \$490 remains set aside for field trip busses

To Action:

1. Ottawa Community Foundation grant – 12-month report and thank you letter (drafts sent to Sadhana and Sandra for review/amendment/signature).
2. Add Paisley to the signatories on the bank account.
3. I will complete the year-end report for OCDSB once all funds have been deposited and I can reconcile the final bank statement for the year.



Matters for Discussion

- a. Little Caesars - cookie dough from last year and this year
 - Note: looking for a space to store forms and posters for next year. Sadhana can help with that.
 - Next Year, Little Caesar's will have a \$50 fee on top of everything, even if you pick it up
 - Cookie product is supposed to arrive tomorrow
- b. Auction update - ready to go, addressing payment, secured over \$4K in donations (thank you Silvia!)
 - Link has been sent out to council, will be sent to the wider audience tomorrow
 - Bidders can choose to cover the processing fee as an option in their bid
 - Thanks to all who helped get auction items together
 - There are a few minor bumps that are being smoothed out
- c. Grade 6 Grad signs
 - All seems to have gone smoothly
- d. BBQ update: need to assign purchases and jobs. [Link to forms from last year](#) - can someone be the lead and update these and be go to person (Sandra may be away!)
 - Need to organize purchases
 - Troy can purchase anything that can be bought online
 - Amy has reached out to the High School for volunteers
 - Still need to identify people for handling money and handing out food
 - Also need someone to run Fishing game
 - Troy: motion for \$800 for purchasing supplies
 - Amy and Destinee second
 - All approve
 - Will explore using tickets for food purchases, etc.
- e. Pretty Fly draw?
 - Consignment store in Bells Corners, trying to raise awareness of her business
 - Has offered a free grad outfit to grade 6
 - Sadhana will connect with the owner this week, see if there's something possible here
- f. Plan Welcome BBQ for September - choose date
 - Sadhana has booked Thursday, Sept 28th, tentatively (4PM-6PM)
 - There are some logistics discussions around start times, that need to be ironed out before the BBQ
 - Should we move to a ticket system when purchasing items?
 - Suggestion to have multiple cash accepting volunteers in order to avoid too much bottleneck
- g. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast?
 - Aim for the end of the year (Week of June 19th)
 - Troy will organize this

Other Items

- Council should think of dates for events for the coming year, in order to book early

Announcements (next meeting)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 - 6:30pm (In-Person/Hybrid)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm