

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, Mar. 7th, 2023 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Troy Baker, Paisley Fleming, Marc Reside, Tracy Danell, Destinee Quick, Erin Carter Green

Meeting called to order by Troy at 6:32pm

### **Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Paisley

Passed with all in favour.

### **Approval of previous Minutes**

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Paisley

Passed with all in favour.

### **Principal's Report - Sadhana Lad**

BCPS has been a busy place. Students have been engaging in academic activities and in addition, they are working in extra-curricular activities, Scientist in the School, Kinder and school outdoor winter fun day. On Thursday Mr. Balint is running an in school chess tournament that will include 45 students from our school. We have an upcoming tournament at South March and we will be taking a team of 6 students. This Friday, the grade 6 students have organized activities/games for students in the Primary and Junior grades. Grade 6 students will be leaders and are looking forward to demonstrating their creativity and leadership skills.

BCPS submitted entries to the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day poster, poetry and essay writing contest. We have two winners here at BCPS who are in our MFI grade 5/6 class. They will both be invited to the Legion where they will be honoured for their contributions.

Term 2 Individual Education plans went out this week and as always these are working documents and parental input is encouraged in the development of these documents. At anytime, please contact educators if you have any questions about your child's achievement.

Last week, OCDSB launched the School Climate Survey for parents and caregivers is open until Friday, March 24, 2023. This is a **voluntary and anonymous online survey** for parents, guardians, and caregivers of students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 that will help inform school improvement initiatives. To learn more, look for an email from your Principal and [read our frequently asked questions](#). [Click here](#) to complete the survey, which is available in 12 languages. Sadhana has sent the communication to families and we have sent it in a variety of languages as well.

**Grants:**

We have received \$500 and \$750 grants (office has received the funds). Sadhana has not yet been able to get in touch with an Indigenous Educator. Paisley may be able to help.

**Teacher Report - Marianne Tilton**

- Thank you for Council's support for Science workshops
- Swim to Survive: Times were found that will work with the restrictions on bussing and the program will be going ahead! Thank you to Amy for advocating on behalf of our students and making this happen.
- Request for funding from Mrs. Frantz (grade 1/2) and Ms. Moore kindergarten educator team. These classes are partnering up to work on a learning initiative in the OLC this spring. They plan to plant butterfly and pollinator friendly plants in the 2 large metal planters in the OLC. They are asking school council to fund the cost of the kit of plants (\$60 plus tax, not sure about shipping).

**Butterfly Garden Seeds request for funds:**

Erin moves to provide the funds.

Destinee Seconds.

Approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Current Balance as of 2 Mar 2023:** \$26,707.62

**Per statement dated 20 Feb 2023:**

Closing Balance as of 20 Feb 2023: \$23,169.35

Outstanding cheques as of 20 Feb 2023: \$2,380.32

Cash on hand: Nil

**Notes:**

- Cakewalk raised \$639.90 plus 5 pesos (looks like a toonie).
- \$408.24 remains 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.
- The sports equipment (nets) will cost approximately \$90 more than initially expected. Elysa will let Council know and we will provide the extra amount to cover the cost.
- Council purchased extra 40 pinnies from Disalvo at a total cost of \$180.80.
- I was speaking with Leslie a few months ago and she mentioned that some schools manage the Council funds on their behalf. While this wouldn't alleviate the need for a Treasurer (I don't think) it may make it easier to find volunteers if

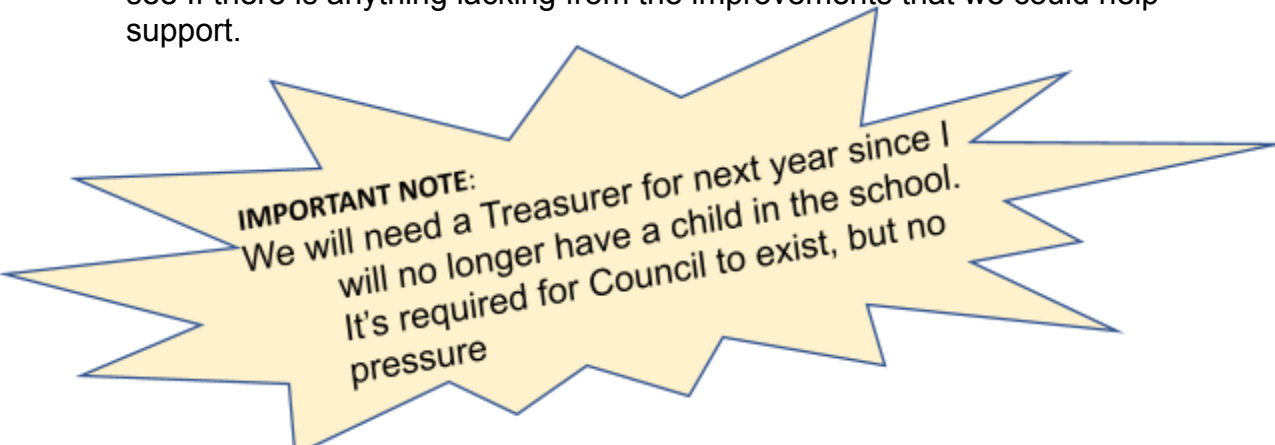
there is not the requirement to do bank runs etc. Is this something we could consider? I'm not sure how much added complication it would be for the staff, but it might be worth discussing for next year.

### Items for future planning:

- 2023 Auction
- Grade 6 leaving ceremony
- Grade 6 year-end field trip?
- 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.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:**  
We will need a Treasurer for next year since I will no longer have a child in the school. It's required for Council to exist, but no pressure

### Matters for Discussion

- Little Caesar's Fundraiser
  - Flyer go out week of March 20th
  - Orders are due April 6th (Thurs before long wknd)
  - Delivery April 27th/28th (to be confirmed by LC)
  - Little Caesars will deliver their order form/booklet and I will complete the flyer, staple it to the booklet and give it to the office Mar 20/21st to go out that week. I have class lists from the pizza but can confirm numbers with Leslie.
  - Looks like the delivery will coincide with the Book Fair, which could drive traffic in that direction
- Bookfair Volunteers
  - Will need at least one volunteer each day
  - Dates: April 26th-28th
  - Troy can probably help Wed after school hours
  - Destinee can do Wed or Thurs evening
  - Tracy could help on Thurs evening
- Movie Night in May

- Tentative Dates discussed:
  - May 12th tentatively accepted
- Need lead
- Will discuss further next meeting
- EOY BBQ and Auction
  - There should be a whole folder in the community room with notes for EOY BBQ
  - Troy and Sandra will check the folder
  - Will need to start soliciting prizes for the Auction
  - Need to make sure we don't clash with Lakeview, who will be having their own EOY BBQ in June. Erin will check what the date for Lakeview's event will be.
  - Should also check for conflict with any Bell Intermediate event. Paisley will check.
  - Tentative date: June 16th, pending above conflict checks
- Gr 6 Leaving Ceremony
  - May be on the 21st or 22nd of June
  - Lawn signs for graduating students?
    - Looking into the details from last year, checking costs and how they can be ordered
    - There has been some guidance from the board that teachers and school staff should move away from lawn signs due to equity issues (not everyone has a lawn to put the sign up; some security concerns with sharing personal information in a public way)
  - There will be T-shirts
  - The Parent Council would like to contribute towards shirts.
  - There are 52 grade 6 students

## **Other Items**

- Destinee wanted to raise how much it is appreciated that the educators have been running extracurriculars like Dodgeball and Chess. It has not gone unnoticed.
- Popcorn Day is this Thursday

## **Announcements (next meeting)**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 - 6:30pm (In-Person/Hybrid)

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm