

Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wed, Sept. 13th, 2023 6:30pm (Virtual/In Person Hybrid Meeting)

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Paisley Fleming, Destinee Quick, Sandra, Amy Cameron, Meaghan Mullen, Stacey Price, Robabah Najafi, Kaylee Jobin, Nina Jensen, Jenna Guerrero (student)

Absent: Troy Baker, Tracy Darnel, Dina

Meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:36pm

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Paisley

Seconded: Destinee

Passed with all in favour.

Approval of previous Minutes

Moved: Sandra

Seconded: Destinee

Passed with all in favour.

1. Introductions of everyone in the room

Positions:

- Chair of Council: sets agenda, oversees the council, signing officer on accounts access to the council e-mail address to check and respond. Can be a co-chair position.
 - Troy Baker and Sandra Pedersen acclaimed co-chairs
- Treasurer: signing officer on the account, collects and counts funds, deposits money, works with Lesli eLang in the office, writes cheques. Give a financial update each month, bookkeeping
 - Destiny Quick and Paisley Fleming acclaimed co-treasurers
- Recorder / Note Taker: takes minutes at the meetings, submits them for approval of council and to be published on the website.
 - Kaylee Jobin acclaimed
- OCASC (Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils) representative: attends the meetings and reports back to council.
 - Decided council members will take turns attending
- Member at Large: anyone who is willing to come and help and be a general part of council
 - Amy Cameron, Stacey Price, Meaghan Mullen, Robabah Najafi

Sandra's daughter Pailin has agreed to come to meetings to provide free childcare for those who would like to attend but need care for their younger children. Sadhana will also look into a translator for any parents who may be interested but do not feel comfortable speaking English.

Principal's Report - Sadhana Lad

Welcome to new and returning council members.

The year is off to a great start. Our students are getting to know their educators and establishing routines. For students that have returned, they are quite confident with their classrooms. For new students and our grade 4 students, they have transitioned quite well. Our educators are working on our pillars of the Third Path which involves creating the conditions of learning such as belonging and safety.

Staffing at BCPS : slide deck information

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Renovations at BCPS: Our Primary boys washroom is still being renovated. Students are walking down the hall to the entrance of the gym hallway to use the washroom. The construction should be completed by September 24th, 2023.

A few things to note are: our bus cancellations (which is quite challenging for many families), great appreciation of anyone that can offer rides is extremely supportive, and finally, at this time the timeline for the bus cancellations has not been determined.

Please remember that our meet the educator night is on September 28th with our school council hosted bbq. Our BCPS staff look forward to welcoming families to meet their child's educator and visit their child's learning spaces.

Items to purchase from 2022/2023 school year:

School Council allocated funds for outdoor recess equipment and wondering if council would purchase the items?

Some updates:

- a. Add that the primary boys bathroom is still under construction (a complete refit). Educators know that this is a challenge for young students and regular scheduled bathroom breaks are being made to the far washrooms.
- b. A Newcomer Welcome Evening will be held Sep 25 to welcome families new to Canadian/Ontario school system to provide orientation. Interpreters will be on site or virtual to support. Families will be invited directly.

Teacher Report - Marianne Tilton

- Great start to the school year!
- Educators remind families to label belongings (backpacks, water bottles, sweaters, lunch bags, shoes) so lost items can be returned.
- Popcom Days will return this year.
- Educators would like to ask:
 - Will School Council be offering money per educator this year to fund items for classrooms? YES
 - Does Parent Council intend to fund Scientist in Schools Workshops?
 - Workshop cost: on site = \$249, virtual = \$235 (tax?)
 - # of workshops needed: estimate 12 workshops
 - 12 x \$250 = \$3000
 - We would ask students for \$2 each towards the cost.

Discussion:

Paisley mentions that Council's opening balance this year is \$24,000 ish. A budget has been prepared using the categories and expenses from last year as a guideline. It includes \$3000 ish set aside for scientists in school workshops, and \$50 reimbursement per educator. Also \$500 for recess activity and a Wishlist fund \$1000

Motion to reimburse up to \$50 per educator (including ECE, EA, Teachers). Receipts to be submitted to council by end of the year.

Motioned by: Paisley Fleming, seconded by Sandra. All in favour.

SIS: motion to fund SIS workshops. Motioned by Sandra Seconded by Destiny. All in favour.

Added discussion: Last year's equipment and shelving for gym equipment in the storage shed still needs to be purchased. To be followed up on. This was approved last year. Council approved the \$1500 and will order in the coming weeks.

Treasurer's Report (*from June 2023 - Paisley to provide update in Oct meeting)

Statement March 2023:

Closing Balance as of 20 Mar 2023: \$24,365.54
Outstanding cheques as of 20 Mar 2023: \$409.63
Cash on hand: Nil

Notes: Paisley and Erin met this week to review the financials and processes. Council will add Destinee as a signor so that cheques can be signed quicker as they are neighbors.

Matters for Discussion

- a) Pizza Days
 - i) Once every 2 weeks. Order from Jo-Jo's in Stittsville. Money is used to fund school initiatives.
 - ii) Amy Cameron will continue to spearhead this
 - iii) Need volunteers to be at the school every 2nd Friday to hand out pizza, 11 to noon. Taylor can help, council members will check work schedules, etc and confirm., Jenna has also volunteered to help.
- b) Review Fundraising Calendar: Hallowe'en Dance: October 27, NacMillan's in December, Movie Night in May
- c) Little Caesar's: Don't do again. There were problems with communication and delays receiving product. Also, there is now a charge for both delivery and pick-up of the product, which takes too big a portion of the proceeds since we are a small school.
- d) Welcome BBQ
 - i) Check current inventory of items to save \$\$ before buying
 - ii) Purchase items (watch the budget). Sandra started some of the orders
 - iii) Prices: Hamburgers \$3.50, hot dogs \$2.50, drinks chip and freezies \$1
 - iv) Use ticket system -- parents buy the tickets then they can be handed over at the food counter.
 - v) All meat to be halal so the grills can be shared, etc. Also veggie dogs.
 - vi) Amy C. motioned \$150 be set aside to subsidize families who may need it for food at the BBQ seconded by Paisley, all in favour. Sadhana and Elysa will figure out how to support the families who need it.
 - vii) Timing: 4:00 BBQ food is ready to serve, In classrooms 5:00-6:00
 - viii) In future look at pre-ordering tickets and food. This will make it more inclusive for those who are unable to afford to attend.

Other Items

- Nina to check Amazon and see if the school can create a wishlist

Announcements (next meeting)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 2023 - 6:30pm (In-Person/Hybrid)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm